



Georges P. Vanier  
Secondary School

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**  
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**NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- \* **Craving a glazed donut from Cumberland Bakery?** Aspire is hosting a donut sale this Friday, April 5th. \$2.50 per donut for a great cause.
- \* **Cross Country Running** will take place at 3:20 pm on Thursdays until further notice.
- \* **Attention all track team members or those wanting to sign up.** Our first practice will be this Thursday at 3:30 at the track. If you are interested in joining and competing but cannot make practice, please see Mr. Gorski in the gym.
- \* **Hidden Green Careers Municipal Tour:** Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.
- \* **Anyone looking for Volunteer Hours:**  
This Sunday, April 7th, Kitty Coleman Campground is doing their annual clean up. 10:00 am until finished. Student will get a minimum of 5 volunteer hours!
- \* **Disc golf club is starting!** Open to all levels of experience and ability, the disc golf club will have a meeting at lunch on Thursday in Mr. Barber's room 109. See Mr. Barber or Mr. Horner for any questions.
- \* **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 30<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 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/>
- \* **Are you interested in becoming a pharmacist or working in pharmacy?** Did you know that the Island Pre-Health Science program at North Island College provides students with all the courses and credits needed to apply to pharmacy?

On Thursday, April 4th, UBC Pharmacy Admissions and Recruitment will be joining the Island Pre-Health Science (IPH 102) class to share what the PharmD program is about and how to apply. This session will be open to anyone interested (current NIC students, high school students, community members). Please feel free to share widely with your network.

Session Info:  
Thursday April 4, 2024  
4:30 – 5:30pm  
TYE 205 ([campus map](#))

**CLUBS/MEETINGS/PRACTICES/TRYOUTS TODAY**

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

## EXTRA CURRICULAR/CLUBS

- \* **Rotary Interact:** Mondays at Lunch in Room 192
- \* **Rugby (girls):** Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 3:15 – 4:45 pm
- \* **Rugby (boys):** Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:15 – 4:45 pm
- \* **Dungeons & Dragons:** Mondays and Thursdays after school in the Art room
- \* **Improv:** Mondays and Thursdays 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
- \* **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
- \* **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

- \* **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.
- \* **If you are interested in getting your FIRST AID and FOOD SAFE certification,** visit the careers office for the details.
- \* **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.
- \* **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](mailto: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 still have a few spots in each of these exciting programs - please see the Careers office if you are interested – ASAP.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

- \* **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](https://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>
- \* **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](http://www.transplant.bc.ca)
- \* [Scholarshipscanada.com](http://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](http://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

- \* **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.