



Georges P. Vanier
Secondary School

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Thursday, April 18th, 2024
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NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **To honour Prevention of Violence Against Women Week**, Aspire to Action will have a booth today at lunch in the Multi-Purpose Room. Come a visit the wonderful humans from the Comox Valley Transition Society for informational resources and other FREE goodies. See you there!
- * **There will be a Mount St. Helens meeting** at lunch today in Room 132.
- * **Grad BBQ Tickets are now available for purchase at the office.** Tickets are \$5 per person, including graduates.
- * **TOMORROW NIGHT! The Vanier Rotary Interact club is showing the movie Zootopia for a Family Movie Night** to raise money for Doctors Without Borders and The Foundry. There will be a concession. The movie will be shown in the MPR at GP Vanier Secondary School. Doors open at 5:45, movie shows at 6:15. This event is geared towards elementary students! Please see our Instagram page @gpvanier.interact for more information.
- * **FRIDAY: Craving a glazed donut from Cumberland Bakery?** Aspire is hosting a donut sale this Friday, April 19th. \$2.50 per donut for a great cause.
- * **Islander Pizza is looking for part time employees** - see the careers office for more information.
- * **To the Rescue Lifeguard Program is starting soon** - see the careers office for more information.
- * **UVic is still accepting undergraduate applications for September 2024 for most programs.** Students can check the [EducationPlannerBC website](https://www.educationplannerbc.ca) to confirm whether their program of interest is still open and should apply as soon as possible.

CLUBS/MEETINGS/PRACTICES/TRYOUTS TODAY

Group/Activity/Event	Time	Where
Mount St Helens meeting	Lunch	132
French Club	Lunch	110
Culture Club	Lunch	133
Weightlifting	3:10 pm	Weight room
Boys & Girls rugby	3:15 pm	Lower Field
Golf Club	3:15 pm	131
Garden Club	3:15 pm	Options room
Track and Field	3:15 pm	Track
Girls Soccer	3:15 pm	Turf
Improv	3:20 pm	181
Cross Country running	3:20 pm	161

EXTRA CURRICULAR/CLUBS

- * **Rotary Interact:** Mondays at Lunch in Room 192
- * **Weightlifting:** Mon-Thurs after school in the weight room
- * **Rugby (girls):** Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 3:15 – 4:45 pm
- * **Rugby (boys):** Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:15 – 4:45 pm
- * **Golf club:** Mon & Thurs after school at Sunnyside. Meet in room 131 after school
- * **Track and Field:** Mon & Thurs 3:15 on the track
- * **Dungeons & Dragons:** Mon & Thurs after school in the Art room
- * **Improv:** Mon & Thurs after school in Room 181
- * **Girls Soccer:** Tues/Thurs 3:15 pm on the Turf
- * **Mountain Bike team:** Tuesdays at lunch in portable 806
- * **Queer Support Alliance:** Tuesdays at Lunch in Room 111
- * **Neurodiversity Club:** Wednesdays at Lunch in the Counselling centre
- * **French club/French café –** Thursdays at Lunch in Room 110
- * **Culture Club:** Thursdays at Lunch in Room 133
- * **Cross Country Running:** Thursdays at 3:20 meet in Room 161
- * **Mental Health Advocacy Club:** Thursdays at Lunch in the Counselling centre
- * **Garden Club:** Thursdays after school in the Options room
- * **Homework Club:** Thursdays 3:15 – 4:15 in the Access Centre
- * **Environment Club:** Fridays at Lunch in Room 146

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

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

VOLUNTEER/CAREERS

- * **Ichiban Sushi** is looking for part time servers for a couple days a week. Please drop your resume off in person to COA (manager) at 932 Fitzgerald Ave.
- * **Camosun College Tour opportunity! Weds May 15th, 7 am – 5 pm.** You will be touring both the Interurban and Lansdowne campuses. See the careers office for more information or to sign up.
- * **Courtenay Firefit will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 25th and 26th.** Firefit is a series of Firefighter races that happen over a period of 2 days, where Firefighters from across the country come to compete. There is individual, partner, and relay races happening over the two days.

In order to make this event a success, we rely heavily on our team of volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, I am able to take on a few students to work with Firefighters to run and fill racers Cylinders, help reset the course, and work with our administrative team. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions about the event. Thank you. Please connect over email at savannah_seigler@hotmail.com.

- * **There will be a new First Aid course offered in the spring.** If you are interested in registering come to the career's office for more information.
- * **Comox Valley Farmers' Market is looking for volunteers for our outdoor markets.** Students can volunteer for as little as 1-2 hours per market or we're happy to help them with a work-study program. The hours are fairly flexible and can be modified to fit any schedule.

All of the jobs take place outside. Some of the volunteer tasks include market set up and tear down, sign board artwork, market information booth, kid's activities, parking, special events, recycling program, equipment repair and maintenance, and more.

From April to October, The Market takes place at the Comox Valley Exhibition Grounds. Set up starts at 7 a.m, the market runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and tear down is from 1 to 3 p.m.

From June to September, there is an additional market that takes place downtown Cumberland on Sundays. Set up starts at 8 a.m, the market runs from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., and tear down is from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

- * **Hidden Green Careers Municipal Tour:** Tuesday, April 30th, lunch included! 9:40 am - 2:30 pm. Learn about careers at your local Municipality Treatment Facility. Sign up in the Careers Office! Space is limited.
- * **Teen Camp at Comox Lake** - Care about the environment? Want to get outside and recharge with like-minded friends? Lake Park Society (Comox Lake) is looking for 13-15 year old participants to join us this spring. We will meet on five Saturdays from April 13th to May 11th, taking time to unplug, check-in and ask "how can we care for the land, and how does the land care for us?" Registration is now open. For full details, please visit cumberlandlakepark.ca
- * **Saratoga Speedway is starting their hiring process for the upcoming racing season**, must be 14 years of age to apply. They are looking to fill box office ticket sales, concession workers, food runners and cashiers. Come to the careers office for more information and how to apply.
- * **Want to learn tips and tricks for financial literacy?** Take an online course for **free!** See the careers office for sign up information.
- * **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!
- * **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

SCHOLARSHIPS

- * **New scholarship alert! The [Rick & Amanda Hansen Scholarship for Youth with Disabilities](#).** (click this link to apply) These scholarships provide financial support to Canadian youth with disabilities looking to complete a 1- to 4-year post-secondary program. Funding of up to \$40,000 is available. Applications for the 2023-24 school year are now open until May 31st, 2024. Up to 3 scholarships are available this year. Please see links to a [promotional poster](#) and [3-page scholarship guidelines document](#).
- * **NEW BURSARY! Attention Grade 12 students pursuing post-secondary education in the Healthcare field.** The Auxiliary Society for Comox Valley Healthcare is offering a \$2000.00 bursary for 2023/24 graduates. Come to the counselling office to pick up an application. Due by May 31, 2024. **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!
- * **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>
- * 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](https://www.scholarstree.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>

OLDER NEWS

- * **We will be offering an additional opportunity for students to attend Homework Club to support their learning.** In addition to every Thursday after school, Homework Club will now be available Mondays after school in the Access Center/ Learning Support Classroom.
 Program runs from 3:15 – 4:15 on Mondays and Thursdays.
 There is a late bus at 4:50 pm on Mondays and Thursdays.
- * **There are freezies on sale every Friday at lunch** in the cafeteria and outside in the bus loop for \$1 each.
- * **Have you applied and been accepted to North Island College for Fall 2024? Would you like some help registering for your courses?** A North Island College Education Advisor will be at Vanier on Tuesday, April 30th and Tuesday, May 14th from 9 am to 1 pm to help students with picking courses and the registration process. To book an appointment please visit <https://outlook.office365.com/book/GPVanierCounselling@learn71.onmicrosoft.com/>
- * **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.
- * **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.