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Magee News

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Magee Secondary wishes all our families a prosperous Lunar New Year!!

1. School updates.

Yearbook 2020-2021!

Students in our yearbook class formed a marketing committee and have developed a number of new initiatives aimed at increasing sales of their esteemed and highly valued publication. They sent in this note:

This message is sent to you in the hope that if you haven't already, please purchase our Magee 2021 yearbook! As this year's sporting and group events have all unfortunately been called off this is a fantastic opportunity for your child to be featured in our yearbook ... not once but multiple times!

This is the first year at Magee that we are giving away a special limited-edition t-shirt in a draw- if your student purchases a yearbook. To enter, all you have to do is purchase a yearbook on Schoolcash Online! Our yearbook team will also have tables at the main entrance of the school and will be accepting payment in cash, credit and debit!

Make sure to purchase your yearbooks, to cherish this year!

Excellence: A tradition

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Thank you so much!

The Vancouver School Board is conducting a **review of the School Liaison Officer (SLO) program**. Trustees would like to know about your understanding of the SLO program, your experience with it, and how the program could be changed or improved. Please use [the attached survey](#) to provide your insights! The survey is open until **Monday, February 15** (short turnaround!!) and is open to students and parents/guardians. Your responses will be anonymous.

Annually students across Vancouver, with VSB staff mentorship, organize a **student Sustainability conference** that explores different approaches to improving sustainability across the district and raise awareness of climate change. The conference is another opportunity for student engagement and during Covid provides an avenue for students to connect (again remotely!!). This year's speakers and mentors are of an exceptional calibre and offer an incredible depth of experience. For information on the conference please link [here](#) or [here](#)! This year's conference is being held on February 16 and 18.

Project Hastings is a recently established club at Magee which has recently registered as a non-profit organization with a Board of Directors and student volunteers who are Magee students. The project works with Vancouver students in a project of real-world significance: compassion and outreach in the downtown east side, and the **provision of support to homeless and street entrenched members of our community**. Through gifts of food, clothing, charitable events and care packages, Project Hastings intends to play a small role in alleviating the impact of homelessness and restore dignity to our most marginalized. [Here](#) is a link to their webpage.

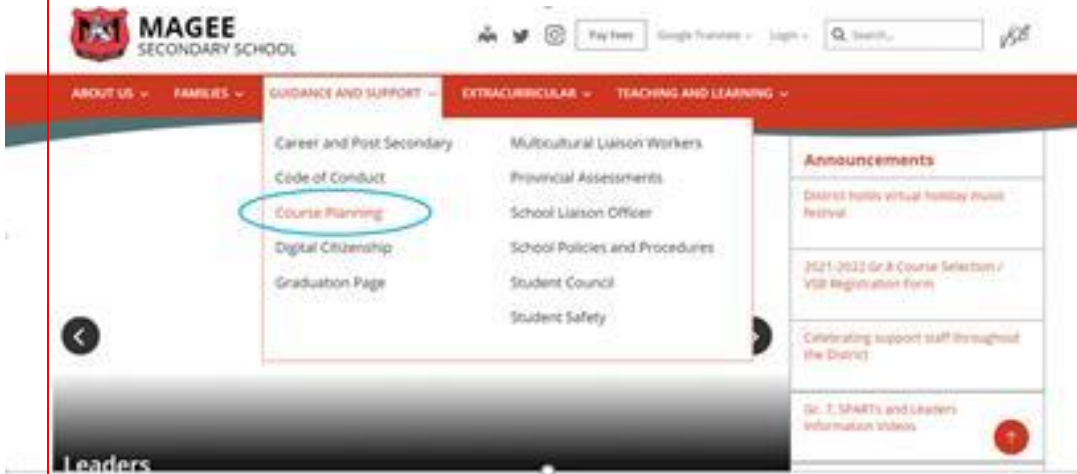


The **Project Hastings** initiative, coordinated by Magee Secondary student volunteers. From left to right: Stanley Chan (Point Grey); Jeffrey Zheng; Lionel Foo; Nickolas Zhang; Brandon Dai; Ian Chen; Carly Kwan.

Course selection is now open for grade 10 and 11 students! As with our 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 10 and 11 classes were given a paper copy of the steps to follow; additional copies are available from our counselling suite and from the administration office and online at the course planning menu. Below is 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. And if students need help with course planning current grade 10s please contact [Mrs. Miladinovic](#), and current

grade 11's please contact [Mrs. Lercher](#).



Course selection for **grade 10 and 11** students runs through to the 17th February.

Magee Chamber Choir singing in Granada, Spain (Pre-COVID!)

Our **Magee Chamber and Evolution Choir Auditions** are starting next week in the choir studio. Sign-up is on the choir room door (room 145)! Ability to read music is not a requirement/prerequisite!!

The Magee Chamber Choir is an award-winning choir, ranked one of the top choirs in Canada, and has always promoted Magee Secondary as *the place for the best* experience in quality education. So, encourage your child (and their friends) to audition to be a part of one of these ensembles that not only look great on a university transcript, but will change their life ... for the better! If you have questions, please email Mr. Quan at gquan@vsb.bc.ca or visit www.mageemusic.ca



Excellence: A tradition

Lunar New Year. With you, we celebrate the Year of the Ox! The Lunar New Year, also called the Spring Festival, is a time to honor ancestors and look forward to prosperity in the year ahead. This Lunar New Year marks the transition from the Year of the Rat to the Year of the Ox, which is associated with steady and meticulous planning and careful thought, positivity and a bountiful harvest! The lunar new year is welcomed with traditional food like yú (fish), nian gao (new year cake), and tang yuan (sweet rice ball). So, to all of you in our community celebrating – we wish you a Happy Lunar New Year!!

COVID updates!!

On pg.6 please find an updated **COVID-19 Daily Health Assessment** form. This form aligns with the advice from the most recent (February 4, 2021) updates for schools from the BC Center for Disease Control and Ministry of Education.



Magee's Project Hastings students delivering care packages in the DTES!

Please review this form daily with your child(ren) before they arrive at school. It is very important that any student who reports COVID-19 symptoms stay home. Like previous health assessments, this form asks if your child has:

- Any COVID-19 symptoms
- Travelled internationally in the last 14 days
- Been contacted and directed to stay home by public health.

BC K-12 Daily Health Tracker app

The Ministry of Education has also created a **BC K-12 Daily Health Checker app** to support daily health checks for students. This application is free, available in both Apple and android versions, and can be used in place of the new VSB Daily Health Assessment form. No personal information is collected by this application, however, the grade range selected within the app is tracked so that the Ministry of Education can better understand the application usage demographics. The K12 Daily Health Check app can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

As always, those experiencing symptoms of illness may also use the BC Self-Assessment Tool "Thrive Health" by visiting www.thrive.health/bc-self-assessment-tool.

Magee was chosen as a pilot site for an important study currently underway through a UBC/BC Children's Hospital collaboration examining **COVID transmission and prevention in schools**. With COVID there's very little peer reviewed research that is conducted and validated in school settings: There are applications and extrapolations of the science of COVID to school settings, but very little data collection and analysis done *in schools*. For example: Masks and the 2 mtr. social distancing rules. The research on COVID dispersal has been done in labs, controlled environments, and some social spaces, and then applied to school settings. When it comes to schools, I am aware only two international studies that were done in

school environments (one in Sweden and one in South Korea). How replicable are these studies to BC? The study aims to engage 1500 teaching and nonteaching Vancouver colleagues- *students are not involved*. Your Magee staff who volunteered to participate completed two short surveys, and on Wednesday our



colleagues from public health held a blood clinic for teachers, support staff and custodians in our staffroom. Our blood will be analysed for COVID antibodies and this data will be viewed alongside our exposure to risk factors and/or experience.

Magee appreciates this opportunity to contribute, however small, to our

understanding of COVID transmission in school settings. **Above, Ms. Lauren Muttucomaroe (left) with her UBC/BCCH research team.**

FEBRUARY EVENTS:

Feb. 17 – Black History Month School assemblies.
Feb. 23 - Gr.9-12 Math Competition
Feb. 24 - Pink Shirt Day

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](#)

COVID-19 Daily Health Assessment

All parents, guardians, and/or caregivers have the responsibility to conduct a Daily Health Assessment of your child(ren) each day before sending them to school.

Similarly, all VSB staff must complete a Daily Health Assessment and confirm completion each day at sign-in or with their supervisor. *Do not return this form to your school/supervisor.*

Keep a copy of this Daily Health Assessment in a handy area at home (such as in your kitchen) and incorporate this Daily Health Assessment into your morning routine, before leaving for school or work.

Daily Health Assessment			
1. COVID-19 Symptoms		Do you have any of the following symptoms?	
Fever (over 38°C)		YES	NO
Chills		YES	NO
Cough or worsening of chronic cough		YES	NO
Difficulty breathing		YES	NO
Loss of sense of smell or taste		YES	NO
Sore throat		YES	NO
Loss of appetite		YES	NO
Extreme fatigue or tiredness		YES	NO
Headache		YES	NO
Body aches		YES	NO
Nausea and vomiting		YES	NO
Diarrhea		YES	NO
2. International Travel	Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3. Close Contact	Have you had contact with a person who has COVID-19? You would have been advised of this by Public Health.	YES	NO
4. Isolate	Have you been told to isolate by Public Health?	YES	NO

WHAT TO DO NEXT

If you answered "No" to all of the above (1-4), the student or staff member is welcome to attend school or work.

1. If you answered "Yes" to any of the above symptoms, follow the instructions below:

SYMPTOMS		WHAT TO DO
Fever (above 38°C) Chills Cough	Loss of sense of smell or taste Difficulty breathing	1 or more of these symptoms: Get tested and stay home.
Sore throat Loss of appetite Headache Body aches	Extreme fatigue or tiredness Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea	If you have 1 symptom: Stay home until you feel better. If you have 2 or more of these symptoms: Stay home and wait 24 hours to see if you feel better. Get tested if not better after 24 hours.

2. If you answered "Yes" to travelling internationally within the last 14 days,
Self-quarantine for 14 days at home from the date that you arrived back in Canada.

3. If you answered "Yes" to being a Public Health confirmed close contact of someone who has COVID-19,
Self-isolate at home for 14 days. If you also have any symptoms or develop any, get tested for COVID-19.
Note: People who are close contacts are notified by Public Health.

4. If you answered "Yes" to having been told to isolate, you must stay home until Public Health says it is safe to return
Access the BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool (<https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en>) anytime to determine if you/your child should seek testing for COVID-19.

