



# MAGEE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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**Magee News**  
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## 1. School updates.

Black history month.

Vancouver schools are following different paths respecting and reflecting on **February's Canada-wide Black History Month**. In addition to our teacher's ongoing classroom-based discussions that continuously builds our school's culture of respecting diversity and anti-racism, this month we do have two initiatives that focus specifically on the African experience.

The first is a school-wide Teams-based **formal school assembly** with a guest speaker reflecting on his experiences as a child in Rwanda and his journey to Canada. The second event is an outreach to our feeder elementary schools ...

Our Drama department picked up Ngugi wa Thiongo's (2020) *The Perfect Nine* (an epic poem describing the origins of wa Thiongo's people, the Gikuyu- one of the nation's constituting the Kenyan Federation), and are facilitating 19 of our students in grades 8-12, of different backgrounds, reading the entire epic in daily episodes during February. Readings are recorded and uploaded to a closed channel shared with Maple Grove and McKechnie ... and Edith Cavell who are currently in the swing space site. Grade 6/7 teachers are using the readings as part of their program; Grade 1-3 parents could use the readings as part of a bed-time story routine. And thanks to VSB media Elsie Roy Elementary asked to join the distribution

**Sean Richards**, grade 9, took time to show me his online learning socials assignment and collage. Sean looked at the NBA walkout protesting racial injustice and police brutality in the USA. In his conclusion Sean observed "I was inspired to choose this topic because I know how big the NBA walkout was to the sports world. These athletes used their platform to bring awareness of social injustice and police brutality to the world. It was also inspirational to see these athletes stand up for what they believe in and give a voice to the people who don't have the same platform".

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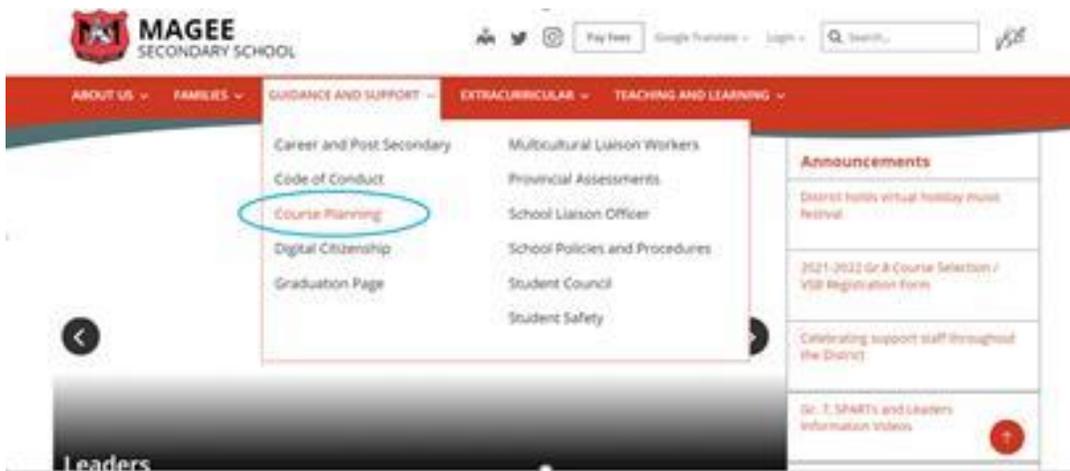
pipeline! [Here is the link](#) to the first 5 Chapters that Mr. Waterman sent me: It's a beautiful story amazingly read by our students- close your eyes and be transported!

Thanks Mrs. Byrne, DH for Drama, Mr. Waterman and your amazing students for supporting this awesome project!

**Course selection** is now open for grade 8 and 9 students!

We have two kinds of course selection- paper and online. Students will do both. Paper course selection forms are available on grade Teams channels, or from the counselling suite. Students should fill these in and hand these in at the counselling suite.

For online course selection, please go to our [school website](#). From the top drop-down menu, at **Guidance & Support** scroll down and select **Course Planning**. AM and PM grade 8 and 9 classes were given a paper copy of the steps to follow- these steps are also available at the course planning menu. Here's a screenshot from our webpage showing the Guidance and Support tab, and the Course Planning link circled in blue.



If students need assistance with MyEd access please email Miss Horne at [khorne@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:khorne@vsb.bc.ca). And if students need help with course planning current grade 8 and 9 students should contact [Mrs. Nordman](#); current

grade 10s please contact [Mrs. Miladinovic](#), and current grade 11's please contact [Mrs. Lercher](#).

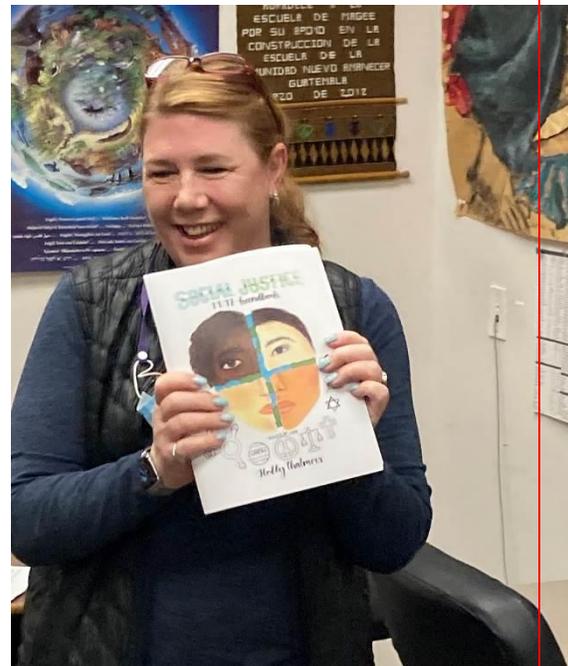
**Grade 8/9** course selection runs from today through to February 10th

Course selection for **grade 10 and 11** students will open on the 12<sup>th</sup> February and run through to the 17<sup>th</sup> February.

And there is no course selection for **grade 12** students because they will be out in the big wide world next year!!

## Congrats Mrs. Chalmers!

Magee is proud of our colleague Mrs. Chalmers: Just in the nick of time from VSB printing for Q3 Mrs. Chalmer's **Social Justice student workbook** arrived! The product of several years' worth of teaching and course development, Mrs. Chalmers drew her experience, and her student's feedback together into a publishable course package ... which arrived on Wednesday afternoon, the last day of Q2. We eagerly anticipate further editions and the teacher's guide! Mrs. Chalmers commissioned **Jasmine Goddard**, Grade 11, to design and produce her workbook's cover.



Congratulations Mrs. Chalmers and our Socials Department! We're so proud of you!!

## 2. PAC Update.

Dear Magee Families,

We welcome parents and students to our first PAC General meeting for 2021 coming up on **Tuesday, February 9**. As we enter Q3 and the school year midpoint, we invite parents to bring their interests and questions and let us know what could help support you and your families more. *Please pre-register at the link below!*

This meeting will include a **guest speaker from UBC**, who will give us information on the **UBC application and admissions process** followed by a Q&A session; students can also participate, particularly if they are in grade 11. We know that the admission process can be confusing, so we are looking forward to sharing this opportunity and information with you.

We also have a **VSB District Student's Council representative, Rachel Dong**, coming to tell us about an upcoming student lead event and to invite parents and students. Rachel is a grade 11 student at Eric Hamber Secondary and is the Logistics Coordinator for this year's VSB Sustainability Conference. Rachel is passionate about giving back to her community and volunteers with Ocean Wise and works to collect unsold bread from bakeries to donate to people living in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside community. Parents and students please come and listen and support these important initiatives and student leadership events.

Lastly, there will be updates on Q3 and the opportunity to raise questions or concerns. We are happy to have a community of dedicated parents and caregivers and look forward to seeing you at this meeting!

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## NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, February 9

TIME: 7PM - 9PM

LOCATION: Via Zoom: (Register)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvce2pqzouEtZspizW0IUOI7Qd3DifM10N>

MAIN TOPICS: Graduation and Application Process, Principal's Report, Upcoming Events and Updates, VSBSC Student Leaders

If you need to contact PAC please email us at [pac.magee@gmail.com](mailto:pac.magee@gmail.com)

SEE YOU SOON!

The Magee PAC

### 3. Community events

Ships2Shores invites young people online, on shore, and on ships to connect with each other, and explore sailing, coastal communities, the marine industry, and marine conservation. Since October 2020, S2S has reached 1800 youth across Canada! Ships2Shores has some exciting [FREE virtual activities](#) coming up! Your child will get to listen to awesome Canadian musicians, learn about marine conservation & Indigenous culture, explore Canada's maritime history, and much more! *And if you're between 12-30 years young, make sure to check out our [Sailing Access Fund](#), for the opportunity to join a tall ship's crew for up to a week!*

### FEBRUARY EVENTS:

Feb. 09 - PAC General meeting, 7:00pm

Feb. 12 - District Pro-D Day

Feb. 17 – School assembly.

Feb. 23 - Gr.9-12 Math Competition

Feb. 24 - Pink Shirt Day

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