



Georges P. Vanier  
Secondary School

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**Friday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**  
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Courtenay  
British Columbia



**NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

- \* **Tell your friends how much you care with a Candygram!** The Interact Club will be selling Valentine's Candygrams every day at lunch from Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> to Feb 13th. Candygrams will be handed out on Valentine's Day.
  - \* The Tri-K will be held on May 28th this spring. The event holders have opened up a T-Shirt design contest for students between the ages of 5 and 15 years old. Details can be found by clicking on the link below.  
<http://www.trik.ca/tshirt.html>
  - \* Creative Collective students need to come to the woodshop and pick up projects by the end of the week or make arrangements for a later pickup with Mr D. Otherwise, projects left will be sold to the highest bidder!
  - \* **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!
  - \* 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 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, 8<sup>th</sup>).
  - \* 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, February 11th**
    - **Saturday, March 11th**
- You can book a fitting appointment using the following [link](#).

## MEETINGS/PRACTICES TODAY

Group/Activity/Event	Time	Where
Environment Club	Lunch	Room 146
Wrestling	3:45 pm – 5:30 pm	MPR

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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.
- \* **Ski Club**  
Ski club will be meeting in room 801.
- \* **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.

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## CAREERS

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## OLDER NEWS

- \* **Girls Rugby**  
Practice will be held on Mondays and Thursdays at 3:20 pm on the Vanier Turf.
- \* **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**.

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## **BURSARY/SCHOLARSHIP & GRADE 12 INFO**

\* **BCSS Scholarships**

BC School Sports is pleased to provide scholarships available to student-athletes this year. The application deadline is May 1st at 4PM. The scholarship package can be found on the website at the link below.

[2022-2023 BCSS Scholarship](#)

- \* BCIT is pleased to announce that the following Entrance Awards are available to students who are planning to attend our institute starting *May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024*.

Up to 25 BCIT President's Entrance Awards, available only to current High School students

- Valued up to \$4,000 each.
- **Deadline: April 15, 2023**

Over 100 additional BCIT Entrance Awards

- Some valued up to \$18,000 each.
- **Deadlines: April 15 and/or October 1, 2023**

**More information about BCIT Entrance Awards and the application forms can be found at [bcit.ca/financial-aid](https://bcit.ca/financial-aid).**

\* **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](http://www.rye5020.org)

- ✱ **The RE/MAX 2023 Quest for Excellence®**

The Quest for Excellence scholarship program is a cash scholarship that recognizes students for their ongoing community contributions and pursuit of leadership.

**About the Award**

RE/MAX Canada is pleased to expand the existing Quest for Excellence scholarship program in 2023, now offering 40 scholarships of \$1,000 each to students across Canada (except for Quebec).

**How to Enter:**

To apply for the Quest for Excellence scholarship, eligible students are invited to write and submit an online essay\* up to 1,250 words in length, answering one of the following questions:

What does a "bright future" look like for you?

How have you demonstrated leadership or charity within your community to make it a better place?

How can we ensure fair and affordable housing for all Canadians?

The essays are to be submitted online from, September 12, 2022 until **March 13, 2023**.

[ENTER HERE](#)

**Who Is Eligible?**

To qualify, participants must be a Grade 12 student attending high school in the 2022/2023 academic year, who have not previously participated in graduation commencement ceremonies in the past.

Should you have any questions please email: [questforexcellence@remax.ca](mailto:questforexcellence@remax.ca). Do not email your essay, please enter above.

One entry per person.

RE/MAX Canada will review the essay submissions and award 40 scholarships, of \$1,000 each, to qualifying Grade 12 students.

*\*All essay entries become the property of RE/MAX Canada. Photos and names of winners may be published in print or in digital formats and shared with media. Each RE/MAX office is independently owned and operated.*