



Georges P. Vanier
Secondary School

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Wednesday Jan 25th, 2023
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Courtenay
British Columbia



NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS!

* **Attention Grade 10's! Trades Sampler Program 2024**

Do you have a keen interest in the Trades? Construction? Auto Mechanics? Metal Work? You can apply for a Trades Sampler program for 2nd semester of your grade 11 year. Please come to the Careers Office (Room 130) to pick up an application. Limited interview spaces are available so apply ASAP!

* **Locker Cleanout**

Thursday, Jan 26 at 10:15 am

* **Girls Rugby**

Practice will be held on Mondays and Thursdays at 3:20 pm on the Vanier Turf.

* Any grade 9,10,11 student interested in writing the Math contests (Fermat, Caley, Pascal), to see their semester One Math teacher and/or see Mr. Erikson in Portable 801 to register for the contest. Math contest date is Wed Feb 22.

* **CAFETERIA**

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/>

* **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, 8th).

* A reminder to grade 11 and 12 students that your Careers assignments on TEAMS are all due on Friday, Jan 27th. 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.

* **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. 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](#).

MEETINGS/PRACTICES TODAY

Group/Activity/Event	Time	Where
Junior Girls Basketball	7:00 am – 8:45 am	Gym
Indigenous Leadership	Lunch	Room 133
Model UN	Lunch	Room 119
Weightlifting Club	3:20 pm – 5:15 pm	Weight Room
Grade 8 Boys & Girls Basketball	3:20 pm – 5:15 pm	Gym
Wrestling	3:45 pm – 5:30 pm	MPR
Grade 9 Boys Basketball	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Tsolum
Grade 9 Girls Basketball	5:15 pm – 7:00 pm	Gym
Senior Boys Basketball	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Gym

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 the counselling office.

CAREERS

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

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.
- * 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**.

BURSARY/SCHOLARSHIP & GRADE 12 INFO

- * **Financial Aid & Awards**
The VIU Financial Aid & Awards Office is committed to supporting students in their search for financial assistance including provincial and federal loans, grants, and internal and external Scholarships, Awards, and Bursaries. For more information <https://services.viu.ca/financial-aid-awards>

- * **Horatio Alger Canadian Scholarships**

The Canadian Scholarships are awarded to eligible students across all provinces and territories in Canada.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the Horatio Alger Canadian Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

Be enrolled full-time as a high school grade 11 or first-year CEGEP student in Canada

Exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree program at an accredited university

Prove critical financial need (\$65,000 or less annual net income per family is required)

Demonstrate desire and ability to be entrepreneurial in a chosen field

Be involved in co-curricular and community service activities

Display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity

Maintain a minimum grade percentage of 70

Be Canadian citizens

Applicants for both the Entrepreneurial and Canadian Scholarships are required to fill out only ONE application. The Association will use the one application to consider you for all programs for which you are eligible.

The application for current Grade 11 students is open annually December 1 to March 15.

For more information please go to [Horatio Alger Scholarships](#)

* **BCCPAC Educational Award**

The Educational Award honours Ona Mae Roy, a past president of the BCCPAC. Ona Mae Roy dedicated her life to improving the quality of life of all children through the advancement of their health, welfare, and education. In pursuing this goal, she gave strength and encouragement to all who advocate for children. It is the wish of BCCPAC and those who have contributed to this award that children will continue to benefit in memory of a valiant lady. This award is available annually.

Award Criteria

The award is open to any Grade 12 student attending a BCCPAC-member school who is planning to pursue post-secondary studies (academic, vocational, technical or training). The award honours a well-rounded student who is involved and interested in many things and has an understanding of the importance of parent involvement in education. The recipient will receive an award in the amount \$1,000.

The Educational Award Application submission deadline is **February 28, 2023**.

For more information <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/members/awards/educational-award>

* **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

* **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.vernajkirkness.org/>