



# MAGEE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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**Magee News**  
**December 13, 2019**

## 1. School report.

In November your Math Department hosted the University of Waterloo's Canadian Intermediate and Canadian Senior Mathematics Competition. This is a challenging competition that contains only written (no multiple choice!!) questions. Results have just been released and in the Canadian Intermediate Mathematics Competition (CIMC), Magee ranked third out of eleven in our Zone and sixth out of forty-five in the Province. Finally, our Grade 10 student, **Rafael Cheung** came first in our zone! A great achievement for the Magee Math program and Rafael; at right, your Math Department Head, Ms. Quan presents Rafael with his results.

Our annual senior's tea and concert is an opportunity for Magee to appreciate our community. For over 40 years, we have invited senior members of our community to join us celebrating the year's end in choral and orchestral music. Our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Magee Music Society parent volunteers who moved into the foyer at 12:30 and transformed the space into a festive concert hall and provided food and refreshments for our local seniors! Your Vice-principal Ms. Michelle Wood, who manages our twitter feed sent out the attached- far more than I can describe, you need to take a minute to look at your students performing ...

<https://twitter.com/MageeLion/status/1204879917470498816> . As you can see and hear, that is exquisite music and if you missed it you have two opportunities to hear our music students perform next week- on Monday we are having "A little night music" and on Tuesday the Senior Winter Concert. Both performances begin at 7:00pm in the Auditorium.



Each year the School Board has a competition where student art is selected for use by the Board. Continuing the tradition of excellence at Magee this year it is one of our grade 8's whose submission was selected- **Bernice Wong's** Winter Landscape evokes the silence of a winter landscape .... and the warmth of a cabin! And late breaking news ... grade 9 **Jade Holness** had her submission

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selected for the VSB Employee Service's email card. Art teacher Ms. **Andrea des Mazes** commented that Jade's "eyes sparkled when I told her!". Well done Bernice and Jade ... and Ms. Des Mazes for your mentorship!

Magee Senior's tea- 11 December 2019



## 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 ...

**Building Bridges with your Teen.** January 23<sup>rd</sup> 7-9pm. @ Churchill Secondary;

**Parenting in a Digital World.** January 30<sup>th</sup>. 7-9pm. @ Churchill Secondary. To facilitate catering please preregister through ... <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/raising-digitally-responsible-youth-tickets-82373783203>

## 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- thank you to those of you who have reached out to me this week: office assistant **Ms. Kelsey Horne** has followed up with you.

As mentioned last week, 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

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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.**

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](mailto:aschofield@vsb.bc.ca)).

#### 5. **Upcoming Community event.**

January 27th 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, and is the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust. On this occasion, the UBC's Opera Ensemble (School of Music), the Modern European Studies Program and the Witnessing Auschwitz International Seminar are presenting a series of workshops, lectures and music performances. Some daytime events include:

Tuesday, January 28—Residential School History and Dialogue Centre, UBC

9:30 - 10:45—"In My Father's Words" – A Live Presentation by Richard K. Lowy, followed by a Film Screening of "Leo's Journey". Introduction by Dr. Ilona Shulman Spaar (VHEC)

11:00 - 12:30—"Residential schools", Dr. Tricia Logan (RSHDC);

"To the seven generations: An acknowledgment of what it means to be here", Dr. Rima Wilkes (UBC)

12:30 - 14:00—"Never forget! Intersecting Memories of the Holocaust and Settler Colonial Genocide in Canada", Dr. Dorota Glowacka (King's College Halifax)

Wednesday, January 29—UBC Opera Old Administration Building

12:00 - 13:00—"Jews and Germans in the Early Postwar Era", Dr. Chris Friedrichs (UBC);

"SS Garrison in Auschwitz", Dr. Piotr Setkiewicz (Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum)

Thursday, January 30—Hillel House, UBC

9:30 - 10:30—"The Liquidation of the Warsaw Ghetto", Dr. Anja Nowak (UBC)

11:00 - 12.30—"Auschwitz: The Sacred Anti-Sacred. The Site: The Emblem of Evil and Its Implications for Our World", Dr. Michael Berenbaum (American Jewish University)

Canadian premiere of Mieczysław Weinberg's opera "The Passenger". Jan. 30, 31 & Feb. 1 at 7:30 pm;  
Feb. 2 at 2:00 pm.

Chan Centre for the Performing Arts -- short introductory talks before each performance. For information: <https://chancentre.com/events/pasazerka-the-passenger/>

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Mieczysław Weinberg (1919-1996) was a Soviet Polish-Jewish composer and pianist who lost his family in the Holocaust. Written in 1960s Moscow, 'The Passenger', is based on the recollections of Polish writer, Zofia Posmysz, who was imprisoned in Auschwitz during World War II. 'The Passenger' is an opera in two acts sung in Russian, Polish, German, Yiddish, French, English, and Czech, with English surtitles.

## 6. PAC meetings.

Magee Parents feel free to join our PAC meetings in the library. Refreshments at 6.30. Meetings start promptly at 7:00pm and end by 9:00. Upcoming PAC meetings are: Feb 11 (Session focus: Managing teenager stress), April TBD and May 12<sup>th</sup>.

For District Parent Council (DPAC) events please see: <http://vancouverdpac.org/>

## 7. School Events.

### DECEMBER EVENTS:

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>

## 8. Standing Links.

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