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Magee News
January 10, 2020

The staff of Magee Secondary wish our students and parents all the very best in 2020!!

1. School report.

Two Magee students were selected for the prestigious VPD challenge, a grueling five-day program in June. Congratulating the students on their selection is our **VPD school liaison officer, Constable Ben Wong-Moon**. On the



left, Constable Wong-Moon congratulates **Bakhsind Khangura** and on the right, **Patricio Vazquez**.

At the end of 2019, on December 13th and 13th, Magee Music students visited Maple Grove as part of outreach to our in-catchment elementary community ... and the honor was returned on 16 December when **Division 9 students from Maple Grove Elementary** joined Magee Math and Magee Music students in class. Below, elementary and secondary students in Mrs. Quan's math class, and in rehearsal with our orchestra!



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2. 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).

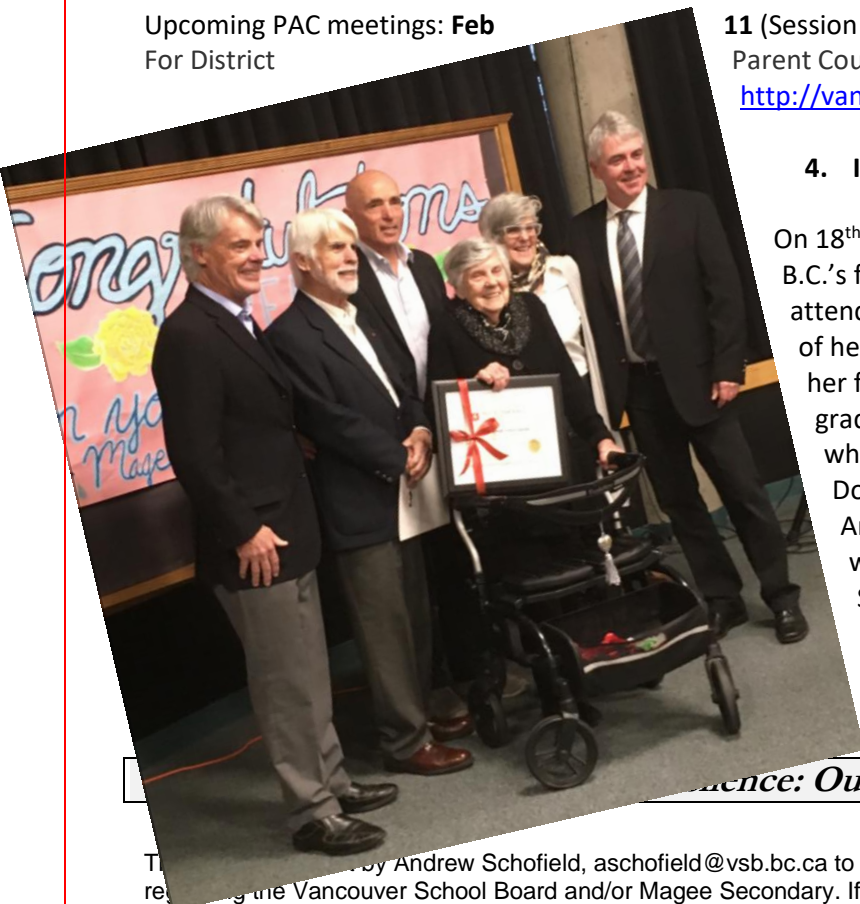
3. PAC Meetings

Upcoming PAC meetings: **Feb**
For District

11 (Session focus: Managing teenager stress), **April TBD, May 12**
Parent Council (DPAC) events please see:
<http://vancouverdpac.org/>

4. Introducing Magee’s youngest graduate to date ...

On 18th December 2019 99-year-old **Irene Heggie** received B.C.’s first honorary high school diploma at Magee. Irene attended Magee Secondary in the late 1930s. At the end of her grade 11 year she had to leave school to care for her four siblings. As a result, Irene never formally graduated from secondary school Until December when we arranged for Ms. Heggie to gain an honorary Dogwood from the Minister of Education, Rob Fleming. Among those present at the event (shown here) where Irene’s kids and (not shown), the VSB’s Superintendent Ms. Suzanne Hoffman, Magee’s Area



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Director of Instruction, Mr. Richard Zerbe, Magee students, and members of Ms. Heggie's extended family.

5. Yearbook

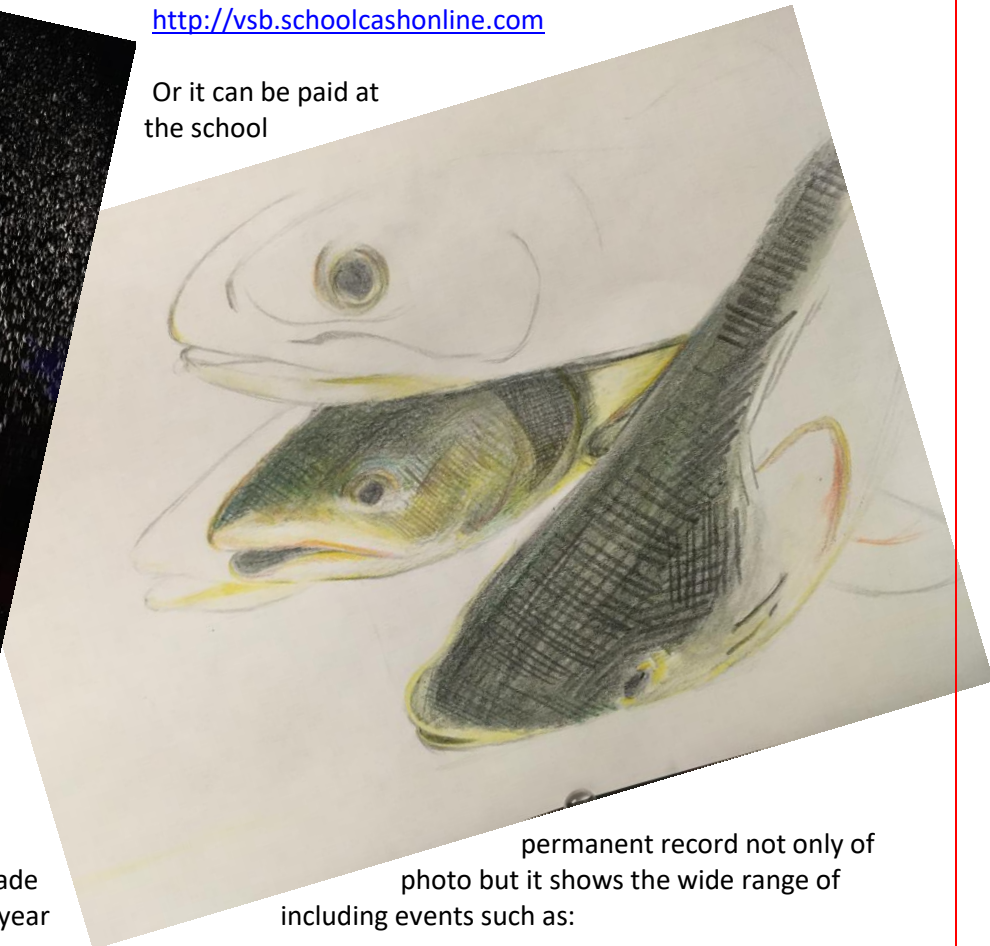
Magee Yearbook 2020 wishes you a fantastic 2020! The year is 1/3 over and it only goes faster from here! 😊

If you haven't already taken the opportunity to buy a yearbook, please do; the more copies sold, the more content that can be put in the yearbook.

Please purchase a yearbook at

<http://vsb.schoolcashionline.com>

Or it can be paid at
the school



office.

The school yearbook is a great
the graduating class and your child's grade
activities that take place at Magee this year

permanent record not only of
photo but it shows the wide range of
including events such as:

- Sports - Fall, Winter, Spring Sports
- Grade 8 & 9 Leaders activities
- Music — Choir, Evolution Strings, Jazz, Chamber, Grade 8 Band...
- Drama productions - Grade 8 Show, Players, Mainstage, One Acts...
- Fine Art — Art Shows, Ceramics, Photography
- Local trips – Pacific Cinematheque, Dragonboat, other local field trips

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- Out of Vancouver field trips — Louisiana, New York City, Bamfield
- Clubs events
- Student Council events such as Halloween, Christmas week, Valentines...
- SpArts Program
- International student activities and field trips like "PNE Fright Night" , "Victoria" and "Whistler"
- English Department's "Poetry in Voice" competition
- Graduation Year-round events such as Grad Breakfasts,

Grad Halloween...

- many more events

6. Mr. Latimer turns 40!!

This week marks the 40th year that our esteemed and beloved (not to mention Master Social Studies teacher) Mr. Brian Latimer has worked for the VSB!! Mr. Latimer's colleagues held a small celebration marking the occasion today at lunch, and Socials Department Head Mrs. Kelly Hawbolt presented Brian with tokens of our appreciation. Congratulations Mr. Latimer ... it is awesome having you at Magee: thank-you for your teaching, coaching Soccer, and mentorship!!

Other Magee lifers who we admire, and honor are **Mrs. Debbie Kwong**, Head Administration Assistant (42 years) (that is Ms. Kwong, next to Mr. Latimer in the photo on the right) and **Mr. Harold Lal**, Chief Engineer (43 years).

7. 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



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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/>

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.

8. Magee rock Vancouver Model UN!

Since 2007 Magee has run an incredibly active Model UN club under the sponsorship of Mrs. Chalmers (Socials 10, Social Justice 12, English 8) and Mrs. Hawbolt (Socials 9 & 10; Socials Department Head). Across the



course of a school year students train for and participate in **regional Model United Nations** simulations (above are Magee delegates to the December gathering; further simulations are occurring locally in February and March). Apart from meetings at school, weekend long simulations occur periodically across a school year at a downtown hotel. Prior to the weekend simulation event, participants are assigned a country that they will represent. Students do background country research and prepare country portfolios; at the simulation students break into subcommittees and over the weekend deal with emergency sessions and roleplay the processes of international cooperation and diplomacy within the UN framework. Regional training events prepare our students for an **international gathering** of Model UN clubs held annually in New York City where students are able to visit the UN headquarters and plenary hall and engage in an international UN simulation ... and meet students from around the world! Traditionally dominated by the top private schools, Magee is one of the few public schools in the lower mainland that participates in the local and international Model UN simulations. Thank-you Mrs. Chalmers and Hawbolt for your commitment to the club, and to our students for your willingness to stretch their learning beyond the walls of our school and community!

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9. SACY (Supporting And Connecting Youth)

SACY is a partnership program between the Vancouver School Board (VSB) and Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) that works across four interrelated areas:

A) SACY Youth Engagement Stream

Magee's SACY Youth Engagement worker is a resource to help prevent, reduce, and delay harm associated with substance use, and link youth to the broad range of VCH community health and mental health services.

SACY Youth Engagement staff also can be contacted to carry out:

- Classroom facilitated discussions
- Brief 1 on 1 intervention/support for youth and referrals to relevant services
- SACY led or supported groups (e.g. emotional wellness; youth advisory committee; vaping education)
- "Wraparound" support to SACY STEP - referral support; follow up with students
- Consultation support for Administrators, Counsellors and other staff
- Capacity Café events with SACY Parent Stream
- Health promotion events and activities

B) SACY STEP program:

Over 2,000 students have participated in this wraparound three-day program since it was introduced 13 years ago. Due to contextual changes (e.g. vaping, legalization of cannabis edibles and extracts, fentanyl emergency, etc.), this school year SACY will undertake a review to ensure SACY STEP services evolve with the changing needs, and risks, confronting youth and schools.

C) SACY Parent Engagement Stream:

Check the SACY website www.vsb.bc.ca/sacy to learn about upcoming workshops and to consult about resources and supports for caregivers and parents. Referrals for individual family engagement (such as one to one support) are best made in collaboration with our SACY youth and school counsellors to ensure meaningful engagement for both the student and family members.

D) SACY Teacher training and school environment stream

This Fall two SACY-facilitated Pro D sessions on vaping have been offered; new vaping resources have been developed; the SACY website has been expanded with materials on cannabis and vaping; district-wide parent education sessions are being prepared; presentation and resources for admin are being carried out; and workshops and more pro d offerings will be scheduled.

Since 2006 thousands of students, parents/caregivers and staff have collaborated, participated and worked with SACY. VSB and VCH remain committed to deliver progressive, evidence-based, and safe substance use health promotion and brief intervention services.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any comments or questions.

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Selma Smith, District Principal, SEL & Prevention Manager. Email: shsmith@vsb.bc.ca

Art Steinmann, Learning Services Substance Use Health Promotion and SACY. Email: asteinmann@vsb.bc.ca

Jen Donovan, Project Manager SACY Leadership & Resiliency Program (LRP) and SACY. Email: jen.donovan@vch.ca

10. Attention to all Grade 9 Parents!

The Career Education 9 assignment for Term 2 is now available for your child to pick up. Please support their career education this term by reminding them to pick up their assignment from Mrs. James in Room 138. Their assignment is also be available on the Career Education 9 blog at: <https://blogs.vsb.bc.ca/sjames/career-education-9-magee/assignment-2-employability-skills-due-february-3/> for your review and printing convenience. Please encourage them to pick up their assignment as soon as possible, as the due date is February 3. In addition to learning about employability skills and thinking about their own strengths and development of these fundamental skills, the Grade 9s (and 10s) will also be attending an engaging and informative presentation on digital citizenship and online privacy and safety on the morning of March 3 by the White Hatter (Darren Laur). A synopsis of the presentation is available here: <https://www.thewhitehatter.ca/internet-safety-high-school>. Many thanks to the PAC for generously funding this presentation!



[Internet Safety Grades 8-12 High School | thewhitehatter](https://www.thewhitehatter.ca/internet-safety-high-school)

Helping Students To Understand The Enabling Power Of Digital Technology While Also How To Mitigate Sometimes Unintended High Risk Undesirable Online Behaviour

www.thewhitehatter.ca

Questions and comments are always welcome - please feel free to email Ms. James at sjames@vsb.bc.ca.

11. Attention All Parents of Grade 12s!!

Please remind your child of the Career Life Connections 12 (CLC12) requirement to complete at least 30 hours of Career Life Exploration. These hours must be documented through a log sheet available on the Magee Capstone webpages at the following link: <https://blogs.vsb.bc.ca/magee-clc-capstone/cle-30-hour-reqmt/>.

[CLE 30 Hour Requirement | Career Life Connections 12](#)

Career Life Exploration. Students must provide evidence that they have completed at least 30 hours in any of the following ways: 30 hours of volunteering in the community (this is separate from volunteering in the school); 30 hours of paid employment (please attach pay stub as proof) 30 hours of fieldwork, entrepreneurship, or projects focused on an area of deep interest.

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Students can complete their 30 hours in any of the following ways:

- 30 hours of volunteering in the community (this is separate from volunteering in the school)

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- 30 hours of paid employment (please attach pay stub as proof)
- 30 hours of fieldwork, entrepreneurship, or projects focused on an area of deep interest.
- Extra 30-hours completed through their Work Experience program

The 30 hours of exploration must be completed and log sheet submitted to the student's CLC12 teacher. The deadline is April 15, 2020 but your student can submit their completed log sheet *any time* prior to the deadline.

12. Dry Grad 2020

此通信包含有关于毕业的重要信息。请把它翻译 (*This communication contains important information about Dry Grad. Please have it translated.*)

Magee Secondary School 2020 Dry Grad – Saturday, June 13, 2020

Magee's 2020 Dry Grad celebration will take place on Saturday evening, June 13, 2020, beginning at 8:30 p.m. and running until 6:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. It will be a safe, all-night supervised party held at Magee for graduating students of Magee only. Supervision will be provided by members of the Magee Administration with the assistance of a professional security firm. A Dry Grad is a celebration that is both completely drug-and-alcohol-free with no smoking or vaping permitted. This celebratory event will feature a wide variety of fun entertainment, fabulous food, a fantastic DJ, and more!

The Dry Grad celebration is entirely organized by parents of Grade 12 students. The success of Dry Grad will depend on the willingness of parents to offer their time, talent and/or financial support. In addition to the small group of parents currently comprising the Dry Grad Committee, parent volunteers will be needed for decorating and set-up on Saturday morning, setting out and replenishing food and drinks throughout the night, providing security by ensuring exit doors remain closed, and clean-up on Sunday morning. We will need many hands to make this work so we encourage as many parents as possible to volunteer. You do not need to have any previous experience, just a desire to help. However, if you happen to have Food Safe or First Aid certification, or any other specialized, relevant training, we would welcome you with open arms!

If you're interested in hearing about what has been planned for Dry Grad thus far and/or would like to volunteer your services or support, please join the Dry Grad Committee at our next meeting on **Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Magee Staffroom**. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to volunteer (even if you are unsure yet of what you would like to do), please email magedrygrad2020@gmail.com with:

- Your name
- Your child's name
- Your email address
- Your cell number
- Your area of interest (if you have decided):
 - set-up and decorating on Saturday morning,

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- setting out/replenishing food and drinks during the party,
- providing security,
- clean-up on Sunday morning.

You do **not** need to commit to a specific area or shift at this time. Once we have a list of volunteers, we will solicit your preferences at a later date. We look forward to working together to create a memorable night for our grads!

The Magee Dry Grad Committee

13. School Events.

JANUARY EVENTS:

Jan.14 - Lockdown Drill.

Jan.15 - Holocaust Symposium (am)

Jan.16 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Jan.17 - Pro-D Day

Jan.20 - VSTA Seminar (Rm214 > 4:00-6:30pm)

Jan.22 - Leaders Interviews @12:20pm

Jan.23 - Grade Assemblies: 2-1>Gr.8/9 2-2>Gr.10/11 2-3>Gr.12

Jan.24 - Evolution Choir Retreat @ St. Stephen's Church 3:30-8 pm

Jan. 30 - Zone Fest Theatre 7 pm

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

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

14. Standing Links.

[Teacher emails](#) ... if you need to set up a meeting!

VSB Webpage: Please click [here](#)

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

Magee PAC: Please click [here](#)

Magee Fundraising: Please click [here](#)

Magee Music Society: Please click [here](#)

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