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**Magee News**  
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## 1. School Updates

Last weekend (Feb 14-16) our **Model UN** club (left) were in action downtown in Vancouver. Magee's team, over 50 students strong, has been built over the past 8 years by club sponsors **Mrs. Hawbolt** and **Mrs. Chalmers**, and is one of the most active Model UN clubs in the lower Mainland. Enhancing student's debating skills, as well as



understanding of international politics and global inter-governmental relations, engagement in the Model UN program opens doors to Magee students who are interested in diplomacy and politics as career choices. Twenty-two of our students will be heading to New York next week to participate in the international Model UN gathering from 27 Feb to 7 March. Thanks so much to Socials Department Head Mrs. Hawbolt and Social Justice and English teacher Mrs. Chalmers for sponsoring the club and donating your time!

Magee's **STEAM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Design, Mathematics) Certificate program received a technology boost with the generous donation of a 3D printer from the local start-up shoe company *Casca Footwear*, who 3D print custom-made soles for shoes; at left, **Casca CEO, Mr. Braden Parker**, hands our Science Department Head, **Mr. Colin Mayer** the printer. Magee's STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Design, Mathematics) Certificate is an innovative program that will recognize and celebrate students who enrol in STEAM-rich course-loads. Among the first of Vancouver's public schools to offer a STEAM program, our STEAM Certificate will give students a chance to develop interdisciplinary and cross-

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curricular skills through unique course collaborations, experiential education opportunities, and self-directed passion projects.

The Magee community is exceedingly grateful for donations such as this 3D printer to support student learning. Thanks again to Casca Footwear, and here's to a giant leap forward in STEAM education at Magee!

Congratulations to our **Juvenile Girls Basketball** team for winning the city championships on Thursday (20<sup>th</sup>) against Gladstone. With the teams exchanging the lead through the first, second, and third quarters it was clear that both teams were evenly matched and equally tenacious. The fourth quarter saw Magee start to edge away ending the evening with the 47-33 win. With the win the girls qualify for the BC Basketball Provincials starting next week. Not only the Juvenile Girls, but our **Senior Girls** team also qualified for the AAA Provincials at the Langley Events Centre (also next week): a first in Magee history! The girls want to acknowledge their fantastic coaches, parents and student supporters who make it out to their games and who give up their time getting them to Provincials!!!



Magee's **Spring Market Fair** is a massive fundraising event put on by parent members of the Magee Music Society. This year's event held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. was no exception. Event planner and coordinator, and Chair of the Music Society, Mrs. **Kyoko Wong** worked incredibly to bring the Fair together (a worry was how the Coronavirus would affect attendance!) and deserves more than our humble gratitude: thank-you Kyoko!!! The event does far more than raise money for Magee Music programs: it brings private sector vendors into our school; it gives students opportunity to perform individually and collectively (below left, **Mr. Quan** reaches down deep to bring out the best in your kids); it gives clubs opportunity to raise funds; and it creates space for students to volunteer and give back to the community at any of the many food stands (below right **Willia McQueen** and **Lazar Basanovic** show Magee Lion's positivity and Serving it Right skills at their stand!)



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Part of the Grade 12's Grad fee goes towards several celebratory grad events held across the year. Events are planned by our grade 12 student's Grad Committee, overseen by counsellors Mrs. Miladinovic and Mrs. Lercher (whose daughter became a mom on Valentine's day!). Last Thursday morning we had the **grad Valentine's Day breakfast** which started at the ungodly-for-teenagers hour of 7:30am. Having eaten their fill the students commenced a quiet round of Musical Chairs: following **Jastina Maranjyan, Jacob Aradom** gesticulates "Cut the Music"; **Baksind Khangura** looks expectantly for the closest chair and **Martin Huang** follows on.



Us teachers were happy to help with leftovers: below, **Mrs. Lercher** serves Business Education Department head

**Mrs. Gabe**

**Siracusa**. In red, **Mrs. Miladinovic** advises **Mr. James Scott** (Learning Support Program teacher and Support Services Department Head) on his selection while **Mr. Michael Lee** (English) looks on.

Teachers from across the district came to Magee on Wednesday evening (Feb 19) for a local chapter meeting of one of our professional development organizations: the **Networks of Innovation and Indigenous Education (NOIIE)**, organized and facilitated by one of Magee's Vice Principals, **Ms. Michelle Wood** (grade 8 and 9, and ELL and International student's administrator). Discussion focused on the theme of "What are we learning?" and applied the Spirals of Inquiry model of professional reflection developed by BC public educators Linda Kaiser and Judy Halbert. Schools connected to the NOIIE take an inquiry-oriented, evidence-based approach to learning and teaching that focuses on making the education system more equitable

through the provision of high-quality learning opportunities for all young people. Grade 11 Counsellor, **Mr. George Kanavos**, joined the conversation- he is developing an inquiry group at our school to explore themes of racism, diversity and inclusion; and we are hoping to draw another teacher inquiry group into NOIIE that will be focusing on student anxiety and stress. At the end of May NOIIE will be having

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their bi-annual international conference this year in Vancouver, at UBC. Your Magee teachers will be attending, networking with exceptional teachers and educational leaders from around the world and bringing their learning back to your classrooms.

## 2. PAC Meetings ....

Our next PAC meeting is on Tuesday, **14 April**. The meeting starts at 7:00 (6:30 for light snacks) in our second-floor library.

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

## 3. For grade 12 parents ... Dry Grad fundraising!

Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 12 Students,

The Dry Grad Committee is hard at work planning what we hope will be an unforgettable celebration for the 2020 graduating class. In lieu of traditional fundraising endeavors such as dinners, car washes, sales of flowers or chocolates, etc., we are conducting one major fundraising initiative – a Direct Donation Campaign. Funds raised through this Campaign will go towards enhancing the evening’s food, fun & festivities.

Donations may be made via cash, or cheque made out to Magee Secondary School. Please ensure you write “Dry Grad Donation” on your cheque and/or on your donation envelope. Your donations will be gratefully accepted in the school office and receipts for income tax purposes issued at a later date.

Contributions will also be accepted via School Cash Online using this link specific to Magee Secondary School:

<https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/1869/196/false/true?fundDestination=S-Magee>

You will have to log in to your child’s School Cash Online account. Friends and relatives who would like to donate may also use this link to register and make a donation. In the section “Message to School Board”, please type in DRY GRAD DONATION in the Message Box. (Otherwise your donation will be put towards the school’s general funds.)

All online donations will automatically generate an official receipt for income tax purposes in the name of the person or business whose information is entered online at the time of donation. To assist us with planning and budgeting for Dry Grad, we would very much appreciate receiving your donation **no later than Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**.

Regardless of method of donation, all Direct Donation Campaign donors’ names will be featured on our Donor Recognition Board, available for viewing at the school during grad weekend.

If you have any questions, please email [magedrygrad2020@gmail.com](mailto:magedrygrad2020@gmail.com). Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

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Warmly,

The 2020 Dry Grad Committee

#### 4. School Events.

##### FEBRUARY EVENTS:

Feb. 25 – Pascal/Cayley/Fermat Math Competitions

Feb. 27 – New York Model UN fieldtrip! Magee delegates leave for NY!!

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

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

#### Standing Links.

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

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