



**Magee SPARTS**  
(sports + arts + academics)

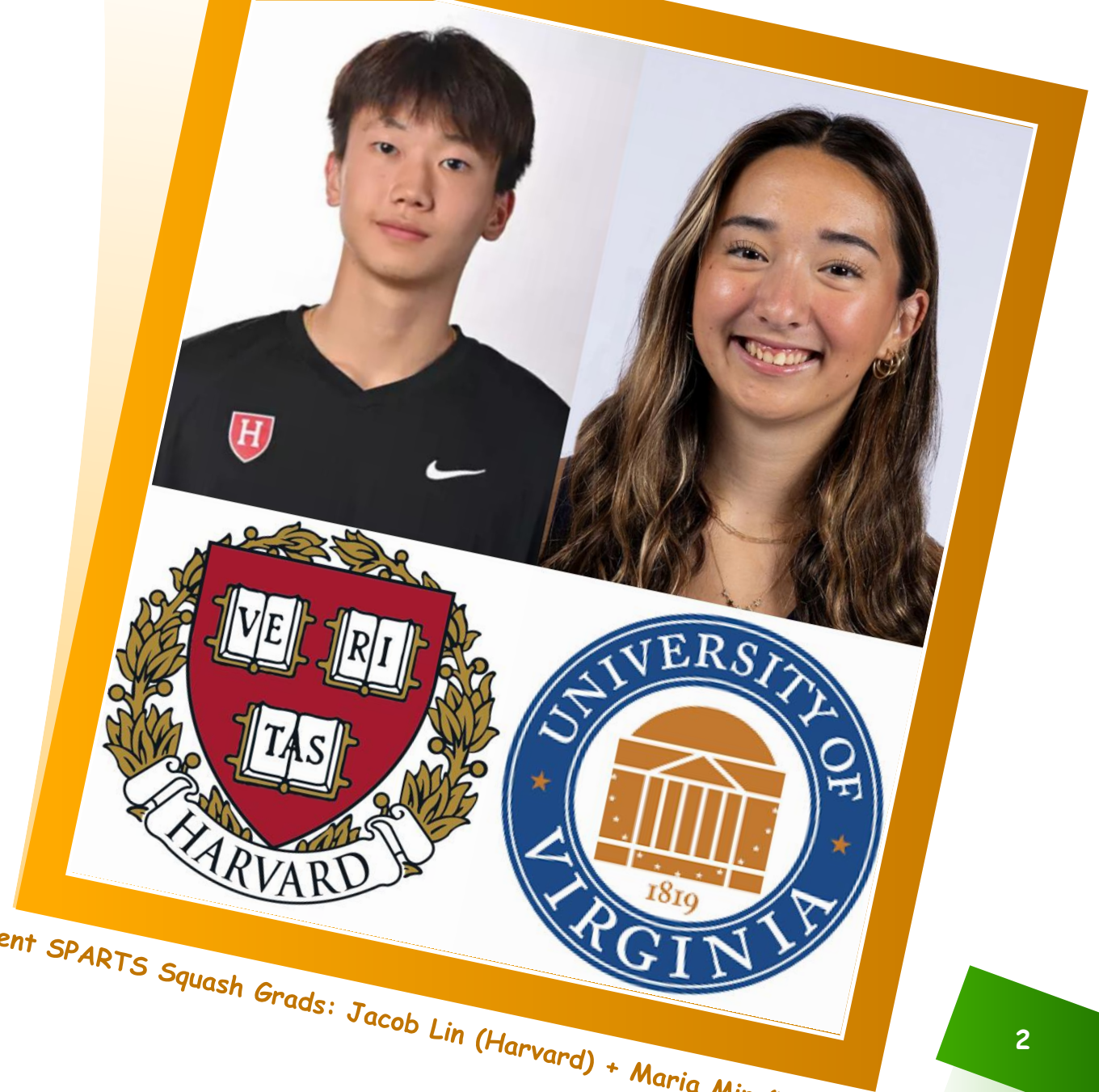
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# SPARTS

## VSB #39 Program

The Sparts program was introduced at Magee in 1985 to offer a part-time educational program to secondary school students participating in Athletics at high provincial, national, or international levels, and to students performing in an area of the Arts at an extremely high level of excellence. Since then, the Magee Sparts program has seen several athletes and artists go on to have successful careers in their chosen disciplines. SPARTS allows students to balance school and their extra-curricular activities.



Recent SPARTS Squash Grads: Jacob Lin (Harvard) + Maria Min (Virginia U)

# Who is a good fit?



## SPARTS is...

- a part-time program that supports high-level STUDENT athletes and performing artists.
- for self-motivated, driven and organized students who are passionate about their activity
- a program that will provide a pathway to work towards a British Columbia Dogwood Graduation Certificate
- part of the Magee school community

## SPARTS is not..

- for student enthusiast level athletes/artists
- for students struggling with school motivation or organization
- a program that cuts corners academically
- a program designed to academic acceleration
- able to accommodate students who are absent for long periods of time

# SPARTS

## Admission / Evaluation

- High-level, provincial and/or national levels of competition or performance
- a minimum 25 hours per week of supervised, certified training, not including competition time
- Schedules/letter from coaches and associations
- 'G' or 'E' work habits, with good academic standing
- SPARTS is a choice program; program and academics will be regularly reviewed



*Abigail Skinder (12) is a Swimmer and Lifesaving Sport Athlete.*

# SPARTS

## Timeline and Application 2024/25

- Gr. 7 students already in a Vancouver School Board elementary school will have their information sent to their catchment secondary school; please email completed SPARTS application package directly to coordinator
- Gr. 8-12 VSB students should email completed SPARTS application package directly to coordinator.
- Independent school applicants should apply to their VSB English catchment school [online](#), bring supporting VSB documentation to their English catchment school and email completed SPARTS application package directly to coordinator
- Out of district students NEW to the Vancouver School Board applicants should apply to Magee Secondary directly, and email completed SPARTS application package, [VBE Student Application form](#) and a copy of the birth certificate directly to coordinator
- International Students need to apply to the [Vancouver School Board's International Office](#), and request the Magee SPARTS program. Email completed SPARTS application package directly to coordinator.
- [SPARTS Application](#) Deadline: Friday, Dec. 20, 2024
- Offers are made by Friday, March 14, 2025 via email.

**Catchment School and School District:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Magee SPARTS Program Application Form**

**Personal Information:**

Legal: \_\_\_\_\_ First (legal and usual) Names \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: (Y/M/D) \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female  Other/Prefer not to say

I will be offsite training in the:  morning  afternoon  my training time is flexible, and I could do a morning/afternoon combo

Parents'/Guardians' name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address (if away from home): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Elementary/Secondary School: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPARTS Information:**

Your Sport/Art: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade entering in Sept, 2023: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years of study/practice: \_\_\_\_\_ Level achieved: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Training Organization / School/Academy: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Coordinator or other important personnel: \_\_\_\_\_ Coach / Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Training Schedule - Please indicate the number of hours of training per school week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday Sunday

Please attach a copy of your **current training schedule**.

Indicate scheduled performances, competitions, etc. that you are already planning to participate in during next school year. Attach printed material if required.

Competition Name	When	Location

Please email SPARTS coordinator if you have any questions or concerns.

# SPARTS Schedule

## Bell Schedule

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

SPARTS students are required to take 4 courses (2 per semester) either in the AM or PM. The SPARTS off-timetable blocks are when these students are off-campus training or practicing. SPARTS students can use FIT to stay on top of their courses/assessments.

Sample Full Year Schedule for SPARTS AM student (morning classes only):

	S1 DAY 1	S1 DAY 2	S2 DAY 1	SD DAY 2
P1	OFF SITE SPARTS	OFF SITE SPARTS	OFF SITE SPARTS	OFF SITE SPARTS
P2	OFF SITE SPARTS	OFF SITE SPARTS	OFF SITE SPARTS	OFF SITE SPARTS
P3	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ART 8	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ART 8	SOCIAL STUDIES 8	SOCIAL STUDIES 8
P4	SCIENCE 8	SCIENCE 8	MATHEMATICS 8	MATHEMATICS 8
		CAREER EDUCATION 8 (OFF TT)		CAREER EDUCATION 8 (OFF TT)

Sample Full Year Schedule for SPARTS PM student (afternoon classes only):

	S1 DAY 1	S1 DAY 2	S2 DAY 1	SD DAY 2
P1	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ART 8	ENGLISH LANGUAGE ART 8	SOCIAL STUDIES 8	SOCIAL STUDIES 8
P2	SCIENCE 8	SCIENCE 8	MATHEMATICS 8	MATHEMATICS 8
P3	OFF SITE SPARTS	OFF SITE SPARTS	OFF SITE SPARTS	OFF SITE SPARTS
P4	OFF SITE SPARTS	OFF SITE SPARTS	OFF SITE SPARTS	OFF SITE SPARTS
		CAREER EDUCATION 8 (OFF TT)		CAREER EDUCATION 8 (OFF TT)

Semester 1 is Sept - Jan and Semester 2 is Feb-June

# Courses: Magee Mainstream vs. SPARTS



\*CLE10 must be taken online  
and is a graduation requirement!

## Gr. 8-9 Courses

- GR.8
  - English, Math, Science, Socials Studies, French, PE, ADST, ART, Careers (remote)
- Gr.9
  - English, Math, Science, Socials Studies, PE, Elective x3, Careers (remote)

❖ SPARTS students usually take these courses.

Available Transfer Standing Credits (TS):

Please see your school counsellor if you qualify for External Sport Credentials Programs (Athlete 10-12), Organizations Offering Approved External Credits (ICBC Drivers Ed., Canadian Red Cross Society, Royal Conservatory of Music, etc.)

## Gr. 10-12 (only these count towards grad)

- Gr.10
    - English, Math, Science, Socials Studies, PE (remote), Elective x2, Career Life Education 10
  - Gr.11
    - English, Math, Science, Socials Studies 11/12, Elective x4
  - Gr.12
    - English, Elective x3, Career Life Connections 12 (remote), Elective x4,
- ❖ Total Credits:  $14 \times 4 = 56$ , Short 6 courses.

# SPARTS "Credits" and Verification



**\*SPARTS Credits only for Gr. 10-12!**

## Current Credit System (inequitable)

- Athlete – Active Living 11/12, Fitness & Conditioning 11/12
- Dance + Gymnastics – Dance 10, Active Living 11/12, Dance Choreography 11/12
- Music – Music 10, Music 11, Music 12
- ❖ Credits adjudicated for being in SPARTS

## Proposed Credit System (5 courses)

- Athlete – ADST 10, Active Living 11/12, Fitness & Conditioning 11/12
- Dance – Dance 10, Dance Company 11/12, Dance Choreography 11/12
- Drama – Theatre Company 10, Theatre Company 11/12, Theatre Production 11/12
- Music – Contemporary Music 10, Contemporary Music 11/12, Instrumental Music 11/12

❖ Verification from coach/association required annually

SPARTS Coach Contact Form



❖ Mr. Lin would like to meet virtually with coaches and associations in the end of November.

**\*Same Coach/Association letter used for SPARTS application will be accepted every year for Verification**



# Gr. 10-12 Credits/Courses

## What do all students need to graduate?

- 80 credits total (4 credits per successful course)
  - 52 required Gr. 10-12 core academic courses, CLE, CLC, and PE10
  - 28 elective credits (7 courses), one ADST or Arts Education course required
  - At least 4 Gr. 12 courses (EN12 +3)
- Provincial Literacy/Numeracy Assessments
- Indigenous-Focused Graduation Requirement

## Graduation Programming

REQUIRED COURSES			
GRADUATION PROGRAM			
	Subject Area	Course Title	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/>	Career Life Education 10		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	Career Life Connections & Capstone		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	a Language Arts 10		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	a Language Arts 11		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	a Language Arts 12		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	a Math 10		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	a Math 11 or 12		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	an Arts Education or Applied Design, Skills & Technology 10, 11, or 12		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	a Social Studies 10		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	a Social Studies 11 or 12		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	a Science 10		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	a Science 11 or 12		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical and Health Education 10		4
<b>TOTAL REQUIRED CREDITS - One Indigenous Focus course is required for all 2024+ graduates.</b>			<b>52</b>
ELECTIVE CREDITS			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade 10, 11, or 12 Elective		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade 10, 11, or 12 Elective		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade 10, 11, or 12 Elective		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade 10, 11, or 12 Elective		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade 10, 11, or 12 Elective		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade 12 Elective		4
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade 12 Elective		4
<b>TOTAL ELECTIVE CREDITS</b>			<b>28</b>
<b>OVERALL CREDITS</b>			<b>80</b>
GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Numeracy Assessment 10		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Literacy Assessment 10		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Literacy Assessment 12		

# PSI Website Hubs



## Canadian Schools

- [Education Planner BC](#)
- [Ontario Universities](#) (OUAC)
- [Post-Secondary BC](#)
- [Canadian Universities Events](#)

### Bonus Links!

- [UBC Programs by Interest](#)
- [SFU Gr.11/12 Course List](#)

## Schools Abroad

- [Common App \(US\)](#)
- [NCAA Eligibility Center](#)
- [UCASS \(UK\)](#)

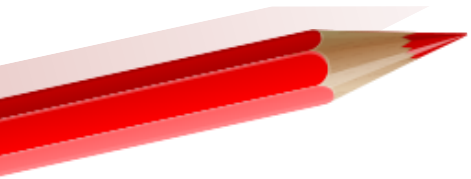
- Each SPARTS students' plan is unique and may include their extra-curricula activity
- Every school is different and it may be challenging to keep all options open
- Most schools compose Academic Average (Gr.11-12). US is 9-12 GPA
- Gr. 12 course DO NOT need to be completed before applying.
- Advanced Placement courses or exams are not required.



# SPARTS Student Demands



- Mental Health
- Grit and Mindset
- Stress Management
- School/Life Balance
- Health and Physical demands
- Extra-ordinary Social Standards



*This will be brought up with Coaches and Associations too so we can work together towards individualized learning.*

# SPARTS Absence Form

It is the responsibility of SPARTS students to communicate with teachers and make up any missed assessments due to absence.

- Students will inform teachers and forms should be submitted well in advance of these scheduled dates.
- Magee teachers will offer some flexibility with dates and deadlines. It is the students' responsibility to collect assignments, meet deadlines and take tests/quizzes in coordination with specific teachers.
- Teachers are not expected to accommodate long absences nor will they be able to provide remote learning or regular email communication.
- SPARTS Absence Forms are available at the main office or from coordinator

**MAGEE SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
**SPARTS PROGRAM ABSENCE FORM**

Participants in Magee's SPARTS Program who will be absent from school for competitions or performance tours are required to complete this form and acquire the signatures of each of their teachers and submit the form to the office at least one week prior to the absence.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **GRADE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATES ABSENT FROM SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **until** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF DAYS MISSED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REASON FOR ABSENCE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

BLOCK	COURSE	TEACHER	SIGNATURE	ASSIGNMENT

SPARTS students who require the most flexibility, choose to explore one semester online. Does not affect SPARTS enrollment.

# School Support

Individual classroom teachers are the best place to seek out support first and they may each have different expectations. Please make sure you know what is needed for you to be successful, as for help, and communicate your needs.

## **SPARTS Coordinator**

- Mr. Lin – [dlin@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:dlin@vsb.bc.ca)
- Information dissemination
- School programming, expectations, and review
- Training organization/school/academy check-ins
- Attendance, academic, and some behaviour concerns
- SPARTS Absence Forms
- Admission and applications

## **Additional Support**

- [Resource Teacher](#) – Mr. Thrift
- [Settlement Worker](#) – Ms. Chan
- [Safe & Caring School Liaison](#) – David E.
- [SACY](#) – Hailey O.

## **Grade School Counsellors**

- Social-emotional support
- Scheduling and course changes
- Graduation pathway and credits
- Post-secondary planning
- Course selection

Email is the best way to connect with multiple school personnel!