



Georges P. Vanier
Secondary School

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Monday, February 12th, 2024
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NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **Grade 12's** – transcripts are now available for pick up in the counselling centre to add to your bursary applications.
- * **We will have composting available at Vanier beginning on Monday** (February 12th, 2024). Look for the green bin in the cafeteria, or smaller bins in classrooms throughout the school to discard your organic waste, including produce scraps, grains, meat and dairy waste, and even small amounts of soiled paper!
- * **If you are interested in getting your FIRST AID and FOOD SAFE certification**, please come to the careers office for the details.
- * **All boys interested in playing Grade 8, junior boys and senior boys rugby** practices begin Tuesday Feb 20th afterschool 3:15 to 4:45 and all practices will be on Mondays, Tuesday and Thursday's. Questions or concerns please see Mr. Erikson Portable 801.
- * **TOUR ALERT! HIDDEN GREEN CAREERS MUNICIPAL TOUR:** Learn about careers at your local Municipality treatment facility, hear from the experts. For more information on this tour please come to the Career's office.
- * **The Bursary Program is now open.** Find all the information online on our website under the Grad tab. Application forms are available online and in the counselling office.
- * **The BC School Sports Scholarship Package is now available** and can be found on the BCSS website with this [link](#). The application deadline is May 3, 2024. Up to \$14,000 will be awarded to student athletes this year!
- * **Last week to order Vanier Clothing!! Website is now open.** You can purchase Grad Clothing or Vanier Clothing. The website will be open Until Thursday, February 15 at 6:00 PM. Please access the Website through the Vanier website under Quick Links – School Store and Clothing. <https://gpvanier.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

CLUBS/MEETINGS/PRACTICES/TRYOUTS TODAY

| Group/Activity/Event | Time | Where |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| Gr 10A Girls Basketball | 7:15 am | Gym |
| Interact Club | Lunch | 192 |
| Weightlifting | 3:10 pm | Weightroom |
| Gr 8 Girls Basketball vs Cumberland | 3:20 pm | Gym |
| Girls Rugby | 3:20 pm | Lower Field |
| Improv | 3:20 pm | 181 |
| Sr Boys Basketball | 4:00 pm | Lake Trail |
| Jr Boys Basketball | 5:15 pm | Gym |
| Gr 10B Girls Basketball | 5:15 pm | Gym |
| Sr Girls Basketball | 7:00 pm | Gym |

EXTRA CURRICULAR/CLUBS

- * **Rotary Interact:** Mondays at Lunch in Room 192
- * **Rugby (girls):** Mondays and Thursdays 3:20 – 4:45 pm lower field
- * **Wrestling Club:** practice Tues/Weds/Fri 3:45-5:30 pm in the MPR
- * **Dungeons & Dragons:** Mondays and Thursdays after school in the Art room
- * **Improv:** Mondays and Thursdays after school in Room 181
- * **Ski/Snowboard Team meetings:** Tuesdays at lunch in portable 801
- * **Queer Support Alliance:** Tuesdays at Lunch in Room 111
- * **Neurodiversity Club:** Wednesdays at Lunch in the Counselling centre
- * **Culture Club:** Thursdays at lunch in Room 133
- * **Mental Health Advocacy Club:** Thursdays at Lunch in the Counselling centre
- * **Garden Club:** Thursdays after school in the Options room – on hold until spring
- * **Homework Club:** Thursdays 3:15 – 4:15 in the Access Centre
- * **Environment Club:** Fridays at Lunch in Room 146
- * **Weightlifting:** Mon-Thurs after school in the weight room

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

- * **Culture Club will meet at lunch in room 133 on Thursdays.** Everyone is welcome.

VOLUNTEER/CAREERS

- * **Hey Grade 10s!** Interested in Construction, Auto or Metal trades? Come to the Careers office to get an application for the Trade Sampler for your entire second semester of grade 11!
- * **Special Olympics is looking for volunteers for a floor hockey tournament and swim meet in February** please see the careers office for more information.
- * **Cumberland Lake Park Society (Comox Lake) is looking to start hiring summer camp leaders.** If interested see the careers office for more information.
- * **Island Health's Health Career Access Program** provides a path for applicants to gain health care experience and receive on the job training to get hired. If you have completed Grade 10 – including English 10 or equivalencies, you can apply for this program which offers an easy-entry, financially supported start to long term career growth opportunities across Island Health. Contact the program via islandhealthHCAP@islandhealth.ca
- * **Grade 12's - not sure what you want to do next year? Take a college course to try out different fields of study.**
 - Human Services or Social Services - SSW 121 - we pay the tuition and books (\$1000 value)
 - Early Childhood Education - ECC 104 - we pay tuition for the course (\$750 value) You can get work in daycares and at summer camps with this credential
 - Nursing or Medical Field - Bio 160 - Anatomy and Physiology - required for many medical pathways (\$750 value)

We have still have a few spots in each of these exciting programs - please see the Careers office if you are interested – ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

- * **BCIT is pleased to announce that the following Entrance Awards are available** to students who are planning to attend our institute starting May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025.
 - Up to 25 BCIT President's Entrance Awards, available only to current High School students

- Valued up to \$4,000 each.
- Deadline: April 15, 2024
- Over 120 additional BCIT Entrance Awards
 - Some valued up to \$20,000 each.
 - Deadlines: April 15 and/or October 1, 2024

More information about BCIT Entrance Awards and the application forms can be found at bcit.ca/financial-aid.

- * **BC Principals and Vice Principals Association 2024 Student Scholarships** are now open for application! This year the BCPVPA will award up to 20 students. Learn more here: <https://www.bcpvpa.org/about-bcpvpa/supporting-students/scholarships>
- * **2024 Horatio Alger Association of Canada Scholarship** www.horatioalger.ca/en/scholarships
 This association seeks to assist students who have demonstrated integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, financial need, a good academic record, commitment to pursue a post-secondary education, and a desire to contribute to society. **Applications must be completed by March 15, 2024**
To be eligible, applicants must:
 - **Be a current GRADE 11 student**, with plans to enter university in the fall of 2025
 - Exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree at an accredited university
 - Demonstrate critical financial need (\$65,000 or less net income per family is required)
 - Be involved in extracurricular and community activities
 - Display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity
 - Maintain a minimum grade percentage of 70%
 - Attend high school and reside in Canada
 - Be a Canadian citizen
- * **BC TRANSPLANT "LIVE LIFE, PASS IT ON" Scholarship:** BC Transplant is excited to share that they will award four \$1500 scholarships to Grade 10-12 Students who lead an organ donation awareness project in their school or community during the 2023/2024 school year.
Green Shirt Day will be held on April 5, 2024 and this day is a great opportunity for students to organize an awareness initiative as part of their scholarship project.
 More information about the scholarship and partnership opportunities with BC Transplant is on our website: www.transplant.bc.ca
- * Scholarshipscanada.com is a free website with an extensive scholarship and bursary database. You will be matched to scholarships and bursaries that you are eligible to apply for once you create an account.
- * 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.
- * **TD Scholarship information** (Community Leadership Scholarships and Indigenous Student Scholarships)
<https://www.td.com/ca/en/personal-banking/solutions/student-banking/community-leadership-scholarship-for-canadians>
<https://www.td.com/ca/en/personal-banking/solutions/student-advice/indigenous-student-scholarships-grants-and-bursaries>
- * **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.
<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/gp-vanier-secondary/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2023/09/Scholarship-and-Bursary-Newsletter-2023-2024.pdf>

* **RE/MAX Quest for Excellence®**

The Quest for Excellence program is a bursary program for grade 12 students in Western Canada. RE/MAX of Western Canada will award 16 bursaries of \$1,000 each to qualifying Grade 12 students. Winners will be notified in April 2024. This scholarship is open to all Grade 12 students attending high school from September 2023 – June 2024. Grade 12 students may not have participated in graduation commencement ceremonies in the past.

Students are to convey the contributions they have made to their communities in a short online essay, maximum 1,250 words. Key qualities students should demonstrate are leadership, motivation and communication skills. Other

attributes may include volunteering, participation in charitable events or fundraising, and contributions that enrich the lives of others and their communities. **For more information:** <https://blog.remax.ca/quest-for-excellence/>

OLDER NEWS

- * **Miracle Beach Elementary is holding their annual Fun Fair coming up on May 31 from approximately 4:00 – 8:00 pm this year and are wondering if a few GP Vanier students would like to volunteer to help with the event?** They are thinking 3 to 5 students would be great. They can offer volunteer hours and free fun fair games for their services 😊. Contact Mrs. Black in the office if you wish to put your name forward.
- * **Is the ongoing BC Transit strike affecting your ability to make it to and from school?** If you are a student in need of rides before or after school or a student or staff member who can offer rides, please drop by the office so we can help with arrangements.
- * **Donations WANTED. Help the Environment club help baby wildlife at MARS this winter** by donating clean newspaper, gently used towels and bed sheets. Drop your donations off in room 146 @ lunch. Cash donations always accepted for the wildlife hospital.
- * **Food bag Friday's for students!** If extra groceries would help your family out over the weekend, please come to the counselling centre every Friday during last block or right after school to get a bag to take with you.
- * **The Youth Clinic (student nurse)** will run twice a month on Tuesdays 11:30 – 1:30 pm in the counselling centre. You can drop in or book an appointment in advance.
- * **Please note that we are not supplying students with disposable cups or utensils this year.** Please plan accordingly.