Georges P. Vanier
Secondary School

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Wednesday, April 24th, 2024
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NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **GRASP training will be held on Friday, May 3rd all day. Learn valuable tools for how to help others cope with crisis.** Students must register ahead of time – come to the counselling office for more details. Lunch will be provided. 😊
- **Have you applied, been accepted, and paid your deposit 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/
- **Ciao! Want to visit Italy?** Create international friendships? See ancient and cultural sites? Travel? Show off our beautiful island and area?!!!! We will be hosting Italian students in September of 2025. Vanier students will be travelling to Italy, including Verbania, Rome, Florence and Venice during Spring Break 2026. Open to current grade 8, 9, 10 students at Vanier. **Please come to an informational meeting in Room 160 (Ms. Haut's room) at lunch time Tuesday, Apr 30th.**
- **Grad BBQ Tickets are now available for purchase at the office.** Tickets are $5 per person, including graduates.
- **Miracle Beach Fun Fair is looking for volunteers** on May 31, 2024 come to the careers office to sign up.
- **University of Victoria Campus Tour: May 9th –** 7 am departure from Vanier, 1:45 pm leaving Victoria. Sign up in the Careers office.

CLUBS/MEETINGS/PRACTICES/TRYOUTS TODAY

Group/Activity/Event	Time	Where
Neurodiversity Club	Lunch	Counselling office
Weightlifting	3:10 pm	Weight room
Girls Rugby	3:15 pm	Lower Field

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 Sunnydale. 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

- **Union Bay Historical Society is looking for a summer full time employee** see the careers office for more information.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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!
- 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

OLDER NEWS

- **UVic is still accepting undergraduate applications for September 2024 for most programs.** Students can check the **EducationPlannerBC website** to confirm whether their program of interest is still open and should apply as soon as possible.
- **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.

- **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.