



APRIL NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES

April 4	First Day Back from Spring Break
April 13/27	Flex Day
April 19	Valedictorian Nominations
April 22	Quarter 3 Ends
April 25	Quarter 4 Begins
April 25-28	Grade 10-12 Literacy/Numeracy Assessments
May 2 – 6	Parent/Teacher Contact
May 2	Report Cards Posted to MYED this Week
May 3	Valedictorian Speeches Due
May 11	Flex Day
May 11	Grad BBQ
May 23	Victoria Day (no school)
May 31	Spring Concert 6:30 – 8:00 pm

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CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS FOR COACHES AND PARENT VOLUNTEERS



Our district policy around criminal records checks has changed and moving forward, all volunteer parent drivers will need to have a criminal record check, not just coaches and chaperones. If you are planning to drive for a field trip or sporting event, please start the process asap.

<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/gp-vanier-secondary/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2021/06/Criminal-Record-Check-Form.pdf>



Grad '22 planning is in full swing. We are currently designing Vanier's first ever outdoor Grad ceremony to take place on the afternoon of Saturday June 25th, 2022. We will also have a backup plan in the event of nasty weather. Look for more details to follow in the coming weeks.

VANIER BIKE COMPOUND – NOW OPEN!



As gas prices continue to soar, we are pleased to announce that Vanier has a new bike storage compound. On April 14th at 12 noon, we will officially open our new bike storage facility. Our grade 8 leadership class in coordination with our environmental team will be planning the festivities with special guest appearances, swag, and a chance of some food for all our bike riding students and colleagues. This will also kick off our Go by Bike initiative led by our very own Mr. Andrew Young (365 days on his bike in 2021).



Outdoor Learning Centre

If you have driven up our driveway in the last month, you may have noticed a striking new structure on the hill overlooking the Rugby pitch. Thanks to Island TimberFrame for the work done on our new outdoor classroom. We will have full access to this new facility after the weather warms up and we can get the stain on it. Hopefully late April or early May.



PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENTS

Students must write three assessments in their graduation program – Numeracy 10, Literacy 10, and Literacy 12. In January, grade 10's who had an English or Math class in semester one were scheduled to write their numeracy or literacy assessments. Unfortunately, the ministry needed to cancel the session at the last minute, leaving us to reschedule the students for later in the year.

Grade 10's will now write their assessments, using a Flex Day in April or June. In April, students with a last name starting with A-L will write both their numeracy and literacy assessments on April 27th, while students with a last name starting with M-Z will write their assessments on June 15th. Students requiring extra time or supports will be contacted by our Learning Support Teachers to make arrangements to implement those supports, including possibly writing on different days during those weeks. Any grade 11 or 12 students who missed their assessment should see Ms. Oddleifson in the office to be scheduled for April as soon as possible.

Assessments can't really be studied for; however it is possible to prepare for the assessment. The ministry has sample questions and tests available here - [Click Here](#).





The Foundry Comox Valley

Vanier students – if you are looking for community support with mental health, relationships, family, etc., Vanier has Youth Outreach Counsellors from the Foundry available to meet with students every Friday in the Counselling office. Foundry is a province-wide network of integrated health and social service centres for young people ages 12-24. Foundry centres provide a one-stop-shop for young people to access mental health care, substance use services, primary care, social services and youth and family peer supports!

The Foundry Comox Valley is offering Drop-in counselling for students at Vanier on the following days:

March 18, 9am – 1pm

April 8, 9am – 1pm

April 22, 9am – 1pm

Vanier Athletics

Congratulations to Vanier wrestlers, two of whom placed 3rd and 5th in their divisions at the BC High School **Wrestling** Championships.



Congratulations also goes to Emma McCarthy who placed 9th in the girls **snowboard** division of the BC High School Ski and Snowboard Championships.



Gymnasts Emily Blackwell and Emma McCarthy are representing Vanier at the BC High School **Gymnastics** Championships this weekend.



Spring sports are under way! Our girls and boys **rugby** teams have already played their first games of the season. Our **track & field**, **golf**, girls **soccer** and **ultimate** teams have started practicing. **Mountain biking** and grade 8 boys **rugby** will start up after spring break. Check the daily announcements for times.

