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Magee News
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1. School updates.

Masks not mandatory!! The PAC organized **Grade 8 Music bingo** event is this **Tuesday, January 19th, at 7pm**. Grade 8's can get their Bingo Card at [this link](#). You will also need to register here ... https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqd-2vrDwvGtzZ5-z_zT2lDsi_Hmp-MHjp
Socially distanced socials don't get any better or safer than this- step away from that screen and join your graduating class of 2025 peers on Zoom for an event that you'll remember! \$200.00 in special door prizes!

School administration have asked our **VPD school liaison officer, Constable Ben Wong-Moon** to increase monitoring at the **intersection of Maple and 37th**. A singular benefit of the VPD school liaison officer program is that we develop a professional relationship with a single officer who gains a deep knowledge of our school's geography and personality, our student's and staff. In this case, Vice Principal Kelly Egilsson requested Constable Wong-Moon to increase monitoring of the traffic flow around the school, and traffic congestion at the Maple/37th intersection- which Ben has done this week. **Please:** no texting, phoning or drop off in-front of the school at Maple/37th. Str intersection- the area is designated no stopping for student safety reasons: pedestrians (students) crossing at the intersections need sightlines up and down Maple street and across down 37th; similarly other **drivers need the open sightlines to see pedestrians** and avoid a student who might not check for traffic while running home to start homework!!

In the cycle of a school's year, student course selection leads to timetabling which leads to Administration offering contracts to our teacher colleagues. So, when in January and February students **request to change courses** run-on impacts on staffing loads, class composition and class size occur, impacts which affect students across a grade. To prevent these disruptions we do not explore requests for course changes- except in the most exceptional of circumstances (for example, requests supported by a pediatrician or mental health professional). Student course selection (which drives the timetable) then becomes really important- more on this on page four!

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Collages in this Magee News come from our **Law 12** students. Part of their remote learning activity was to identify and research aspects of Crimes against Humanity and/or Genocide as two aspects of International Human Rights law. In addition to in-class presentations that are occurring during their contact block students were also asked to develop a representational collage, and write a comprehensive essay detailing their chosen Crime against Humanity or Genocide. **Mr. Brownrigg** was kind enough to share examples of the student's work. **Leah Lea, grade 11**, researched Korea's 'Comfort women' and their role during the Japanese occupation of Korea during the second world war. On the right of Lea's collage, she explained, on the walls of the brothel where the soldier waits, are the names of 'comfort' women- black names are women who have passed; green names are women who are still alive. On the left, images representing the violence of occupation. Caught between both forms of violence and destruction violence, a sightless crying woman.



2. PAC Update.

Mrs. Nellie Wong is perhaps a stranger to some Magee parents but she has had a dramatic impact on all of us! Nellie played a key role in revitalizing the PAC over the past five years, most importantly and recently as our Treasurer. Her role in ensuring our books are in order and our accounts are streamlined has ensured that we had seamless reporting to the Ministry of Justice Gaming Grants program and consequently a steady flow of gaming grant funds into the school. Mrs. Wong retired from the PAC Executive this year. PAC co-chair Skye Richards met up (socially distanced, of course) with Nellie on a frosty winter's day during the break and gave her a small gift of appreciation. Thank-you so much Nellie for your incredible dedication and professionalism, and for all that you have done for our school!



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Speaking of teachers and students who benefitted from Nellie's oversight, **Mr. Robinson and his technology students**, for example applied for PAC/Gaming Grant funding to upgrade our 3-D printers. Mr. Robinson sent a note to your exec on Wednesday with a photo of the printers and samples of student work. Mr. Robinson commented "We want to share with you the latest investment in the shop at Magee Secondary courtesy of your very generous donations. Pictured are two 3D printers, one of which is filament fed and the other is resin based. Together they offer the students at Magee unprecedented access to the world of 3D printing. We have been employing these printers with our students in Engineering and Fabrication with great success. That said, we have only



scratched the surface of their potential and look forward to working with them for years to come".

3. Community updates and opportunities Triumph Nuclear Research facility

The new year brings yet another round of the lab's longest running public lecture series! Now in a virtual livestream format, the Saturday Morning Lecture series allows Triumph to continue delivering equal parts accessible and interesting science talks for the general public.

The [Spring 2021 series](#) presents a variety of topics, from rare isotopes to optics, nano-machines to black holes. Their first lecture, "Evolution Is An Engineer – The Ingenious Nano-machines Inside All Living Things" will be broadcast live tomorrow **January 16th at 10:00 AM PST**. To tune in, visit youtube.com/triumflab – advance registration is not required.

Maria Corak, Grade 12.

Maria is Bosnian-Canadian. For her, choosing the collapse of Yugoslavia and the Balkan War as part of her Law 12 assignment was not just academic- it was also personal. This made for an exceptionally powerful essay assignment and an equally powerful portrayal of media's influence in representing Genocide.



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All talks in the series are archived on their YouTube page if you would like to revisit the talks. Visit Triumph's website for more information: [Saturday Morning Lectures](#).

UBC Engineers Without Borders student competition

This year's Engineers Without Borders Youth Venture **Covid-19 Case Competition** is fast approaching, sponsored by BC Children's Hospital Research Institute. Student sign up applications are still open- sign up here: <https://forms.gle/d1pnicEggJj6wwvm7>

The case competition is run over 2 days, January 30th and 31st. **Saturday January 30th** will be a panel discussion where 5 professionals from different backgrounds speak and answer questions. At the end of the day, the design topic will be released, and the student teams will have the rest of the evening to think about possible designs. On **Sunday January 31st**, there will be 5 informative videos released throughout the day describing the different stages of the engineering design cycle to help guide students through the design process. After viewing the video, students will be given time to work on that stage of the process and complete the associated deliverable. The deliverables created will ultimately be compiled and used for the final design pitch.

This design pitch will be judged by a panel of professional engineers as well as medical professionals. All participants will receive a certificate for their participation in this competition and the winning teams will receive their prizes via mail. For more information head to [this link](#).

Kerrisdale Community Center (KCC): Winter programs

Our local community centre, Kerrisdale, forwarded links to their Winter 2021 recreation guides with their program offerings current Covid season. Please see these links to their [website](#) and brochures; [volume 1](#) contains a variety of online programs while [volume 2](#) refers to in-person programs.

4. Counselling department news

Online course selection for the upcoming 2021-2022 academic year is coming up already!! We will be providing parents with online background information on course selection, course prerequisites, and graduation paths and requirements. Grade meetings in teams will explain the online selection process and course selection. Subsequent counsellor verification and possible counsellor-student meetings will occur in February. Our Magee Course planning guide is available online [here](#). Please continue to discuss with your child their possible career paths and encourage them to be thoughtful as they choose their courses for next year!

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An open access event showcasing Canadian Universities, programs, areas of specialization, and entrance requirements will be held over the weekend of 20/21 January. Grade 10, 11, and 12 students should book the 4:00 to 7:00pm timeslot and log into this free event! Additional details below ...



CUE Canadian Universities Event

**January
20th & 21st
4:00 - 7:00pm
PST**



Join us for a two day event connecting with post-secondary representatives from across Canada!

online

<https://cuebc.org/> [cuebc_org](https://www.instagram.com/cuebc_org)

JANUARY EVENTS:

Jan. 20 – Leaders Interviews

Jan. 26-29 – Gr.10 Numeracy & Literacy Exams

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