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PREFACE

Welcome to the last edition of our 2024-2025 series! It is an honor to celebrate our community with you all one last time this year.

And there is much to celebrate. In this edition, please look forward to the triumphs of Magee's sports teams, fun upcoming community events, advice from graduating 12s, and more from our vibrant voices.

This edition is also one of gratitude. Thank you to Mr. Mirani and the Vancouver School Board for the support in publishing, the magazine team that have made our editions possible, and our readers — we hope you have enjoyed reading as much as we have enjoyed creating each page for you. Please keep showing love for our magazine now and always!

Happy reading!

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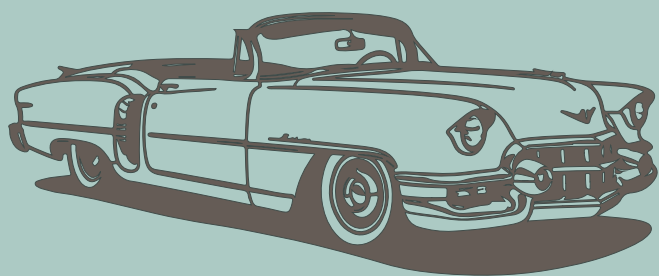
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BOYS TENNIS

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS

2025



The Boys' Tennis team had a dominant and memorable season, going nearly [undefeated](#) and proving themselves as a force in both singles and doubles matches. After securing the [city championship](#), the team faced longtime rivals St. George's in the provincial finals and came out on top with a [sweeping 4-1 victory](#). Their hard work and dedication all season led to a well-deserved title. Special recognition goes to captain Masa for his leadership on and off the court. As he graduates this year, we thank him for his lasting contributions to the team.



PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS

2025

GIRLS TENNIS

This season, our Girls' Tennis team served up an unforgettable year, taking home both the city and provincial championships in back-to-back triumphs! With skill, determination, and unbeatable team spirit, the girls fought hard throughout the season, staying almost undefeated from the first match to the very last. In a nail-biting provincial final, the team pulled through with a 3-2 win against Heritage Woods, thanks to an incredible clutch performance from Katelynn and Mila in girls' doubles. Their match sealed the victory and secured the title, wrapping up a historic season for the team. We couldn't be prouder — go team!





VANCOUVER CHAMPIONS

2025

BADMINTON

In a display of sheer determination, skill, and school spirit, the Junior Boys' and Girls'

Badminton Teams have soared to victory, clinching the prestigious Vancouver City Championship titles. Both teams brought back home a dazzling trophy and a long-awaited banner. The Junior Boys dominated the season with a flawless, undefeated streak, sweeping every match they played. Not far behind, the Junior Girls battled fiercely, dropping only one match the entire tournament, and seized victory for the rest of the games.

Congratulations to our Junior Champions!



VANCOUVER CHAMPIONS

2025

SENIOR GOLF

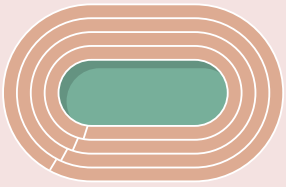
Big congratulations to the Magee Senior Golf Team on a standout season! After battling it out with some of the strongest schools in Vancouver, both the Senior A & B team came out on top, winning TWO Vancouver City Championships. Their **teamwork**, **focus**, and all-around solid play earned them a spot at the **BC Provincials** in Kelowna — a major milestone for the program and a proud moment for the Magee community.



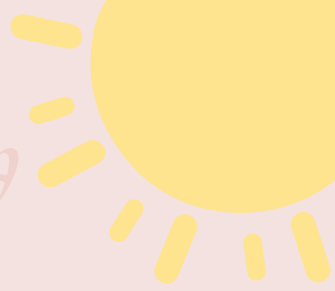
Provincials were held at the hilly Shuswap course in Salmon Arm, just outside of Kelowna. It was a tough track with even tougher competition from across the province. The Magee team held their own, staying locked in under pressure and finishing fourth overall with a total score of +33. Though they just missed the podium, finishing **fourth in the province**, it was a strong finish to a season marked by **effort**, **improvement**, and **team spirit**. Congrats again to the team and coaches — you made Magee proud!

“The course was tough and the competition was strong, but we kept each other motivated the whole way through,” said Grade 11 player Aidan Liu, “we were proud of how we played and how we stuck together.”





Track and Field



Our Magee Track and Field season was packed with effort, laughter, and unforgettable moments! A total of 73 members showed up, ran, and had an amazing time bonding with the new team. Throughout the season, they've run in meets in UBC and Point Grey. A strong team spirit was built through sideline cheering, trying new events, and giving their best effort.



Some notable shoutouts from the Skyzone Finals:

- Julia ranking 6th in gr.8 shotput
- Gael ranking 10th in sr. 400m hurdles
- Joao ranking 5th in gr.8 200m hurdles
- River ranking 9th in jr. long jump
- Yosef ranking 9th in gr.8 shotput
- Kasra ranking 11th in gr.8 shotput
- Kristina ranking 9th in sr. 100m hurdles

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CITY SEMI-FINALISTS

2025



Led by the supportive guidance of coaches Mr. Bilodeau and Mr. Aveline during their bi-weekly practices, the players continued to build their skills and confidence with each game. Overall, these hardworking student-athletes had an amazing season and have earned the cheers and pride of the whole school community!

Girls Soccer



The Magee Girls' Soccer Team knocked it out of the park this year with a season full of **energy**, **dedication**, and **growth**. Coming together with strong **team spirit** and **determination**, they secured 4 wins out of 7 games, showing impressive progress and chemistry on the field. Two of their standout performances were their dominant **6-0** victories over King George and University Hill, where their offensive and defensive coordination truly shined. Another exciting highlight was a hard-fought **5-3** win against Point Grey, showcasing the team's resilience and ability to push through high-pressure moments.



Lifestyle
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Travel Tips

It's always best to be prepared...

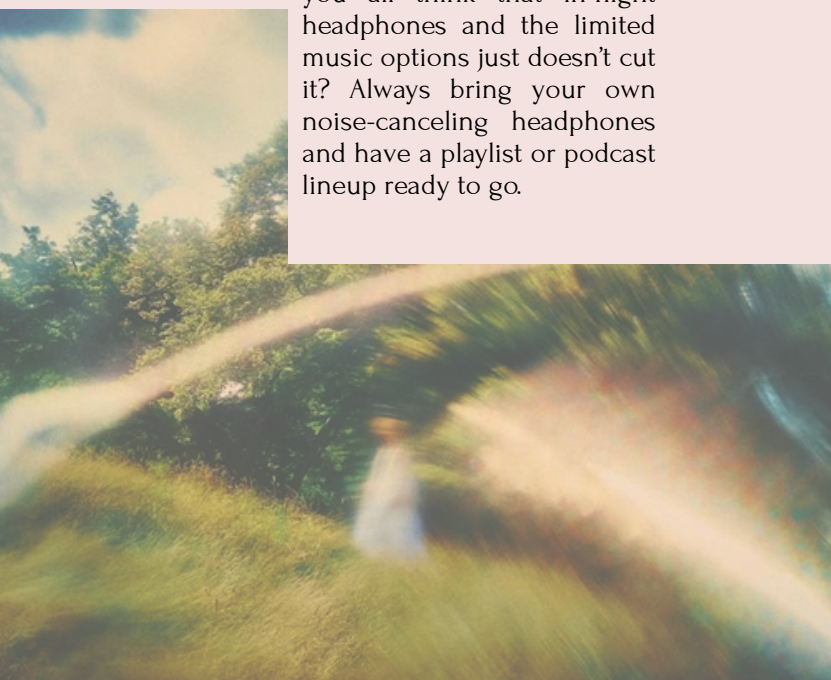
1 With summer approaching and the world beckoning beyond your doorstep, it's time to start planning your next adventure. Whether you're jetting off to a faraway destination or simply escaping for a weekend retreat, smart planning is the secret ingredient that transforms travel chaos into a joy-filled journey!

1 First, **download** before you hit the road! In-flight roaming data can be slow or unavailable. Make sure to download your favourite **movies**, **shows**, **music**, and more!



2 Second, it's essential to pack a **mini essentials kit**! Pack a small pouch with all the essentials needed for **on the go**: sun protectant lip balm, face wipes, gum, deodorant, a clean shirt, and a phone charger (bring an adapter if the country's outlets are different!)

3 Third, bring your own **headphones**. After all, don't you all think that in-flight headphones and the limited music options just doesn't cut it? Always bring your own noise-canceling headphones and have a playlist or podcast lineup ready to go.



4 Fourth, when traveling, **don't dress to impress**! Aim for something comfortable but clean — joggers or travel pants, a hoodie or jacket, and good sneakers. You'll feel relaxed and still look put-together while traveling.



5 Lastly, know the **power bank rule**! Power banks are allowed as long as they're under 100 watt-hours (around 27,000mAh) and packed in your carry-on, not checked luggage. Just remember to bring a plug in charger so you don't end up stranded with no battery!



GET READY FOR...

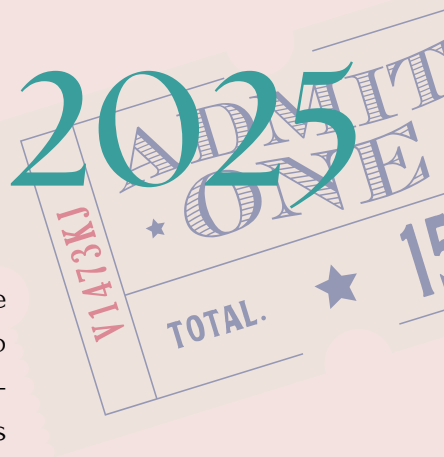
New Movies

Summer 2025

June 20
Elio



What if the most ordinary kid in the world became Earth's ambassador to the galaxy... by accident? In Elio, an 11-year-old daydreamer suddenly finds himself surrounded by aliens who think he speaks for all of humanity. Packed with imagination, cosmic laughs, and Pixar heart, this movie is truly out of this world.



The tiny blue legends return in a brand-new animated musical adventure! This time, Smurfette takes center stage on a magical quest beyond the village to rescue Papa Smurf. With original songs by Rihanna (voicing Smurfette), this movie bursts with color, comedy, and toe-tapping tunes the whole family will love.

July 18
Smurfs



Just when you thought they'd turned over a new leaf... the Bad Guys are back! Mr. Wolf and his crew team up with a mysterious new squad for their wildest, wackiest mission yet. Expect high-speed heists, clever twists, and tons of laughs in this action-packed animated sequel that proves even the "bad guys" can do good.

August 1
The Bad Guys 2



Summer Concerts

Leon Bridges

Where: Pacific Colosseum
When: August 23rd



Meghan Trainor

Where: Pacific Colosseum
When: August 30th

The Marias

Where: Doug Mitchell
Thunderbird Sports Centre
When: July 25th and 26th



Katy Perry

Where: Rogers Aren When: July 22nd

Teddy Swims

Where: Doug Mitchell
Thunderbird Sports
Centre
When: August 30th



Tate McRae

Where: Rogers Arena
When: August 4th and 5th



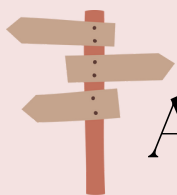
The Weeknd

Where: Rogers Arena
When: July 15th and 16th



Ken Carson

Where: Doug Mitchell Thunderbird
Sports Centre
When: August 24th



Pack Smart: A Backpacker's Survival Guide



As the weather warms up, it's the perfect time to get outside and—yes—touch some grass, both literally and figuratively. There's no better season for a classic hike, especially here in Vancouver, where we're surrounded by some of the most breathtaking trails in the world. Hiking isn't just a great way to explore nature with friends and family—it's also a powerful boost for your physical health, mental clarity, and overall well-being.

So, without further ado, let's hit these trails (and learn how to pack for it)!

What to pack:

Water

- 1L for every 2 hours of hiking
- Bring a water filter or purification tablets for multi-day trips

Food

- High-energy snacks: trail mix, bars, jerky, nuts
- Pack 1 extra meal in case of delay.

First-Aid

- Band-aids, alcohol wipes, Polysporin
- Painkillers + any personal meds
- Add blister care and tape for longer trips

Extra Protection

- Sunscreen (SPF 30+), lip balm with SPF
- Bug spray (DEET or picaridin)

Clothing

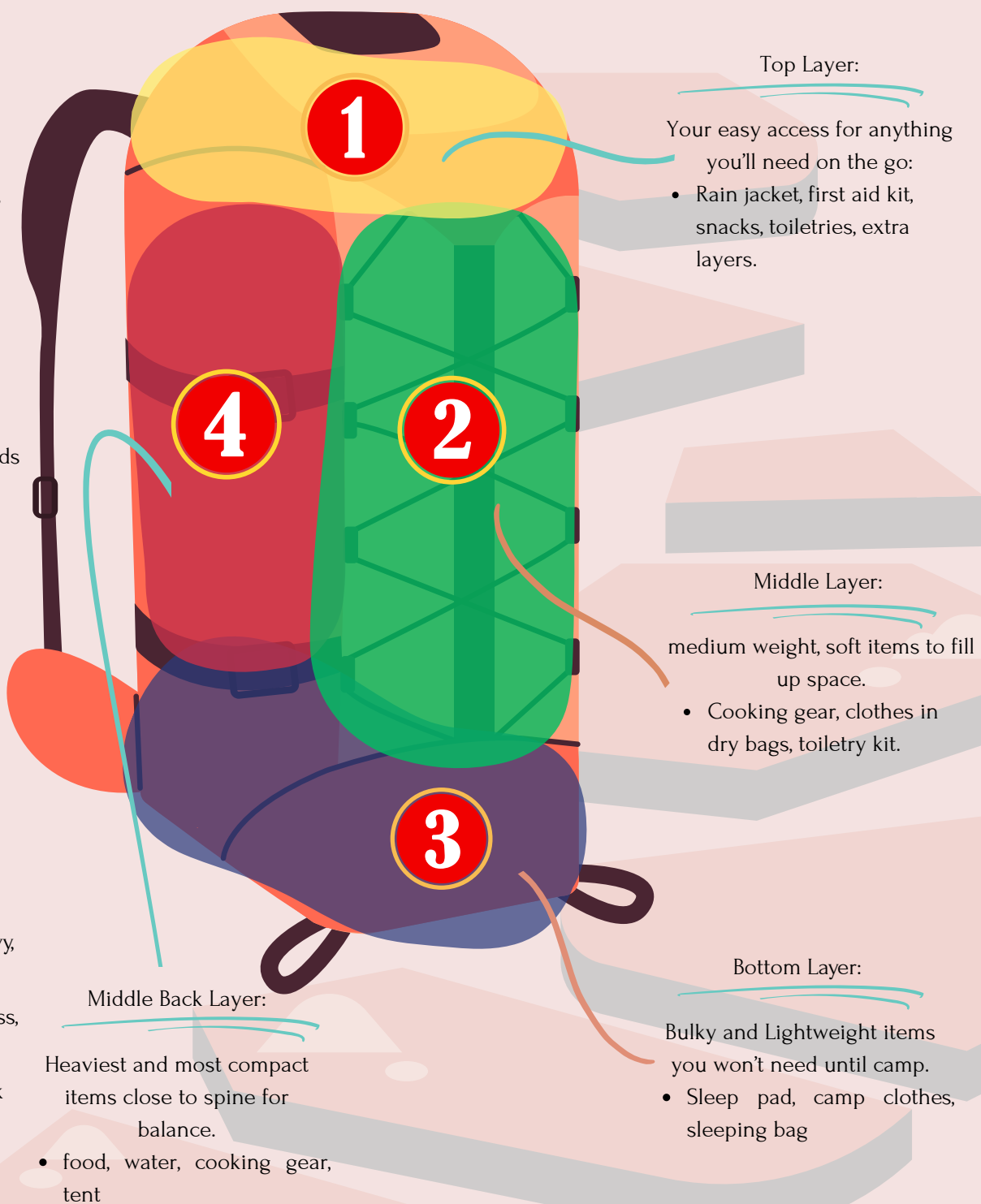
- Moisture-wicking base layer
- Warm layer (fleece or puffy)
- Waterproof shell
- Camp shoes

Extra Gear

- Backpack (50–70L), tent or bivy, sleeping bag, sleeping pad
- Headlamp, knife, map, compass, dry bags

- Stove + fuel, lighter, pot, spork

How to Pack:





Citrusy Earl Grey White Chocolate Chunk *Cookies*

Soft and chewy, sweet and chocolatey, citrusy and floral... these words could be describing none other than this ultimate summer baked treat! These cookies are super chewy like a snickerdoodle, with floral, delicate hints of earl grey tea, fruity notes from the orange zest, and the lingering toasty taste of browned butter. What's better is that you can customize it based on your citrus and sweetness level of choice!

Steps

1. Preheat oven to 350F. Line two large baking pans with parchment paper.
2. In a saucepan over medium heat, add the butter. Once melted, continue to stir until brown specs form at the bottom and it smells nutty, about 5-6 minutes.
3. Remove the brown butter from heat to stir in the earl grey tea leaves. Let steep 5-10 minutes, depending on how strong you want the taste to be.
4. In a large mixing bowl, combine the sugar and orange zest. Mix with your fingers to release the orange essences.
5. Add the eggs, egg yolks, dark brown sugar, and vanilla. Whisk vigorously for 1 minute.
6. Strain the earl grey tea leaves out of the browned butter and pour the browned butter into the egg mixture. Add the orange juice, as well. Whisk vigorously for one more minute.
7. In a separate bowl, mix the flour, baking soda, and salt together. Add to the browned butter mixture and fold all ingredients together.
8. Fold in the chopped white chocolate chunks.
9. Using a large cookie scooper, about $\frac{1}{4}$ cup batter per cookie, evenly distribute the cookies on the prepared baking pans with 3-4" in between each.
10. Roll each cookie dough ball in granulated cane sugar and (optional) the edges in sesame seeds.
11. Bake for 10-15 minutes, until centers are set. Halfway into baking, take the pans out to gently bang against the stovetop to interrupt the baking process.
12. Let cool on the pan for 10 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack.

Ingredients



- 2 sticks unsalted butter
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup earl grey tea leaves
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup granulated cane sugar
- + more for rolling
- Zest of 2 oranges
- 1 $\frac{1}{3}$ cup dark brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 2 egg yolks
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- Juice of $\frac{1}{2}$ orange
- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups all purpose flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. fine baking salt
- 2 cups chopped white chocolate
- (Optional) $\frac{1}{3}$ cup sesame seeds





Community
Community
Community

MATCHA

Review

Hey Magee! Do you love matcha? Do you want to hear some light-hearted reviews on drinks? Or do you just want to come along for the ride? If so, you are going to love Magazine Club's Matcha Review! We went to places in Vancouver that sell matcha and would love to tell you our take!

NANA'S GREEN TEA

159 W 4th Ave, Vancouver, British Columbia V5Y 1G4

Nana's Green Tea is a Japanese matcha cafe that specializes in premium matcha goods. Be warned, their high quality comes with a matching price tag. With that being said, let's dive into the matcha.

MATCHA SHIRATAMA 7/10

This drink had a strong matcha punch of flavour from the first sip. It has a frappuccino-adjacent texture and also contains mochi at the bottom of the drink. The drink stayed relatively frozen at the bottom of the cup and we weren't the biggest fan.

BLACK SESAME SHIRATAMA FRAPPE 7.5/10

This bold drink is made up of the same frappuccino base with the addition of a black sesame ice cream. It has a high quality taste but lacks the eponymous black sesame flavour unless directly eating the ice cream. This isn't necessarily a bad thing but could be an important factor to note when ordering. The mochi was the same as the ones in the Matcha Shiratama.

MATCHA NAMA CHOCO PARFAIT 9.5/10

This parfait was the perfect balance of sweetness. The ice cream is a delightful touch to the item and adds a milky sweetness that is truly delectable. It presents a great variety of textures and flavours with cereal, red bean paste and incredibly soft matcha-flavoured jellies. The flavours meshed well and it was overall a really delicious treat.

MATCHA SWISS ROLL 6/10

This spongy cake was quite simple. It consists of only cake and whipped cream. The whipped cream was soft and light. However, the matcha lacked flavour compared to other items on their menu. It was seriously sweetened but didn't overly harm it as an item.

HONOLULU COFFEE

2098 W 41st Ave, Vancouver, British Columbia V6M 1Y8

MATCHA 7/10

When drinking this matcha, there is more of a grass taste compared to other matcha. As a result of the ice and general concentration, it has a more muted flavour compared to other similar drinks. However, it was still thoroughly enjoyable.



Summer in VANCOUVER

Don't miss out:

Richmond Night Market

The Richmond Night Market has returned yet again for its 25th anniversary! Featuring over 100 food booths and 500 food items from all over the world, there's something here for everyone to try. This year, every food booth will feature at least one food item priced under \$10 and drinks for \$7! In addition, the night owls out there will appreciate the After Party Discount – admission after 10pm will be just \$5. If you're an adrenaline junkie, you can try the world's first Night Market Zipline, spanning over 600 feet. With 4 ziplines side by side, riders can take in the sights and sounds of the night market with their friends and family.

Steveston Salmon Festival

Get the party poppin' with "Canada's biggest little birthday party": The Steveston Salmon Festival! Celebrate Canada's 158th birthday with the festival's many activities, for foodies and little ones alike. Try the iconic Salmon Bake, a bowl of tasty chow mein, or a thick stack of fluffy pancakes; visit the Art Show to admire the works of some local artists; enjoy live music at the Catch of the Day Zone, and check out some of the goods at the marketplace! No matter your preferences, there's something for everyone!

Bard on the Beach: Shakespeare Festival

Calling all Shakespeare fanatics! Bard on the Beach is Western Canada's largest nonprofit Shakespeare festival, averaging 100,000 attendees every year from June through September. Festival goers can visit two tents: The Mainstage Theatre tent, where the big shows take place, featuring a unique open-ended background of Vancouver's very own mountains and sky. The Douglas Campbell Theatre tent hosts productions of some of Shakespeare's minor plays as well as some contemporary plays.

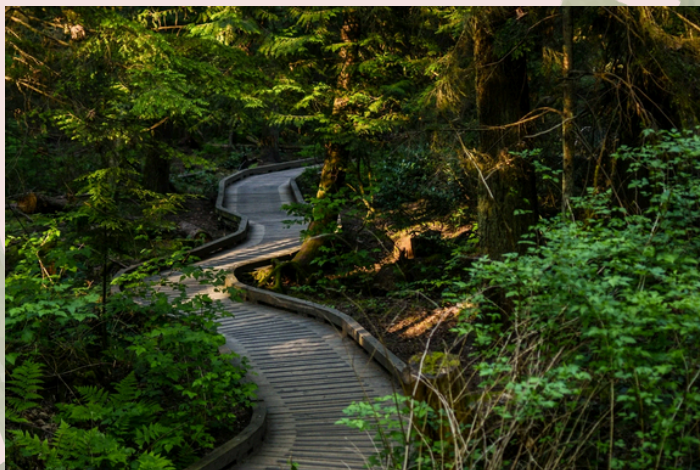
Granville Island

Looking for an all-in-one stop for shopping, dinner, and entertainment? Granville Island is the place for you this summer! Go for a walk around the Public Market for some colourful food and fresh produce, enjoy dinner with a seaside view at Dockside Restaurant, and watch an Arts Umbrella Show to end off the night!

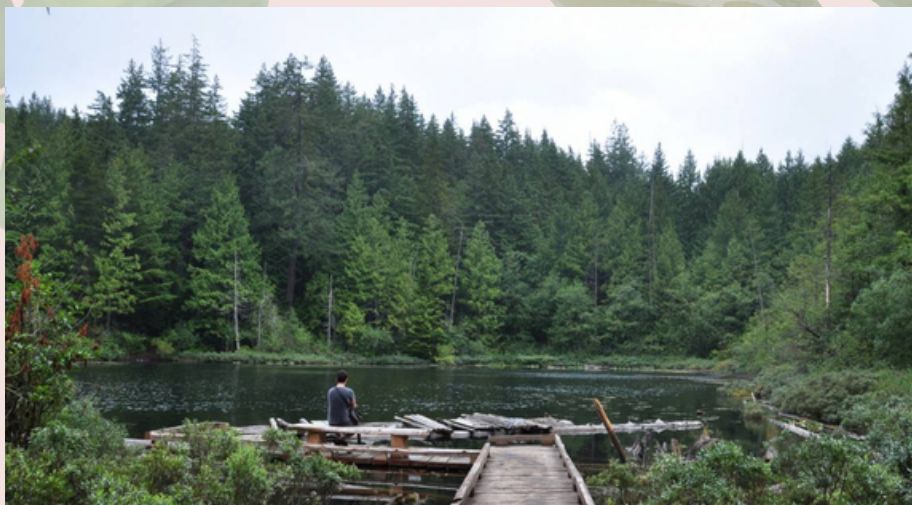
3 Vancouver Hidden Gems

Tatlow Park Secret Waterfall

Tucked behind the trees in [Tatlow Park](#), a secret waterfall flows quietly over moss-covered rocks, offering a calm, unexpected escape. Surrounded by greenery and birdsong, it feels worlds away from the city.



Whyte Lake



[Whyte Lake](#) feels like a secret you earn. After a steady forest hike, the trees open up to reveal a quiet lake ringed with cedar and stillness. It's a favourite for cold dips, early morning paddles, or just sitting at the dock, letting the silence settle in.

Sloquet Hot Springs

Deep in the backcountry north of Vancouver, [Sloquet Hot Springs](#) offer a raw and rugged escape. Nestled beside a rushing river and surrounded by towering forest, these natural pools range from steaming hot to icy cold — untouched, undeveloped, and totally worth the journey.



Water Fountain Rankings

VOL selected *best* fountain

Coldness 4 / 5

Refreshingness 5 / 5

Bottle refilling 4 / 5

First floor gym fountain

2nd place (decent)

Coldness 3 / 5

Refreshingness 4 / 5

Bottle refilling 4 / 5

Magee

Third floor math dpt. Fountain

Second floor language dpt. Fountain

3rd place (mediocre)

Coldness 4 / 5

Refreshingness 4 / 5

Bottle refilling 3 / 5

Senior Advice

Questions from gr8s & senior answers | Asia Wong & Hayley Zeng

What will you miss about Magee/High School?

Something that I'm going to miss about high school is the atmosphere. There were certainly times where I felt unmotivated and stressed, but on the other side of that, there were actual times of fun! This is practically the last time that I'll be with all of the individuals that I've been surrounded with for the past 5 years. Something that I wish I did during my years of high school is record little vlog segments and take more pictures. You only get to experience high school once and so for keepsakes, you could definitely keep a journal to write in about random events, or again, you could record a little vlog for yourself so you can look back on it in the future. Meeting new people, hanging out with friends during lunch, and learning from great teachers - I'm certainly going to miss it all. As a someone who often reminisces, high school is definitely one of my experiences that I'll be thinking about for a while.

Who's the easiest teacher?

♡ I think defining who is the easiest teacher is pretty case to case basis as everyone has different opinions and all. Learning requires effort and so putting in the work and also having a good teacher contributes to the overall easiness. If you're looking for a good teacher for learning a new language and are interested in learning Spanish, I'd recommend Señora MacGarvie. She's a great Spanish teacher and makes the process of learning a new language enjoyable and fun! Learning a new language can be difficult, but Señora MacGarvie is super supportive in the process and is very encouraging!

♡ There is no such thing as an easy teacher but I'd say the most fun class is World History 12. Mr. Hall teaches the concepts so it's easy to grasp.

Are APs hard?

Of course — they're APs for a reason — but the level of difficulty can definitely vary. Personally, I found AP Psychology to be the easiest, while APUSH was probably the most challenging.

What's STEM like?

I'm not pursuing a STEM major myself; I'm going into business. STEM courses can be challenging, but they're incredibly valuable. In fact, many aspects of business, especially in areas like finance and analytics, rely heavily on math and other STEM skills.

What is the application process for university like?

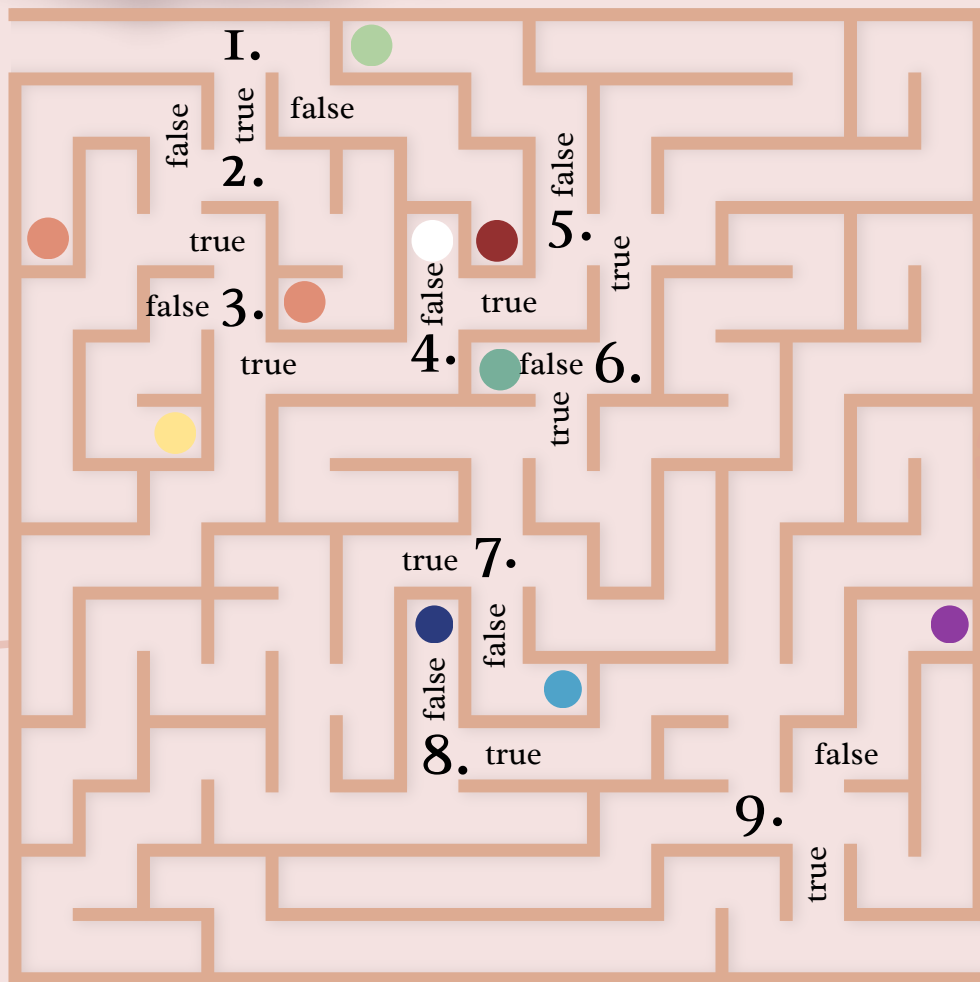
There are a lot of application portals to navigate, so start early! I created my Common App and Education PlannerBC account in Grade 11 and had already compiled a list of schools I wanted to apply to. Once the essay prompts are released, begin working on them right away-use your time strategically to get ahead. Don't leave things until the last minute; you'll need to gather important materials like recommendation letters, high school transcripts, and other documents that can take time to request. After you submit your application, you'll need to submit some mid-year documents and wait for your decisions.

Maze Quiz

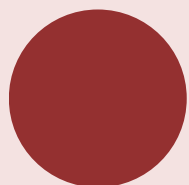
How strong is your school spirit?

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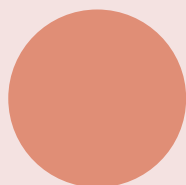
Magazine Club has created the perfect way to end off the school year! The rules are quite simple. Every statement has two different answers and two different paths for each (ex. I ran a marathon, True or False). For every number you come across, one would answer either **true** or **false** and follow its direction to the coinciding statement. This depends on whether or not the person did it this school year. You will finish at a coloured dot and your final colour will be a percentage of your school spirit.



1. I went to the Lions' Den
2. I participated in a Spirit Week event
3. I bought something from a club fundraiser at lunch or FIT
4. I read 2+ Voice of the Lions (including this one)
5. I bought any form of Magee merchandise
6. I acted in, aided, directed or attended a Players' or Mainstage show
7. I was associated with a team from Magee Athletics
8. I went to the Magee Athletics Banquet
9. I attended or played in a Magee Music Society Concert



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20%



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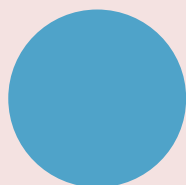
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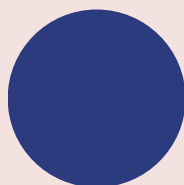
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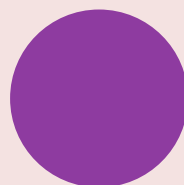
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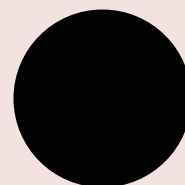
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Lapu-Lapu Acknowledgement

The Magee school community joins students across the city in mourning the lives lost and forever changed by the heartbreaking tragedy at the Lapu Lapu event in Vancouver. Our hearts are with the victims—those whose lives were taken far too soon, those who were injured, and those who carry the weight of witnessing such a traumatic event. This tragedy also struck close to home, as the new school of our former principal, Dr. Schofield, was nearby, adding another layer of closeness to this unimaginable event. We extend our heartfelt condolences to everyone affected and stand in solidarity with the impacted families, friends, and loved ones. In times like these, it's more important than ever to lean on each other, show compassion, and come together in support and healing.

The Lapu Lapu Festival is a celebration rooted in Filipino history and pride, honouring the heroism of Datu Lapu-Lapu, the chieftain who led his people in resisting Spanish colonization during the Battle of Mactan in 1521. Recognized as one of the first defenders of Philippine sovereignty, Lapu-Lapu symbolizes courage, resistance, and national identity. This festival brings communities together to celebrate Filipino culture through music, dance, food, and storytelling. The streets come alive with colourful parades and the rich aroma of classic Filipino dishes like adobo, lechon, and lumpia. Filipino art is proudly displayed, featuring indigenous textiles, historical artifacts, and handcrafted works. Live music, traditional dances, and vibrant cultural showcases draw people from across the city—and even around the world. For many, especially Filipino Canadians, it's a joyful and meaningful way to reconnect with their heritage and share it with others. By celebrating Lapu Lapu, we not only honour a national hero but also strengthen the bonds within our community.

Here are some ways you, yes you, can support victims, families and those affected by this awful tragedy:



There are other ways to support beyond financial means; you can donate your [time](#) through the Kapwa Strong, where you can help in varying ways.



Another vessel to support those impacted: you can send your funds through the [United Way BC's Kapwa Strong Fund](#). They provide immediate assistance, counseling and trauma services as well as other critical support as the community begins to heal.



You can directly financially support the victims and their families through the [Archdiocese of Vancouver](#). Your donations will aid them immediately and ensure that ongoing healing and outreach services are available in the weeks and months ahead.

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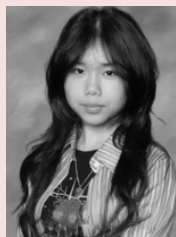
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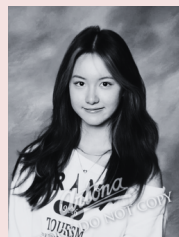
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