

G.P. VANIER MARCH NEWSLETTER



Important Dates

March 1	Online Course Selection Closes
March 4 – 8	Parent Teacher Contact Week
March 6	Flex Day
March 7	Bursary Application Pkg Due 1:00 pm
March 9	Vanier Music Department Market
March 12	NIC Fest Campbell River Campus
March 14	NIC Fest Comox Valley Campus
March 16 – April 1	Spring Break

April 2	First Day Back
April 15 – 19	Assessments
April 17	FLEX/Literacy 12 Assessment (Current English 12 classes)
April 19	Quarter 3 Ends
April 22	Quarter 4 Begins

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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.



- **The Vanier Music Parents are planning a Spring Vendor Market in the Vanier Gym. More details on the Vanier Music Fundraising Page. [Click Here](#)**



NIC's second-annual career and education festival is back this March – and you're invited! Whether you're pursuing post-secondary education for the first time or exploring your next career step, join us on-campus for tours, information, feature talks, prizes and much more.

Save the date!

- [Campbell River campus: Tuesday, March 12, 2-6 pm](#)
- [Comox Valley campus: Thursday, March 14, 2-6 pm](#)

What to Expect

Event may vary by campus — check our [events](#) for details.

- Enter to win a \$1,000 bursary courtesy of the NIC Foundation.
- Tour our classrooms, studios, labs and trades workshops
- Meet regional employers at our [Comox Valley](#) and [Campbell River Career Central Live](#) mini-events.
- Meet faculty
- Enter our prize draws
- Learn about upcoming training opportunities

Want more information? Contact the Future Students team at futurestudents@nic.bc.ca

Vanier Athletics



**Wrestling – Provincials last weekend.
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 –
Provincials are this week.**

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

Basketball – Season is wrapping up with only a couple teams still competing.



Grade 8 Girls

- Vanier won the Zone Championship last weekend**
- Have been invited to Provincials this weekend in Vancouver**

Grade 9 Boys

- North Island 5th**

Jr Girls A

- 4th place finish at Islands last weekend. 1 game away from qualifying for Provincials.**

Sr Girls

-Islands last weekend in Victoria, played well with a team of mostly grade 11s.

Sr Boys

-at Islands last weekend



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](#).





VANIER BURSARY/SCHOLARSHIPS

The G.P. Vanier Bursary/Scholarship program opened to Gr 12 students on January 31, 2024.

Information can be found on the G.P. Vanier Website under the “Grad” tab. All G.P. Vanier students are strongly encouraged to apply. Students have until Thursday, March 7th at 1 pm to hand in their completed applications.

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](#)

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

District Authority Awards

These awards worth \$1,250 recognize excellence in non-academic fields, including Fine Arts, Applied Skills, Physical Activity, Second Languages, Community Service, and Technical and Trades Training. More information can be found in the Vanier Bursary and Scholarship Booklet available January 31, 2024.

News from the Counselling Office



The WILDERNESS WANDERERS

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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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.**

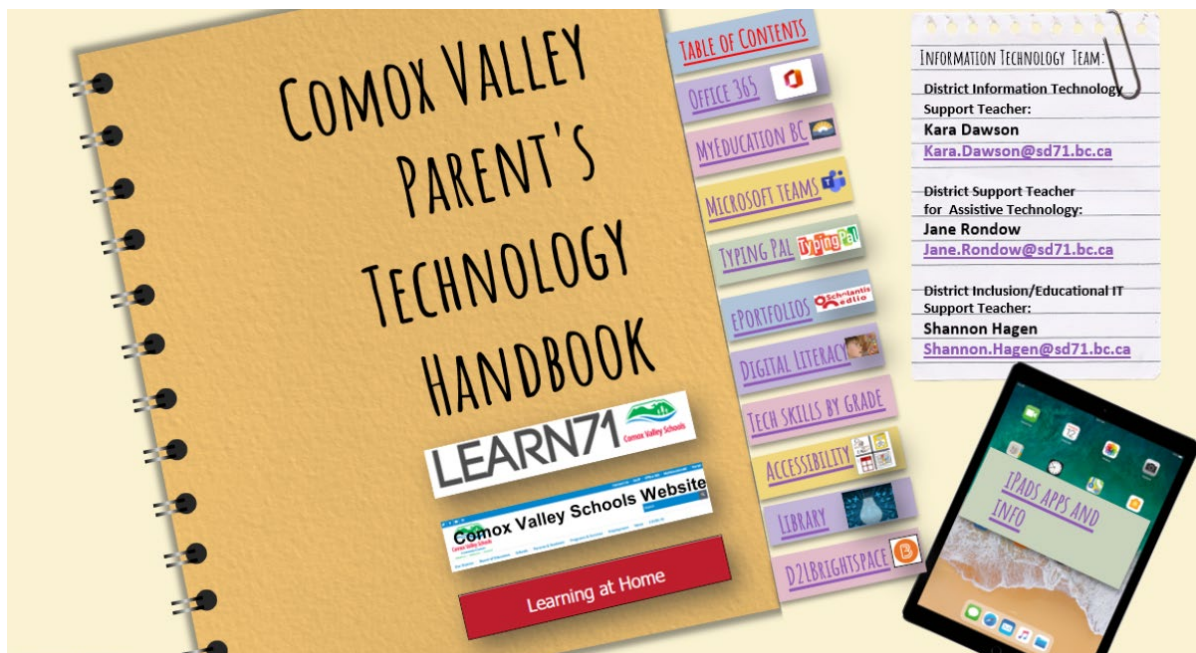
***Criminal Record Checks are held for 3 years in our database and may be accessed by other schools in the district.**

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 \(gov.bc.ca\)](http://gov.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 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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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





**Georges P. Vanier
School Calendar**

March 4th to 8th - International Women's Week
 March 8th - Women's Day
 March 15th to April 1st - Spring Break

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Day 1 - ABCD Online Course Selection Class	2
3 International Women's Week	4 Day 1 - ABCD	5 Day 2 - CDAB 10:15 am Fire Drill	6 Day 3 - BADC FLEX DAY	7 Day 4 - DCBA Bursary Application Pkg Due 1:00 pm	8 Day 2 - CDAB Aspire K'orek's Big House	9 Vanier Music Dept Meeting
10	11 Day 1 - ABCD	12 Day 2 - CDAB	13 Day 3 - BADC 10:15 am Portable Drill	14 Day 4 - DCBA Locker Clean Out	15 Day 3 - BADC Transporter Day of Visibility	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23 Spring Break
24	25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday	30
31 Easter Spring Break						

February '24

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April '24

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