



# MAGEE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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## Magee News

Oct 24, 2019

There are 9 items in this E-bulletin! Please note: layout varies with viewing platform/device.

### 1. School report.

Mr. Lattimer used the opportunity of Monday's Federal election to arrange two events last week to raise student awareness of the political process and party platforms. The first, on Wednesday Oct 16 was an all candidates' debate. Candidates from the Green, NDP, Liberal and Conservative parties attended. The event was moderated by grade 11 students and took the format of opening candidate statements, questions from the floor, and closing comments. Below, Liberal candidate Taleeb Noormohammed emphasises a point on



access to housing. After the debates the candidates remained at school to talk with our students- above Conservative Zack Segal encourages Lazar and Adam to do their homework! Shortly before leaving to continue their campaigns the candidates posed together with our student moderators and facilitators (see

overleaf). Magee immensely appreciate the candidates who took time to come to the school and present their platforms, interact with us, and allowing us to see a human side to our political representatives.

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Magee's Student Council held our first student dance on Thursday 17 October, attended by approximately 150 predominantly grade 8-10 students and one Lion (our mascot- see bottom photo). The council did an excellent job of arranging DJ's and music, catering, bag and coat checks, and non-dance activity. Although not everyone danced, the activity was another opportunity for young people to meet, mingle, and socialize (I was surprised at how few cellphones were out!). English Department Head Mr. Peter McLennan, LALS teacher Ms Belinda MacKinnon and SSW MS. Beverley Tingle, and Psychology and Foods teacher Ms Sandra Grier, and Student Council sponsor teacher and Computer Programming/Digital Media Design teacher Mr. Tom Nute gave up their evening to help supervise the students: Thank-you colleagues!



## 2. Yearbook

Yes, Magee will be having a yearbook this year!! If your child/you/your family is/are interested in purchasing a yearbook the cost is \$45 increasing to \$50 on October 25th 2019! The school yearbook is a great permanent record not only



of the graduating class and your child's grade photo but it shows the wide range of activities that take place at Magee this year including events such as:

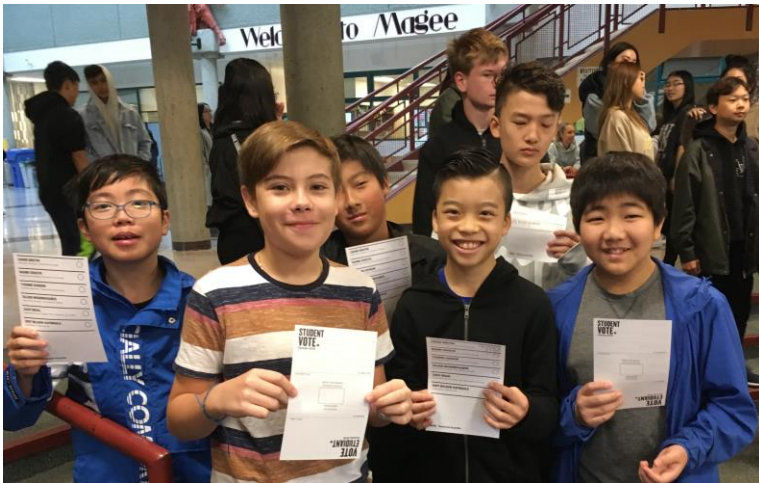
- Sports - Fall, Winter, Spring Sports
- Grade 8 & 9 Leaders activities



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- 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
- 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...

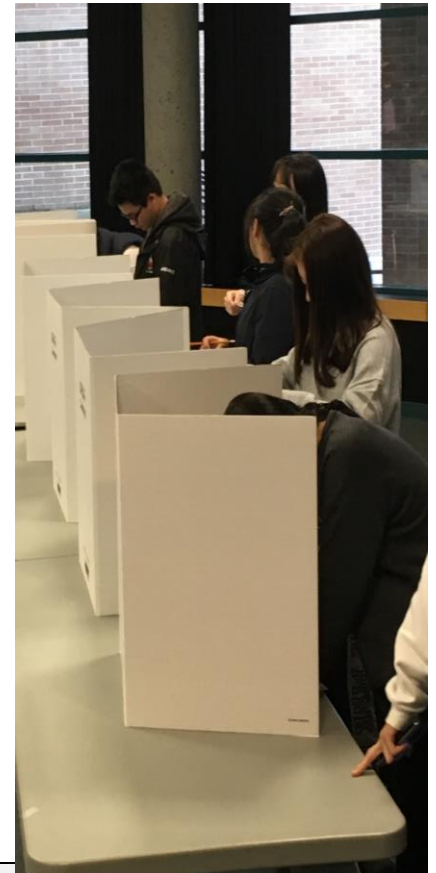
- and many more!



### 3. Student Vote 2019!

Student Vote is part of a national initiative coordinated by Elections Canada as part of their democracy education and civic engagement programs. Mr. Latimer liaised with the organizers and arranged for our student vote to occur after our school's all candidates debates- on 18 October.

All aspects of the voting process are explained to students, and all stages of voting are adhered to. The Rotunda was transformed into a polling station, and voting booths were arranged adjacent to the glass wall. Student ID's were checked against a 'voter's roll' (class-lists). Ballots were handed out (above, grade 8's get set!), students make their mark (on the right), before placing their ballots. Perhaps worryingly, results for Magee have not yet been released!



### 4. National Take Our Kids to Work Day – November 6, 2019

As part of Career Education 9, Grade 9 students at Magee will be participating in the Canadian coast to coast "Take Our Kids to Work" Day on Wednesday, November 6. For more information on this program, please feel free to look at the website: <https://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/events/take-our-kids-to-work-day/parents-and-guardians>.

Consent forms for this event have been distributed to all Grade 9 students and they have been asked to arrange to go to work on November 6 with their parents, family members, family friends or neighbours. If your child has not

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received a consent form, they can download a copy of the form by clicking on this link:

[https://blogs.vsb.bc.ca/sjames/files/2019/09/0422\\_001.pdf](https://blogs.vsb.bc.ca/sjames/files/2019/09/0422_001.pdf). Please note that consent forms are due October 22 as well as a survey regarding participation and a workplace safety quiz. These are all available online at: <https://blogs.vsb.bc.ca/sjames/career-education-9-magee/assignment2/>.

If you are hosting your child and are interested and able to take an additional student, please contact Ms. James at [sjames@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:sjames@vsb.bc.ca). We have a number of students who do not have a workplace to go to.

We hope that all Grade 9 students will participate in this wonderful learning experience; however, students who are unable to participate are expected to report to school and will be required to complete an alternative Career Education 9 assignment.

If you have any questions or would like to host additional students, please feel free to contact the Career Education 9 teacher, Sue James, at [sjames@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:sjames@vsb.bc.ca).

## 5. Counselling Department Information.

**Langara event: Bachelor in Business Administration (BBA-in -a-Day) Info. Session: Oct 25<sup>th</sup> (Pro D day) 9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.**

Langara College School of Management is having an on-campus fun, interactive, BBA-in-a-Day (Bachelor in Business Administration- in-a-Day) event for students interested in business studies and careers so they can experience what it is like to be a college student. The free event includes breakfast at registration and lunch, information, prizes, games, and a mini-class; the event is also open to parents and guardian.

A limited number of Langara application waiver codes will be available to attendees (Value \$40.00).

Langara College's School of Management is a transfer institution to UBC Sauder and SFU Beedie. The School of Management offers two-year Diplomas and a four-year Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree with concentrations in: Accounting, Business Management, International Business Management, and Marketing Management.

More info [here](#). If possible, please pre-register at [www.langara.ca/bbainaday](http://www.langara.ca/bbainaday)

### UBC Sauder School.

Interested students are encouraged to sign up for a UBC Sauder Information Session to explore the possibilities offered by a Bachelor of Commerce degree. Find more information and register at:

[sauderundergraduateoffice.eventbrite.com](http://sauderundergraduateoffice.eventbrite.com).

## 6. Post-secondary institutions visiting Magee.

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Magee's counselling team coordinate with post-secondary institutions to visit Magee and describe programmes, facilities and entrance requirements. Grade 12 students are emailed this information but a gentle encouraging reminder from a parent sometimes goes a long way! Grade 11's are also welcome to attend.

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| <b>October 29</b> – 11:30-12:30PM  | University of Toronto           | Room 214 |
| <b>October 31</b> – 8-8:40AM       | University of Calgary           | Room 214 |
| <b>November 4</b> – 8-9:30AM       | Western University              | Room 214 |
| <b>November 14</b> – 11:30-12:30PM | York University                 | Room 214 |
| <b>November 18</b> – 11:30-12:30PM | Ryerson University              | Room 214 |
| <b>November 25</b> – 8-10:15AM     | Post Secondary Institutions day | Gym      |
| <b>November 26</b> – 8-9:30AM      | University of Alberta           | Room 214 |
| <b>November 27</b> – 8-8:40AM      | Huron at Western                | Room 214 |
| <b>December 2</b> – 8-9:30AM       | University of New Brunswick     | Room 214 |

### 7. Halloween Costumes.

Halloween is coming up and I want to take a moment to give a shout out to our students' enthusiasm to put on various masks and costumes that express their creative spirit! But I also want to remind our students to think of the stereotypes that they might be satirizing, and that it is a fine-line between lampooning a caricature (like, say dressing up as a Gangsta Rapper) and glorifying a criminal lifestyle. So, students if you will be dressing up and generating spirit- thank-you! But please do so while applying those core competencies of creative and critical thinking: Be careful that you don't reinforce a stereotype, normalize a criminal act, or retraumatize a victim. For example, "Children of the Street" is a local non-profit organization that works with current and former street kids. The organization reached out to Magee reminding us not to wear costumes that sexualize children and youth: Dressing up as a pimp or street worker glamorizes the exploitation and trafficking of children and youth and diminishes the traumatic experiences of those involved.

### 8. School Events.

#### OCTOBER EVENTS:

Oct. 25 - Provincial Pro-D Day

Oct. 29 - University of Toronto 11:30-12:15 pm. Auditorium.

Oct. 30 - Players (Magee Drama Program). 7:00 pm. Auditorium.

### 9. Standing Links.

VSB Webpage: Please click [here](#)

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

Magee on twitter: <https://twitter.com/MageeLion>

Magee PAC: Please click [here](#)

Magee Fundraising: Please click [here](#)

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

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