

# **G.P. VANIER OCTOBER NEWSLETTER**



## **Important Dates**

<b>Oct 2</b>	<b>No School – Truth and Reconciliation</b>
<b>Oct 4</b>	<b>Terry Fox Day</b>
<b>Oct 9</b>	<b>No School - Thanksgiving</b>
<b>Oct 11</b>	<b>Grad Parent Meeting 6:30 MPR</b>
<b>Oct 16-19</b>	<b>Parent/Teacher Interviews</b>
<b>Oct 17</b>	<b>PAC Meeting 6:30 Library</b>
<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>Non-Instructional Day</b>
<b>Oct 24</b>	<b>Student Photo Retakes</b>
<b>Oct 30</b>	<b>Assessments</b>
<b>Oct 31</b>	<b>Assessments/Halloween</b>
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<b>Nov 1</b>	<b>FLEX Day/Assessments</b>
<b>Nov 2</b>	<b>Assessments</b>
<b>Nov 3</b>	<b>Assessments</b>
<b>Nov 10</b>	<b>Quarter 1 Ends</b>
<b>Nov 13</b>	<b>Schools Closed</b>
<b>Nov 14</b>	<b>Quarter 2 Begins</b>
<b>Nov 21</b>	<b>PAC Meeting 6:30 Library</b>
<b>Nov 30 – Dec 8</b>	<b>Grad Photos</b>

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# Parents as Education & Career Coaches Workshop

## Parents & Student Supporters

Join our virtual **Parents as Education & Career Coaches** (PECC) Workshop to learn how you can help support your student in planning for their future. The information will be especially helpful for families with students in Grades 10-12.

Sessions are engaging and informative, and include a website tour followed by a Q&A.

## Topics include

- B.C.'s post-secondary education landscape, including institutions and credentials
- Programs, admission requirements, and application dates
- Costs of post-secondary and financial aid options
- Career exploration resources
- Using My List to save and compare programs
- Applying for admission through EducationPlannerBC

## Register Now

EducationPlannerBC with  
SD 71 Comox Valley and SD 68 Nanaimo-Ladysmith  
**Wednesday, October 25, 2023**  
**6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**  
**MS Teams**



**Register [here](#)** or use the QR code. Registration is required.  
For more information, contact: [support@educationplannerbc.ca](mailto:support@educationplannerbc.ca) or contact:  
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[www.EducationPlannerBC.ca](http://www.EducationPlannerBC.ca)

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# Connect and Learn

## MONTHLY ONLINE EVENTS FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS FALL 2023

Every month, we host events for parents & caregivers who are parenting a child or youth with a mental health and/ or substance use challenge called "in the know."

### SEPTEMBER

#### **Mental Health and Preparing for the Transition to Post Secondary**

Speaker: Dawn Schell, University of Victoria and Melissa Feddersen, University of British Columbia Okanagan

### OCTOBER

#### **Working Together: Families and Schools**

Speakers: Ashley Ragoonaden, Principal at École KLO Middle School

### NOVEMBER

#### **Emotion Regulation**

Speaker: Nicole Allen, RCC

### DECEMBER

#### **ADHD - The Real Deal**

Speaker: Dr. Don Duncan

Join us to watch a video and talk with other families about what helps. Online events are facilitated by FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Workers.

[familysmart.ca/events](https://familysmart.ca/events)



## News from the Counselling Office

**Post-Secondary Information for Vanier Parents and Guardians can be found [HERE](#)**



**The Vanier Scholarship, Bursary & Student Loan Newsletter is available on our school website for grade 12 students who are starting to research ways to pay for their post-secondary education. Click [HERE](#)**





**Our goal is to empower students toward positive change and to help them to have the most successful high school experience possible!**

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**To Book an Appointment Click [Here](#)**



**If you are planning on volunteering for field trips or sporting events, drivers MUST complete the following:**

**Volunteer Driver Form**      Click [Here](#)

**Criminal Record Check**      Click [Here](#)

**Code of Conduct Form**      Click [Here](#)

**Driver's Abstract**

**Copy of Driver's License**

**Proof of Insurance (1 million 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability)**

**If you are planning on volunteering as a coach or chaperone, you MUST complete a Criminal Records Check – Click [HERE](#)**

**\*Code of Conduct forms must be signed before participating in any sport.**

**\*Criminal Record Checks are held for 3 years in our database and may be accessed by other schools in the district.**

# **VANIER SPORTS**



**This fall we have the following teams underway with over 125 students taking part:**

## **Team**

**X Country**

**Soccer**

**Gr 8 Girls Volleyball**

**Gr 8 Boys Volleyball**

**Jr Girls Volleyball**

**Jr Boys Volleyball**

**Sr Girls Volleyball**

**Sr Boys Volleyball**

## **Coach**

**Jeff Verkley & Thai Nguyen**

**Ross McDonald & Sam Willcocks (parent)**

**Rob McMath**

**Sean Pattison**

**Ryan Leclair & Chelsea Pragnell (parents)**

**Cory Bowater**

**Belle Gill (Community Member)**

**Cory Bowater, John Gute, Jesse Humphries**



**Several students are also competing for Vanier in the Island [Aquatics](#) Championship next month. [Basketball](#) Open Gym Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Check the website for the weekly schedule of all events.**

**Volleyball league games start [September 25<sup>th</sup>](#).**

**On [September 29<sup>th</sup>](#) we have a girls basketball clinic (sold out) followed by the Megan Dalziel Memorial Bursary Benefit Game between the UVIC Women's Basketball Team and the VIU Women's Basketball Team at 7pm. Entrance is by donation. The event is a fundraiser for the Megan Dalziel Bursary Fund.**





### IMPORTANT DATES

- \* Oct 11 - Grad parent meeting in the MPR 6:30pm
- \* Nov 30, Dec 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 - Grad photos in the MPR
- \* Dec 6 – Winterfest 6:15pm – 9:00pm
- \* Feb 5, 6, 7 – Grad Photo Retakes
- \* **June 26 - Grad 2024**



## **OTHER NEWS**

**Try a Trade** has just wrapped up for the grade 7s over at Sandwich. We had several grade 10-12s show up in support to teach the elementary students the world of trades.

**Careers Week Nov 27 – Dec 2**

**Dual Credit Academic** cut off Sept 30 – was a great success with many students signing up for a variety of programs from medical terminology, office administration, health care assistant, early childhood and care programs.

### **Accessibility in Comox Valley Schools**

**SD#71 is establishing an Accessibility Advisory Committee and plan. The committee and plan will support and be representative of all members of the SD#71 community. (employees, students, and visitors). The Accessibility Committee will provide advice to the district on identifying, preventing, and eliminating barriers to accessibility and inclusion for people with disabilities.**

- 1. District information can be found on our website [HERE](#)**
- 2. Feedback on accessibility can be provided at [Accessibility@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:Accessibility@sd71.bc.ca)**



## **MYED PARENT PORTAL**

### **Parents, are you on MYED?**

**Our student system, MyEducation BC, is a great resource for parents.**

**You can access:**

**Your child's schedule**

**Your child's assignments, completed and outstanding**

**Your child's attendance**

**Teacher email addresses**

**If you have not accessed your account before, please contact [susan.quinton@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:susan.quinton@sd71.bc.ca) to help set up your account.**

**If you have an account, but have not used it for more than three months, you will need to request a new password.**

**Please note, as this is a Ministry of Education website containing confidential information, passwords need to be changed every 3 months.**

**If you have any concerns, please contact your child's Administrator. Administrators work on the last name alpha system:**

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