



Georges P. Vanier  
Secondary School

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**Thursday Jan 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
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Courtenay  
British Columbia



**NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

- \* **Free Mental Health Workshop**- see details here [Mental Health Workshop Flyer](#)
- \* **Did you sign up to work behind the scenes for Matilda - the musical?** Would you like to work on things like set building and/ or painting and/ or costumes and or publicity and/or so many other aspects of working behind the scenes for a fantastic show? And get credit? Please attend a meeting this Friday at lunch in the MPR.
- \* **International Students Goodbye Lunch - Pizza and Treats.**  
Tuesday, January 24. Lunch time in Room 118-119 (International Room)
- \* **CAFETERIA**  
Menu for Jan 16-20 [Menu](#)  
No service available January 25, 26, 27, 31 Feb 1, 2. With limited service Feb 3.
- \* **The G.P Vanier online school store** has re-opened and will remain open **until February 24th**. Please order your school clothing at <https://gpvanier.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>
- \* **BC Transplant** is excited to share that this year they will be awarding **four \$1500 scholarships** to grade 10-12 **students who lead an organ donation awareness project in their school or community** during the 2022/2023 school year. If you are interested in learning more about this scholarship, please make an appointment to see Mrs. Morris in the counselling office by Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- \* **GRADE 12 GRADS:** The deadline is approaching to get your applications in for the Cmolik Foundation Scholarship and the Schulich Leadership Scholarship. Please have your applications in to the counselling office by **Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Allan in the counselling office.
- \* **GRAD PHOTO RETAKES** will no longer be taken in the MPR and will be taken at Mezzanine (Rink 2) at the Sports Centre (Feb 6, 7, 8<sup>th</sup>).
- \* A reminder to grade 11 and 12 students that your Careers assignments on TEAMS are all due on Friday, Jan 27<sup>th</sup>. All assignments must be completed successfully to pass the course. Careers 11/12 is a graduation requirement. A note to grade 12's that your 30 hours of volunteer/paid work is part of your Careers 12 mark that also needs to be completed. Please see Mrs. Wilson or Mrs. Thorson in the Careers office (room 130) if you have any questions.
- \* **CUE (Canadian Universities Event)** will be hosting a virtual event for students on January 19. The event allows students to visit with **university reps from over 50 Canadian post-secondary institutions**. This event is geared towards Grade 11 and 12 students and their supporters. Each university will have a drop-in style virtual booth where

students can choose which universities they wish to visit and can ask questions about programs, admissions, scholarships, housing and more.

### Event Details

What: Canadian Universities Event (CUE) Virtual evening

When: **January 19 from 6:00-8:00pm PST**

Registration at [www.cuebc.org](http://www.cuebc.org)

\*Students must create an account to access the CUE website. Event links will be live when the event begins on January 19)

- \* **Grade 9 Immunization consent forms** need to be handed in as soon as possible.
  
- \* **Grade 12 Study Block forms** are now available for semester 2 in the counselling office.
  
- \* Are you interested in attending or learning more about the University of Alberta? The U of A will be inviting 20 lucky grade 11 students from across Canada to visit the campus from May 26-28, 2023. Those who are selected will have transportation reimbursed\*, accommodations in residence, and meals provided. If selected, you will get to explore state-of-the-art facilities, uncover hidden gems on campus and experience U of A student life first-hand. Students can learn more and apply at [uab.ca/getaway](http://uab.ca/getaway). The application deadline is **January 31, 2023**.
  
- \* The Grad Class Attire project welcomes all grade 12 students in Comox Valley Schools to have the opportunity to wear a gown or suit on graduation day without the financial burden of purchasing a brand-new outfit for their milestone event.  
The Grad Class Attire project will operate out of Comox Valley Dodge at 278 North Island Highway (Old Canadian Tire building) on the following dates from 10:00am-3:00pm:
  - **Saturday, November 19th**
  - **Saturday, December 10th**
  - **Saturday, January 14th**
  - **Saturday, February 11th**
  - **Saturday, March 11th**

You can book a fitting appointment using the following [link](#).

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## MEETINGS/PRACTICES TODAY

Group/Activity/Event	Time	Where
Junior Girls Basketball	7:00 am – 8:45 am	Gym
Beadwork Club	Lunch	Room 133
Knit Happens	Lunch	Room 119
Vanier Peer Supporters	Lunch	Counselling Office
Grade 9 Girls Basketball vs Lake Trail	3:20 pm – 5:15 pm	Gym
Junior Boys Basketball	5:15 pm – 6:30 pm	Gym
Senior girls Basketball	6:30 pm – 7:45 pm	Gym
Senior Boys Basketball	7:45 pm – 9:00 pm	Gym

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## EXTRA CURRICULAR/CLUBS

- \* **Model UN** meeting every Wednesday at lunch in room 119.
  - \* **Indigenous Leadership** meeting every Wednesday at lunch in the In Ed room.
  - \* **Book Club**  
Book Club will be meeting on Tuesdays at lunch in Room 160.
  - \* **Vanier Weightlifting Club**, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday after school, 3:20 pm to 5:00 pm and Tuesdays from 3:20 pm to 7:00 pm. If you want to learn Olympic Lifting, power lifting, or just want a workout, all are welcome.
  - \* **Vanier Peer Support Club** every Tuesday at lunch in Rm 164.
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## CAREERS

- \* Students who are applying to the **2023 RCMP** please remember your application package in by January 27, 2023.
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## OLDER NEWS

- \* **Vanier's Peer Support club** will be offering drop-in on Thursday's at lunch in the counselling office. The Peer supporters are Vanier students in grade 10-12 who have received training through the Vancouver Island Crisis Society. Peer supporters work closely with Vanier school counsellors. They are available Thursdays at lunch in the counselling office on a drop-in basis and are there to listen and support other students.
  - \* Any student who wishes to be a Home Game helper for Vanier Basketball Senior Boys or Girls, please see Mr. Mayert and pass on your information.....we need bodies for our games as minor officials, set up crews, concession. etc.
  - \* Are you finding yourself a bit too chilly as this winter begins? There are tons of nice warm jackets, sweaters, tuques, scarves, gloves, socks, snow pants and even boots available for free in this school! Please ask your teacher to go see Ms. van Waterschoot in room 111 either at lunch or during C-Block. You can take your pick of the many items (and there are some nice ones!) available to keep you a little warmer!
  - \* **Yearbook**  
Have you ordered your 2022/23 yearbook yet? We've got around 35 books left so if you're thinking about ordering one, do it before next Friday! Order on-line through MyEdBC or at the office using cash or card. \$55.
  - \* Any grade 12 students interested in taking first year Psychology classes through NIC this spring, please come see Dawn or Dawnn in the Careers office. We pay the tuition for the course and you get credit at Vanier and at the college. These courses are transferable to most universities and help offset the workload in your first year.
  - \* **Indigenous Education** will be serving soup every **Tuesday at Lunch**.
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## BURSARY/SCHOLARSHIP & GRADE 12 INFO

\* **Cmolik Foundation Scholarships**

While a post-secondary education can be life-changing, it's a goal that's out of reach for many students. We're trying to change that. Every year, we award up to 20 scholarships, each one a maximum of \$40,000 paid over five years of study, to students graduating from BC high schools. Scholarship recipients have faced adversity but have responded with positivity and tenacity, achieving academic and social goals. With hard work and support, their post-secondary dreams can become a reality.

What's more, students who are awarded the Undergraduate Scholarship are eligible to apply for our Graduate Scholarships, one \$30,000 and two \$15,000 scholarships.

Please visit scholarship website for eligibility requirements. <https://thecmolikfoundation.com/>

Nomination deadline is January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023. If you are interested in putting your name forward, the G.P. Vanier deadline is **January 20<sup>th</sup> 2023**. Please see Ms. Allan (Counseling office) or Mr. Kuhnert for more information on the nomination process.

\* **Schulich Leader Scholarships**

Pursuing a degree in STEM? You can win a **\$120,000 Scholarship!** For more information please visit <https://schulichleaders.com/>.

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\* **Beedie Luminaries**

We are excited to begin accepting 2023 Applications for the Beedie Luminaries Scholarship Program on November 13, 2022.

We are looking for Grade 12 students in B.C. who are facing financial barriers to apply for one of 100+ scholarships available in 2023. Recipients will each receive up to \$44,000 towards their post-secondary studies at any public university, college or trade school in B.C.

In light of the labour shortage within the skilled trades sector, we would like to particularly encourage students considering a career in the trades to apply.

Do you know of a student or students who would qualify? Please let them know about Beedie Luminaries and encourage them to [APPLY!](#)

\* **The Terry Fox Humanitarian Award**

Valued at \$28,000 The Terry Fox Humanitarian Award is one of Canada's most established and prestigious awards.

The award is highly competitive, and we consider the most suitable candidates to be those who demonstrate the ideals of Terry Fox- true humanitarians, individuals who are compassionate and altruistic in their intention to improve the lives of others and human welfare overall.

Terry Fox Scholars are "doers" with the ability to inspire and make a positive impact on the lives of others.

In making our selection, we seriously consider the extent to which candidates have experienced and overcome what others might consider an insurmountable obstacle yet are determined and dedicated to helping others.

For more information please visit <https://terryfoxawards.ca/>

\* **GRADE 12'S** - Scholarships are a great way to help cover the costs of education, but they are difficult to find.

ScholarTree.ca is a website that helps students find all the scholarships they qualify for in minutes. It's super easy to get started:

1. Create an account at <https://ScholarTree.ca>

2. Fill out your information and get matched to a list of scholarships you're eligible for
3. Start applying!

\* **The Rotary Youth Exchange Scholarship Program** Leaving August 2023 to July 2024

Have you ever dreamed of...

- Traveling internationally?
- Living in another country?
- Being fluent in another language?
- Having a network of friends from around the world?

Register at [www.rye5020.org](http://www.rye5020.org)

\* **VERNA J. KIRKNESS EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

The Verna J. Kirkness Education Foundation Program addresses the under-representation of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students at Canadian universities. One of the factors contributing to this is the lack of academic role models for Indigenous students.

Our Foundation addresses this by offering scholarships to Indigenous students in grades 11 and 12 to spend a week at a Canadian university, interacting with scientists in their research laboratories. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic our week-long program is offered and will return to in-person lab research when it is safe to do so. During the week instruction on campus (or virtually) the students have the opportunity to meet role models, learn about the support systems that are available to them on campus and experience the excitement of doing research. The Verna J. Kirkness Education Foundation Program develops motivated role models who foster the importance of graduating from high school and obtaining a postsecondary education.

Apply here: <https://www.vernakirkness.org/>