

MAGEE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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WELCOME TO THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR!

THIS YEARS VERY FIRST SPIRIT WEEK!!!

<u>Monday, September 25 – Barbenheimer</u> Are you team Barbie or team Oppenheimer? Tell us on Monday by dressing up as a character from the two iconic movies!

<u>Tuesday, September 26 – Teacher Tuesday</u> Dress as your favorite teacher and match with them for the day!

<u>Wednesday, September 27 – Decade Wednesday</u> Time travel back to the past and show off your funkiest retro outfits from the 90's, 80's and even the 70's!!!

<u>Thursday, September 28 – Dress as your</u> <u>type</u> Dress as your type or your crush for a day!

Above and Right: Magee Housepost Carving.

Musqueam carver **Chrystal Sparrow** takes time away from carving to give a workshop on Musqueam symbolism and tradition. The Housepost, being carved by sister/brother team Chrystal and **Chris Sparrow**, is an inter-generational grad gift to the school- so far, the Grad classes of 2020, 2021, and 2022 have contributed to the carving. The carving is set to be unveiled at a ceremony at Magee on 3 November.

On unceded territory of the Musqueam nation

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SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER EVENTS

Sept.26 - Photo Day/Music Society Welcome Night 6:30pm Sept.28 – Clubs Day!

Oct. 2 – National Day of Truth and Reconciliation: No school.

Oct. 5 – PAC Parent Welcome Night

Oct. 9 – Thanksgiving: No school

Oct. 18 – Grade 9 Immunizations

Oct. 20 – Provincial ProD Day (No school)

Oct. 23 – SPARTS Information Night

Oct. 30 – Literacy 12 Assessment week (through to Nov 3)



TEACHER FEATURE

In this edition of the newsletter, the teacher feature is Ms. Koloska! Please continue reading to Find out more about her! Thank you, Ms. Koloska for doing this interview!

How long have you been a teacher?

I have been a teacher for 33 years, however during 10 of those years I stayed home full time to raise my three children (who are now 28, 26 and 24 years old). My eldest is also a teacher!

How long have you been a teacher at Magee? I have been at Magee only since September 2022.



What subject(s) do you teach?

I currently teach French, but in the past, I have taught Math, Science, Social Studies, and PE (all in French Immersion) as well as ELL, Yearbook, Careers, German, and Foods.

Do you have any theories, beliefs, or philosophies as a teacher?

I have many, but perhaps the most central is the belief that what a student learns is less important than how they learn. Good work habits and internal motivation are key to success in any discipline.

What is something you want people to know about you?

I grew up in Vancouver (graduated from John Oliver!) but have lived most of my adult life in Victoria. I am thrilled to be back in my hometown!

Is there something you didn't expect about being a teacher?

I was afraid that teaching might be repetitive, but I have been pleased to find that if one is willing to take on new challenges, there is a lot of variety possible within the profession.

What was your inspiration to become a teacher?

I had worked in a lot of summer camps and youth programs during university, before deciding to become a teacher, and knew that I loved interacting with youth. Being able to spend every day working with youth is a continual joy and privilege.

What is a favourite moment in your career, if any?

It has happened only a few times, but I love it when students accidentally call me mom.

Do you have any advice for aspiring teachers?

My advice would be that if they embrace the challenges, teaching can be a very rewarding career.

MAGEE SWIMMER WINS FIRST CANADIAN MEDAL AT COMMONWEALTHS!

On September 16, 2023, Magee SPARTS student Abigail Skinder won Canada's first medal at the Commonwealth Lifesaving Sport Championships. Abigail took 8 seconds off her morning swim to move from 5th place to **3rd in the final of the 200m Super Lifesaver event**. In the process of doing so, she set a new Canadian Record for her age group at 2:38.74.



Magee SPARTS student **Abigail Skinder** at the re cent Commonwealth Lifesaving Sport Championships



In case you missed it ... Congratulations to our Magee Tennis team who took **Provincial Gold**. A huge debt of gratitude is owed to **Parent Volunteer coach Sara DesBrisay** (on the right, in grey shirt) who has donated countless hours of coaching and mentorship to get our boys and girls to this level! Thank-you Sara!!



Please complete MyForms documents online ...

As we are moving towards a greener practice, the VSB has digitized several consent forms. These forms include:

- VSB Internal Use Media Consent
- External Use Media Consent
- CASL Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation
- Adobe CC Consent
- Student AUP Acceptable Use (of technology) Policy

How to access forms:

- 1. Go to https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca/
- 2. How to log in:
 - Enter student PEN (Nine-digit number assigned to you when you entered our school system) and birthdate. OR
 - Student VSB email (<u>7-digit-student-</u> <u>#@learn.vsb.bc.ca</u>) and password.
- 3. Accept the consent for each of the forms.
 - Consent is given via a check box "I Agree".
 - Not accepting or completing implies decline.
- 4. Once consent is given, a REVOKE button is exposed if you no longer want to give consent.



Magee Photography. Max Laza, Grade 12. o If you do REVOKE, please email magee@vsb.bc.ca

Please see here for detailed instructions!

If you do not have internet access or would prefer to use hard copy forms are available from Christina in the admin office area!

YEARBOOK UPDATE!

Mr. Bylsma's yearbook students are already gathering photos and anecdotes for our yearbook ... order your copy now!

We are still in the Early Bird window ...**\$50.00** with \$5 going towards the Magee house post currently being carved by Musqueam Carvers Chrystal Sparrow and Christopher Sparrow; early-bird ends September 29!

From October 1st, the regular pricing window opens ... **\$55.00** through to Family Day (Feb 20th). **From Feb 21**st the price rises to **\$60.00** ... until we sell out and the price rises exponentially on eBay!

PAC UPDATES

Hello from your Magee PAC! A few things from us ...

- Magee PAC is looking for new members to join for the 2023/2024 year: if you are interested in joining, please contact us at pac.magee@gmail.com
- 2. <u>Please join the official Magee PAC Facebook</u> group: PAC Facebook Group! :)
- 3. Traffic Safety Around Magee Please:
 - Obey **basic rules of the road**, which apply in the streets around Magee:
 - No texting while driving.
 - Students should not enter or exit your car in the middle of the road or in intersections.
 - > No U-turns around the school
 - Observe all posted signage around the school. For example, drop-offs and pick-ups should not be done in no-stopping zones.
 - Use the 3 min stopping zones for active drop off or pickup only. Once that has occurred, please immediately leave the spot so another family can safely

pull over. If you sit in your vehicle looking at your phone, there will be a build-up of cars on the street trying to drop off or pick up students.

• A great place to drop off and pick up is the **south side of the parking lot against the fence**. You can park there and wait for your child, use your phone, etc.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of other Magee families and your cooperation around traffic safety. Improving our driving etiquette is also a great way to model safe driving to our teenagers who may soon be behind the wheel!

- 4. <u>Magee PAC Fundraisers</u> all funds raised by the Magee PAC are provided to Magee in consultation with parents, the Magee PAC and school staff to enhance Magee student experiences. Active fundraisers include:
 - Direct donations to the Magee PAC can be made on the Magee PAC website
 - FlipGive click <u>here</u> to join the Magee PAC team
 - Return-It Depot provide the school phone number (604-713-8200) when you return your bottles and the money for your bottle deposits go to the Magee PAC

Full details on all fundraisers can be found on the Magee PAC website

If you have any questions or would like to connect with your Magee PAC, please email us at: pac.magee@gmail.com.



MAGEE Open House Thursday, October 5th @ 7:00-9:00pm

All are welcome to attend the first schoolwide event open to all parents & guardians of Magee students! Meet Principal Dr. Schofield along with other administrators and your Magee PAC. Tour the school, ask questions, and meet other parents in your grade.

Light refreshments will be served. More details to follow. All are welcome! Hope to see you on October 5th!

> Contact the Magee PAC directly at <u>www.mageepac.ca</u> or by email to pac.magee@gmail.com

Have you completed the Magee Parent Survey yet? Receive the most updated Magee news and important event dates from a parent community who is working for you, please complete the

survey today!





Oct.3 University Fair @ Magee Oct.5 Open House Oct. 17 Cyber security talk & General meeting Dec.12 PAC social & General meeting Feb. 6 Course planning & General meeting Apr.16 PAC General meeting Jun.4 PAC AGM meeting More details to follow, please fill-out the Parent Survey and stay informed

PAC Meeting & Event Dates:

Would you like to be a Parent Grade Representative for your child's grade?

Our goal this year is to build a stronger school community with incredible school spirit! We are looking for enthusiastic parent volunteers who will update other parents in your grade about Magee PAC and school events. If you're interested in this, please make sure to complete the parent survey which was sent out last week (see QR code above) or contact studiotiffanylee@gmail.com directly for more details. Welcome to the Magee family!

DRY GRAD BACKGROUND AND UPDATE!

Magee's 2024 Dry Grad celebration will take place on **Saturday evening, June 15***, **2024, beginning at 7:15 pm and** running until **2:00 am on Sunday morning, June 16***.

It will be a safe, supervised event held at Magee for graduating students of Magee only. Supervision is provided by Magee Administration and parents. A Dry Grad is a celebration that is drug-and-alcohol-free with no smoking or vaping permitted. This celebratory event features a variety of entertainment, fabulous food, a fantastic DJ, and more!

The success of the Dry Grad Celebration depends on willingness of parents to offer their time, talent and/or financial support. We would like to remind all families to pay their Dry Grad fees online via School Cash Online. https://www.schoolcashonline.com/

NEED TO KNOW STUDENT INFORMATION

General Gr. 12 Information

GRADE 12's, MAKE SURE TO CHECK THE GRADE 12 TEAMS REGULARLY!!!!

All Grade 12 information is consistently updated throughout the school year in multiple ways: A) Via the "Graduation and Grade 12's 2023-2024" page on the Magee website

- 1. Visit the Magee Secondary School Website: vsb.bc.ca/schools/Magee
- 2. Click on the "Guidance and Support" tab near the upper left corner
- 3. Select "Graduation and Grade 12s 2023-2024" in the dropdown box or on the left of the Guidance and Support page.

B) Via emails from Mr. Lin

C) Via Grade 12 Teams announcements

D) Via Mr. Lin and/or the counselling bulletin boards.

If your child/ren is in grade 12, please encourage them to review these resources on a regular basis to stay updated.

Save the date: Post-Secondary US Universities fair October 3rd, 3:00-5:00pm Atrium. (And see pg11 ...)

Formal Grad is on Monday 24 June, starting promptly at 2:00pm, at UBC's Chan Center.

Math Contest Registration Open

Registration is now open for the Canadian Open (COMC), the Canadian Intermdiate & Senior (CIMC/CSMC) and the AMC 10 & 12 contests. To register, visit the Mathematics Department page on the school's website, or scan the QR codes posted around the Mathematics Department on the 3rd floor.

There was a problem with the registration form that prevented the selection of more than one contest. If you registered before Sept 18th and wish to register for multiple contests, please fill out the form again.

Please see Mr. Taylor in Room 314 if you have any questions.

Vancouver Model UN:

For those students who are interested in attending VMUN- Vancouver Model United Nations, registration is now open. Go to the website, vmun.com to register as a delegate. Early bird pricing is now on!

<u>Clubs Day</u>

Clubs day is Thursday September 28th during lunch and (PM) Fit. If you want to register a club please pick up a registration form from Christina in the office.

CAHSMUN HORIZONS:

All students interested in attending this year's Horizons conference, you may now register on the website. Register under Magee Secondary. www.horizons.cahsmun.org

Parking update

Please note that going forward, any unregistered vehicles or failures to display staff passes will be towed at the owners expense. Students are only to park in the 2 rows closest to 49th Ave along the fence. No student or teacher parking in the drive through area! The drive through is for pick-up/drop-off: parking your vehicle in the drive-through obstructs driver's fields of vision and could contribute to a tragic accident!

ATHLETICS:

Bantam Girls Volleyball

Practices will be held on Monday and Wednesday afterschool. If any girls didn't sign up, feel free to meet the team in the small gym.

Senior Girls Volleyball

Practices will be held Tuesday, Thursday, Friday afterschool in the small gym.

Senior Boys soccer

Sessions will be held on Tuesday and Thursday afterschool.

Cross Country runners

Will meet at the front of the school for their 1.2km practice on Thursday afterschool.

Open Gym basketball

For all grades Tuesday and Thursday from 7pm-9pm.

Aquatics sign up

If you missed the sign up for Aquatics, please see Mr. Chan at the PE office.

Check instagram @mageeathletics for weekly updates!

MYED LOGON- STUDENT & FAMILY PORTAL

MyEd login for VSB students and parents are the same - students and parents should share the login information! Some districts in BC use a separate parent portal, but the VSB does not ... If this is the first-time logging into MyEducationBC website, please use the following login and link: username: student number@learn.vsb.bc.ca password: Dist\$2024

Further info on logging into the student/parent portal can be found here!

Helpful Websites for students

1. To Set up your password for Microsoft office, follow the prompts from the website below. You will need your Provincial Education Number, PEN (it is not the same as your student number) and your birthdate. <u>https://studentpass.vsb.bc.ca/</u>

School Board			
VSB Student Account Password Reset			
Enter your PEN and Date Of Birth below so we can find you:			
PEN:*			
Date Of Birth (YYYY/MM/DD):*			
Clear	Submit		



2. To learn more about Microsoft Office (including Teams), please read through the following website: <u>https://office365.vsb.bc.ca/for-students</u>



3. To access your MyEducation BC

Website: https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do

*Students must share the password to this site with their parent/guardian as this is the only site for parents/guardians to access report cards.



STAFF CONTACTS

Our counsellors ...

Grade 8

A: Ms. McNeill K-R: Mr. Niek S-Z: Ms. Miladinovic/Ms. Tanabe Grade 9: Ms. McNeill Grade 10: Mr. Niek Grade 11: Ms. Miladinovic/Ms Tanabe Grade 12: Mr. D. Lin And (Grade) administrators ...

Grade 9, 10 & 11: Ms. Brenda Dowle Grade 8 & 12: Andrew Schofield SPARTS: Danniel Lin

Staff contact Emails can be found here Magee Staff Emails Link



BELL SCHEDULE 2023 - 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:30 - 8:30	Early Morning Class				
8:30- 8:35	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
		FIT			FIT
8:35 -9:55	Period 1	8:35 - 9:15	Period 1	Period 1	8:35 - 9:15
		Break 9:15 - 9:20			Break 9:15 - 9:20
9:55- 10:10 Break	Period 1	Break	Break	Period 1	
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10:10 - 11:30 Pe		Break 10:20 - 10:30	Period 2	Period 2	Break 10:20 - 10:30
	Period 2	Period 2			Period 2
		10:30 - 11:30			10:30 - 11:30
11:30 - 12:15	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:15 - 1:35	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	
			12:15 - 1:15	12:15 - 1:15	Period 3
			Break 1:15 - 1:17	Break 1:15 - 1:17	
1:35 - 1:40	Break	Break	FIT	FIT	Break
1:40 - 3:00	Period 4	Period 4	1:17-1:57	1:17-1:57	
			Break 1:57-2:00	Break 1:57-2:00	
			Period 4	Period 4	Period 4
			2:00 - 3:00	2:00 - 3:00	

Monday Collaboration AM/PM schedules

AM Collaboration - Period 1 starts at 10:00

Collab	8:35 - 9:55
Break	9:55 - 10:00
Period 1	10:00 - 10:40
Break	10:40 - 10:50
Period 2	10:50 11:30

Nov 6, Jan 15, Apr 8, June 10

Early Dismissal PM

Period 3	12:15 - 1:05	50 min
Break	1:05 - 1:10	
Period 4	1:10 - 2:00	50 min

PM Collaboration - Period 4 ends at 1:40

Period 3	12:15 - 12:55
Break	12:55 - 1:00
Period 4	1:00 - 1:40
Collab	1:40 - 3:00

Sept 18, Dec 11, Feb 26, May 13