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Magee News
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1. School report.

The Grad Council **friendly basketball game** on Wednesday (27th Nov.) **against the VPD Liaison officers** turned out to be a 66-66 classic of grace, agility and ageless class (the VPD) and zest,

skill, flair, powerful defense, lightning counterattack ... and enthusiasm (Magee)(I could say more!). The boys took the first quarter, and our grade 12 girls (as far as we recall) increased the pressure by ramping up the lead. The third period saw a surprising comeback with some stylish moves by the VPD that were clearly designed to impress and intimidate. This all roar but no bite performance resulted in the **dynamic Magee grade 12's** further increasing their lead. However, in the final quarter our combined girl/boys relaxed substantially to prevent a



complete humiliation of the VPD- in a wonderful display of Magee sporting etiquette the grade 12's allowed the VPD to draw level! Three Roars go out to the VPD Liaison officers for giving up their time, coming out to the Lion's den and taking on not only our grade 12's but also the boisterous Magee supporters! (Grade 12's reading this paragraph ... your takeaway should be: If you control the pen you control the narrative!)



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Mainstage One Acts last Thursday and Friday are always a hit. Student written, produced and directed, the one acts are intended to lay the foundation for upcoming Mainstage auditions, but also to develop the skillsets of our students to include technical and production experience. And as always, the music between acts is part of the show with the audience of 400 generally getting into the act and singing along to Beyoncé, Billie Eilish and (was it?) Drake. Thank-you Mrs. Shields and Mr. Waterman for your mentorship and hours sacrificed after-school getting the acts to this level of professionalism!

Friday 6 December was the 30th anniversary of the Montreal Massacre. Magee staff wore [commemorative White Ribbons](#) (through to December 10th) and in our staff meeting acknowledged the ongoing misogyny in our society, a violence that is racially structured- indigenous women and girls bear the greatest burden of masculine violence. During periods three and four I visited classes and spoke with students about the virus of misogyny and pointed out that psychological and physical violence are equally unacceptable. I suggested to students that we have a responsibility to counter this violence by, for example, calling out 'fat shaming' and body image politics, and by being aware of how our power and privilege operates. Giving me greatest hope for our society was, as always, the maturity and gravity of our students' responses- whether it was a grade 8 or a grade 12 class your kids were somber, thoughtful and reflective and display maturity far beyond their years.

2. Counselling Department news.

Several excellent workshops are available through [SACY \(Supporting and Connecting Youth\)](#), a partnership between the VSB and Vancouver Coastal Health. Great resources are available at their [website](#); upcoming workshops are ...

Adult Toolkit. Dec 12th 6.30-8.30pm. @ Tupper Secondary;

Building Bridges with your Teen. January 23rd 7-9pm. @ Churchill Secondary;

Parenting in a Digital World. January 30th. 7-9pm. @ Churchill Secondary.

3. Term one reports and parent meetings.

Term one reports are out and are available on the parent portal. If you would like a hard copy of your child's report please email me and I will print you a copy and give it to your child for home delivery.

If you would like to meet with a teacher or counselor to discuss marks, grading and assessment please email the teacher/counselor first and set up a meeting- a great time is during our flextime periods: Tuesdays/Wednesdays after school (2:30-3:00pm); Thursday/Friday before school (8:30-9:00am). If you are meeting in a classroom please **check in at the office** first and sign in- for student and staff safety we monitor access to the school and we don't yet know all of our parents and community personally ... it would be really embarrassing for us to call a lockdown/intruder alert when it's actually a parent asking about grades!

[Here](#) is a link to [teacher emails](#) if you need to set up a meeting.

4. Aboriginal Experience UBC, 2020. February 26th, 2020.

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This event is for Indigenous High school students, grades 8-12, to participate in a UBC campus experience and orientation. Students choose two workshops to attend; one in the morning, one in the afternoon. Registration is open until **December 23rd, 2019**. Email Dr. Schofield for registration details (aschofield@vsb.bc.ca).

5. **Magee Paws for a Cause club.**

The Magee Paws for a Cause club is collecting new unwrapped toys in support of the Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau. Our toy drop bin is located in the Atrium through to Dec. 18. All students, parents and staff are invited to donate a toy to help brighten Christmas for kids in need this holiday season. The bureau is especially short on gifts for tweens and teens. Lets come together and fill that toy bin Magee!!

6. **PAC December General Meeting. Tuesday at 6:30 for 7:00pm.**

Magee Parents! Please join us for a PAC meeting on Tuesday, Dec 10th in the library. Refreshments at 6.30. Meeting will start promptly at 7.

Agenda highlights:

*Preparing for graduation and post-secondary (Mrs. Lercher)- particularly relevant for grade 12 parents but also others.

*Tec. studies @ Magee and emerging STEM program (Mr. Robinson)

This is your opportunity to hear about what is happening in the school, contribute your thoughts and ideas and meet other Magee parents.
We hope to see you there!

Magee PAC Exec

Upcoming PAC meetings: Feb 11 (Session focus: Managing teenager stress), April TBD, May 12
For District Parent Council (DPAC) events please see: <http://vancouverdpac.org/>

7. **Magee Senior's Tea**

The Magee Music Department would like to invite all seniors of Magee families to the Annual Magee Senior's Tea. Music will be provided by the Magee Strings, Chamber Choir and Wind Ensemble. Tea, seasonal fruits and refreshments will be served and there may even be a visit from Santa!

This lovely annual event is free and all members of our senior community are welcome. This year's event will be held on:

Wednesday, December 11, 2019
Magee Atrium 1:30pm - 2:50pm (Please arrive by 1:15pm)

To help us prepare for numbers, please RSVP by December 4th by email: mageemusicsociety@gmail.com or call Debbie in the school office at [604 713-8200](tel:6047138200) and let us know how many will be attending.

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Thank you and we hope to see you there!

Magee Music Society & Magee Music Department

8. School Events.

DECEMBER EVENTS:

Dec. 11 - Seniors' Tea 1:30 pm
Dec. 12 - Junior Winter Concert 7 pm
Dec. 16 - A Little Night Music 7 pm
Dec. 17 - Senior Winter Concert 7 pm
Dec. 20 - Music Dept. Breakfast 8 am / Talent Show

Upcoming School Events **please also bookmark ...**

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/magee/Pages/calendar.aspx>

9. Standing Links.

VSB Webpage: Please click [here](#)

Magee School Webpage: Please click [here](#)

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