

G.P. VANIER APRIL NEWSLETTER



Important Dates

March 16 – April 1

April 2

April 15 – 19

April 17

April 19

April 22

Spring Break

First Day Back

Assessments

**FLEX/Literacy 12 Assessment
(Current English 12 classes)**

Quarter 3 Ends

Quarter 4 Begins

May 8

May 15

May 20

May 29

FLEX DAY

Grad BBQ 5:00pm

Victoria Day (no school)

FLEX DAY

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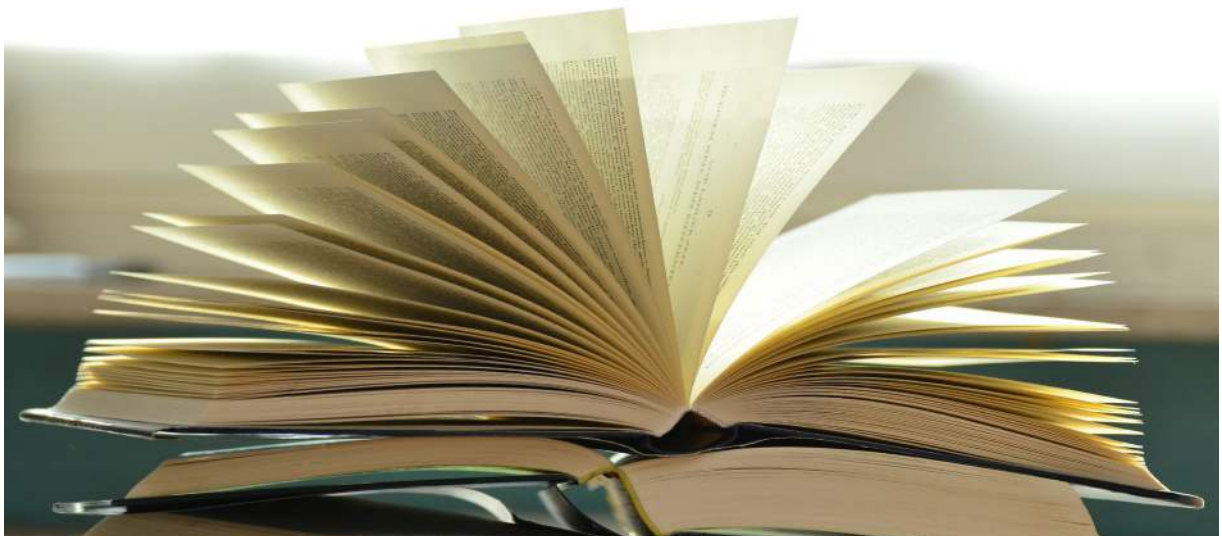
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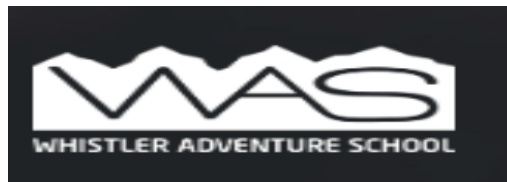


ASSESSMENTS

The Grade 12 Literacy Assessments will be taking place on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 (Flex Day). All grade 12 students who are currently enrolled in an English Language Arts 12 course this semester, will be writing their assessment that day. For more information on these graduation requirements,

[CLICK HERE](#)

**The last day of Quarter 3/Term 3 is April 19
New Term/Quarter 4 electives will begin on Monday, April 22**



Whistler Adventure School will have an information booth outside of the library during lunch on Friday, April 5th.

Adventures In Learning – Expertise In Life





**COMING
SOON**

THE CCS PAC

BIKE & GEAR SWAP

SATURDAY MAY 11

9am - 5pm

Cumberland Community School

Drop off May 10, 5pm - 8pm

All money raised supports students.

Email us for more info:

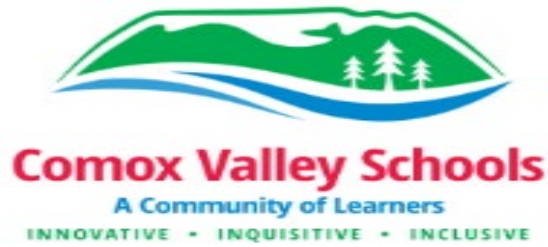
cumberlandcommunityschoolpace@gmail.com



VANIER BAND

- **The Vanier Jr. Band has qualified for MusicFest Canada – The Nationals! Students from the band who chose to participate will be travelling to Toronto in May to perform at the University of Toronto School of Music. The students are raising funds to support this trip through various fundraisers.**
- **Details of all Vanier Music Department Fundraising are located [Here](#)**
Fundraisers are in support of music student travel options for grades 8-12.





HELP US SHAPE THE FUTURE

We are excited to announce four evening community engagement sessions as part of our Strategic Planning process.

Your insights and perspectives as staff, parents, students, and community members are invaluable to us.

Together, let's create a strategic plan that reflects our collective vision and priorities for the district's future.

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details!

**April 3, 2024 @ Cumberland – Multipurpose Room –
6:30 pm to 8 pm**

April 4, 2024 @ Aspen Park – Library – 6:30 pm to 8 pm

April 8, 2024 @ Lake Trail Community – 6:30 pm to 8 pm

****This event will be streamed online****

April 15, 2024 @ K'omoks Band Hall – 6:30 pm to 8 pm

****This event is for Indigenous families****

WWW.COMOXVALLEYSCHOOLS.CA/OUR-STRATEGIC-PLAN



Vanier Athletics



Wrestling

All Vanier athletes qualified:

Unya Hollmayer (Provincial Champion) For the 3rd time

Alice Clements (Island Champion) (Provincial Silver Medal)

Alexis Acton

Jolina Healey (6th in the province)

Kylie Cameron-Pattison

Noah Tarabawka

Jacob Price (Island Champion) (5th in the province)

Ben Howlett

Vanier Girls placed 3rd out of 137 schools. This is an extraordinary accomplishment especially given that there are 5 girls on the Vanier team. They had to outperform many larger teams.

Coach, Ben Stehura, was presented with the Ed Ashmore Award. This award is given to a coach who has tirelessly volunteered their time and dedication, has made a significant contribution to the development of their athletes and the sport of wrestling on the island.



Skiing/Snowboarding –

Girl's snowboard team qualified but did not attend. Emma McCarthy attended. Olivia Dimitriou qualified in 1st at Islands (Island Champion)

Basketball – Season has wrapped up



Grade 8 Girls

- Vanier won the Zone Championship**
- Participated at Provincials**

Grade 9 Boys

- North Island 5th**

Jr Girls A

- 4th place finish at Islands**

Sr Girls

- Islands Victoria, played well with a team of mostly grade 11s.**

Sr Boys

- Islands**



Spring Sports

Rugby, Track and Field, Girls Soccer, Golf and Mountain Biking are just starting!

Student Post-Secondary Scholarships and Signings

Sadie Williams – Dartmouth College – Rugby

Clara Jamieson – University of Manitoba – Soccer

Aryo Behzad – Golden Tide (UVIC/Camosun) – Baseball





IMPORTANT DATES

- * May 15 – Grad BBQ 5:00 - 8:00 pm
- * June 21 – Grad Rehearsal 10:30 am
- * **June 26 - Grad 2024**



Grad Attire Program

The Grad Attire Program 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.

*** All clothing and accessories are free of charge**

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 10:00 am – 3:00 pm:

Saturday, April 20th

Saturday, May 4th

Saturday, May 25th



You can book a fitting appointment [HERE](#)

For more information on the Grad Attire Program, click [HERE](#)

Donations can be dropped off at G.P. Vanier on school days between 8 am – 4 pm. Items can also be dropped off at Comox Valley Dodge during operating hours.

****After a period of time, clothing that was generously donated but not selected, will be distributed to a local second-hand clothing store.***

If you have any questions or would like to donate to the program, please contact Kelley Giorgianni kelly.giorgianni@sd71.bc.ca or Susan Quinton susan.quinton@sd71.bc.ca

Tech For Home **BC Tech for Learning**



Tech for Home/BC Tech for Learning

We offer affordable refurbished desktop computers to BC students enrolled in most types of education programs. See if you or your child are eligible [HERE](#).



News from the Counselling Office



Saturdays, 10:00am–1:00pm

Ages 12–24

Join the Wilderness Wanderers, a FREE outdoor exploration group that will embark on a variety of activities such as hiking, fishing, and outdoor cooking.

No experience required.

Email emalee.box@jhsni.bc.ca or scan the QR code to register.



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Operated by
JohnHoward

Indigenous-Focused Graduation

Requirement

The Indigenous-focused graduation requirement has come into effect for the 2023/24 school year. All students working towards the B.C. Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) – in English or French – are now required to complete the new graduation requirement, including students at B.C. certified offshore schools.

[Updated resources](#) including an Implementation Handbook, Parent Brochure (available in 8 languages), Q&A, and Board/Authority Authorized (BA) Guidebook are available for students and parents.



Course Selection

Course selection has now been completed. Please direct any questions or changes to your student's counsellor.



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

School Counsellor:

Katherine Brach (A-G) katherine.brach@sd71.bc.ca

Stephanie Morris (H-N) stephanie.morris@sd71.bc.ca

Jocelyn Schultz (O-Z) jocelyn.schultz@sd71.bc.ca

Youth and Family Support Worker:

Sherry Patterson – sherry.patterson@sd71.bc.ca

To Book an Appointment Click [Here](#)



Field Trips

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 3rd 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.**

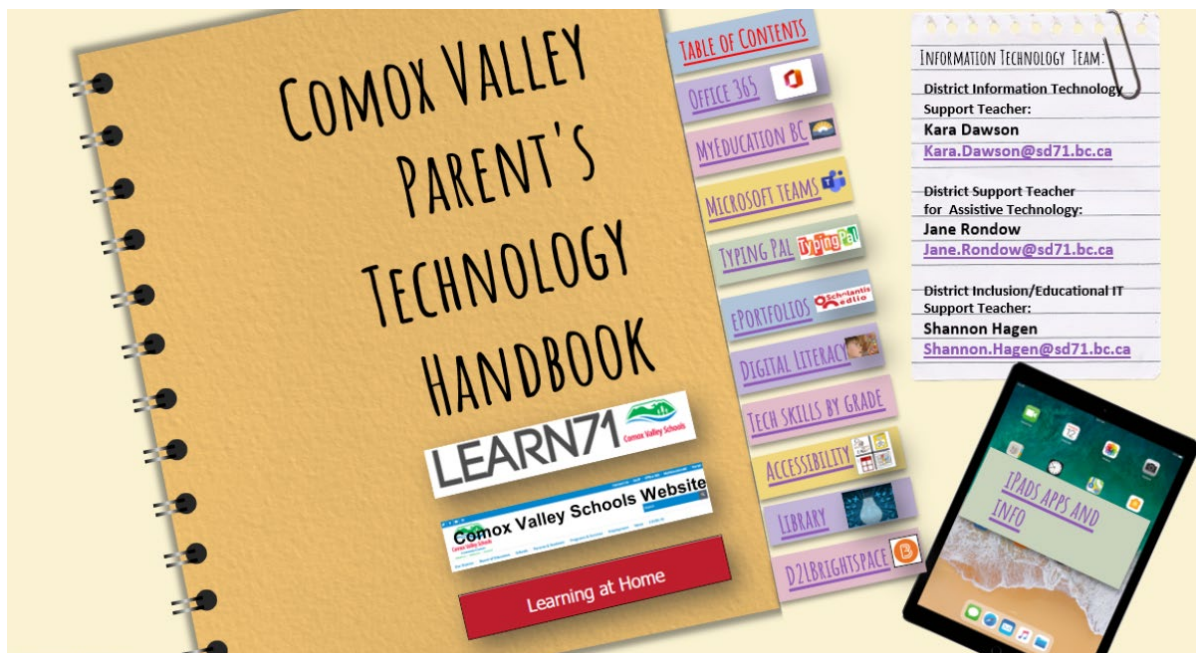
***Criminal Record Checks are held for 3 years in our database and may be accessed by other schools in the district.**

For more information, please contact Susan Quinton
susan.quinton@sd71.bc.ca



Comox Valley Schools

A Community of Learners



Parent Technology Resources

Parent's Technology Handbook can be found [HERE](#)
Support learning at home. Find out more about Microsoft Teams, D2L Brightspace, Scholantis/ePortfolios, Office 365 and Email, Counsellor's Corner and other tools.

ERASE (Expect, Respect and a Safe Education)



[ERASE \(Expect, Respect and a Safe Education\)](#)
[Click HERE](#)

ERASE is all about building safe and caring school communities. This includes empowering students, parents educators, and the community partners who support them to get help with challenges, report concerns to schools, and learn about complex issues facing students. The ministry website has been updated to include information on [consent and the prevention of gender-based violence \(click HERE\)](#).

[Erase Report It \(click here\)](#) – an important tool for ensuring students or caring others can anonymously share something they've seen or heard that concerns them.

Information for Parents & Caregivers

K-12 Student Reporting Policy Support Materials

K-12 Student Reporting Policy implementation resources have been developed to support educators, school leaders, and district leaders. These resources include Policy Guidelines with a new comprehensive FAQ section, an Educator Summary Guide, presentation slides, information sheets, and a self-paced webinar series. Support materials for parents and caregivers that explain the shifts in how student learning will be communicated are also available.

[K-12 Student Reporting Information for Parents and Caregivers | Building Student Success - B.C. Curriculum \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education/schools/k12_reporting_information_parents_caregivers_building_student_success_b.c.curriculum)





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 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.

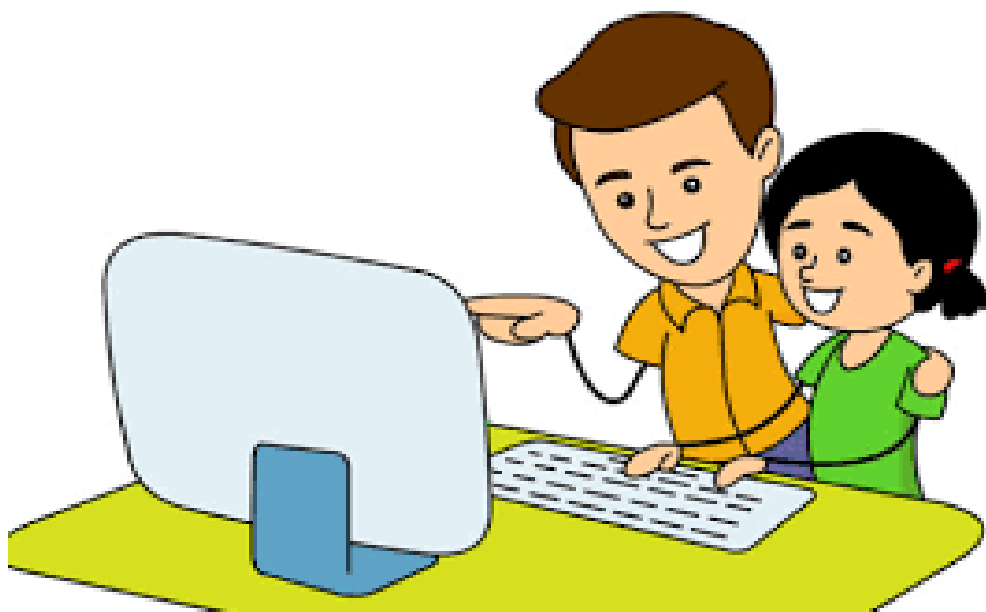
Please note, as this is a Ministry of Education website containing confidential information, passwords need to be changed every 3 months.

If you have any concerns, please contact your child's teacher. Our administrators are also available to speak with and work on the last name alpha system:

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H-N **Jennifer Fritzsche** jennifer.fritzsche@sd71.bc.ca

O-Z **Erica Black** erica.black@sd71.bc.ca



QuitNow!

QuitNow has launched a brand-new site made for youth who vape and are interested in quitting or reducing their use. The site provides information and interactive activities on the health risks of vaping, the benefits of quitting vaping, and coping with addiction and mental health. There is also a step-by-step guide that youth can use to quit or reduce vaping.

Click [here](#) for more info

Cut Down or Quit Vaping: The steps towards a vape-free life | QuitNow

quitnow.ca





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School Calendar

April 2nd - First Day Back
April 19th - End of Quarter 3
April 22nd - Start of Quarter 4

April 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 April Fools Day Easter Monday | 2 Day 2 - CDAB First Day Back | 3 Day 3 - BADC | 4 Day 4 - DCBA | 5 Day 1 - ABCD | 6 |
| 7 | 8 Day 1 - ABCD 10:15 am Fire Drill | 9 Day 2 - CDAB | 10 Day 3 - BADC | 11 Day 4 - DCBA Gr. 8 Band Port Alberni/Victoria | 12 Day 4 - DCBA Day of Silence Against ZSLERTQ+ Name Calling | 13 |
| 14 | 15 Day 1 - ABCD Assessments | 16 Day 2 - CDAB Assessments PAC Meeting 6:30 | 17 Day 3 - BADC FLEX/Assessments | 18 Day 4 - DCBA Assessments | 19 Day 1 - ABCD Assessments Q3 Ends | 20 |
| 21 | 22 Day 1 - ABCD Earth Day Q4 Begins | 23 Day 2 - CDAB | 24 Day 3 - BADC | 25 Day 4 - DCBA 10:15 am Lockdown Drill | 26 Day 2 - CDAB Reports Due | 27 |
| 28 | 29 Day 1 - ABCD | 30 Day 2 - CDAB Jazz Band Nanaimo West Coast Jazz Festival | EXPLORE HIKE #1 - Cape Scott | | | |
| | EXPLORE HIKE #2 - Cape Scott | | | | | |

March '24

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