

# **G.P. VANIER MAY NEWSLETTER**



## **Important Dates**

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| <b>May 4</b>  | <b>Explore Garage Sale 8 – 2 pm</b> |
| <b>May 8</b>  | <b>FLEX DAY</b>                     |
| <b>May 15</b> | <b>Grad BBQ 5:00pm</b>              |
| <b>May 20</b> | <b>Victoria Day (no school)</b>     |
| <b>May 21</b> | <b>PAC Meeting</b>                  |
| <b>May 29</b> | <b>FLEX DAY</b>                     |

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| <b>June 4</b>       | <b>Year-End Concert</b>   |
| <b>June 10 – 14</b> | <b>Gr 10 Literacy &amp; Numeracy Assessments</b>                    |
| <b>June 11</b>      | <b>Celebration of Excellence/Bursary Reception</b>                  |
| <b>June 12</b>      | <b>FLEX DAY</b><br><b>(gr 10 En/Ma classes writing assessments)</b> |
| <b>June 20</b>      | <b>Athletic BBQ</b>   |
| <b>June 21</b>      | <b>Last Day of Classes/Grad Rehearsal</b>                           |
| <b>June 24 – 27</b> | <b>I Days</b>   |
| <b>June 26</b>      | <b>GRAD 2024</b>  |
| <b>June 27</b>      | <b>Q4 Ends/Semester 2 Ends</b>                                      |

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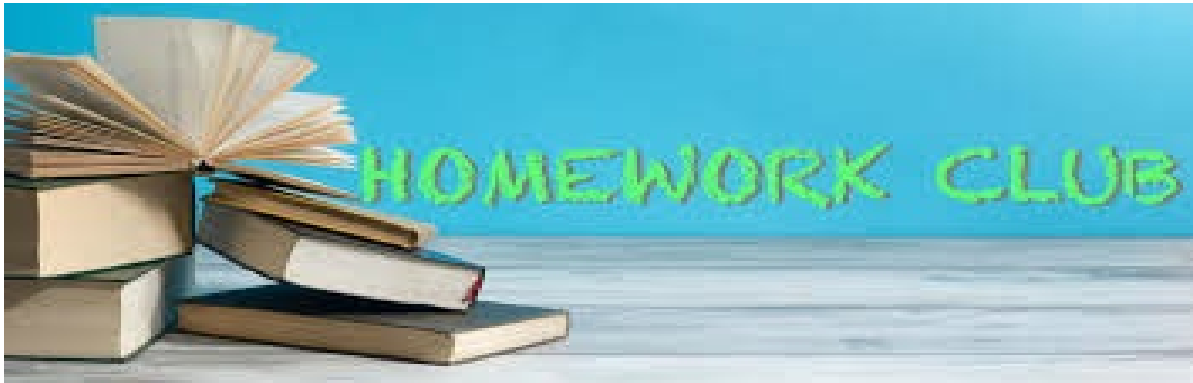
**MYED Parent Portal..... Login Info**

# **Comox Valley Schools Improv Teams** **Thrive at Canadian Improv Games**

**In an impressive display of creativity and quick thinking, Teams from Highland, Vanier, and Isfeld schools in the Comox Valley distinguished themselves at the recent Canadian Improv Games, held in Victoria.**



**G.P. Vanier Secondary School showcased exceptional talent with three teams participating. The junior team – coached by Jason Arsenault took a well-earned second place, demonstrating their burgeoning skills and creativity. Meanwhile the senior teams coached by Lori Mazey and alumnus Howie Shaw also made their mark, securing second and fourth places respectively, showcasing the depth of talent within the school.**



**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 Centre/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.**





**COMING  
SOON**

**THE CCS PAC**

# **BIKE & GEAR SWAP**

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**SATURDAY MAY 11**

**9am - 5pm**

**Cumberland Community School**

**Drop off May 10, 5pm - 8pm**

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**All money raised supports students.**

**Email us for more info:**

**[cumberlandcommunityschoolpace@gmail.com](mailto:cumberlandcommunityschoolpace@gmail.com)**





# 2024

## 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 Expresses Gratitude to Community Supporters**



**The Comox Valley Schools Grad Attire Program extends heartfelt appreciation to the community for their overwhelming support over the years and generous contributions towards ensuring every student's graduation day is memorable and with style. Graduation is fast approaching, and while the outpouring of support has been instrumental in ensuring students have access to appropriate attire, more clothing items and accessories are needed.**

**The Grad Attire Program wishes to extend a sincere thank you to all individuals and organizations who have donated grad clothing and provided monetary support to address ongoing needs. Your generosity has made a significant impact and reaffirms the spirit of community within the Comox Valley.**

**The program would like to express the deepest gratitude to Cloverdale Paint and to Comox Valley Dodge for their generous donations and ongoing support of the program. Their backing exemplifies the community-minded approach that strengthens our program and uplifts our students.**



**The Grad Attire Program continues to make a difference in the lives of our graduating students and create lasting memories they will cherish for years to come.**

## **Congratulations Grads of 2024**

**\*Additional info below**



**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, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**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](mailto:kelly.giorgianni@sd71.bc.ca)**

**or Susan Quinton [susan.quinton@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:susan.quinton@sd71.bc.ca)**

## Attendance Reporting



**Vanier has now added SchoolMessenger as an attendance reporting tool. Parents will now receive a detailed attendance message detailing the student's name, grade and blocks missed.**

**Parent Guide use of SafeArrival is located [HERE](#)**

**To download the apps, links are located on [THIS PAGE](#)**



# **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](mailto: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](mailto:katherine.brach@sd71.bc.ca)**

**Stephanie Morris (H-N) [stephanie.morris@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:stephanie.morris@sd71.bc.ca)**

**Jocelyn Schultz (O-Z) [jocelyn.schultz@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:jocelyn.schultz@sd71.bc.ca)**

### **Youth and Family Support Worker:**

**Sherry Patterson – [sherry.patterson@sd71.bc.ca](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

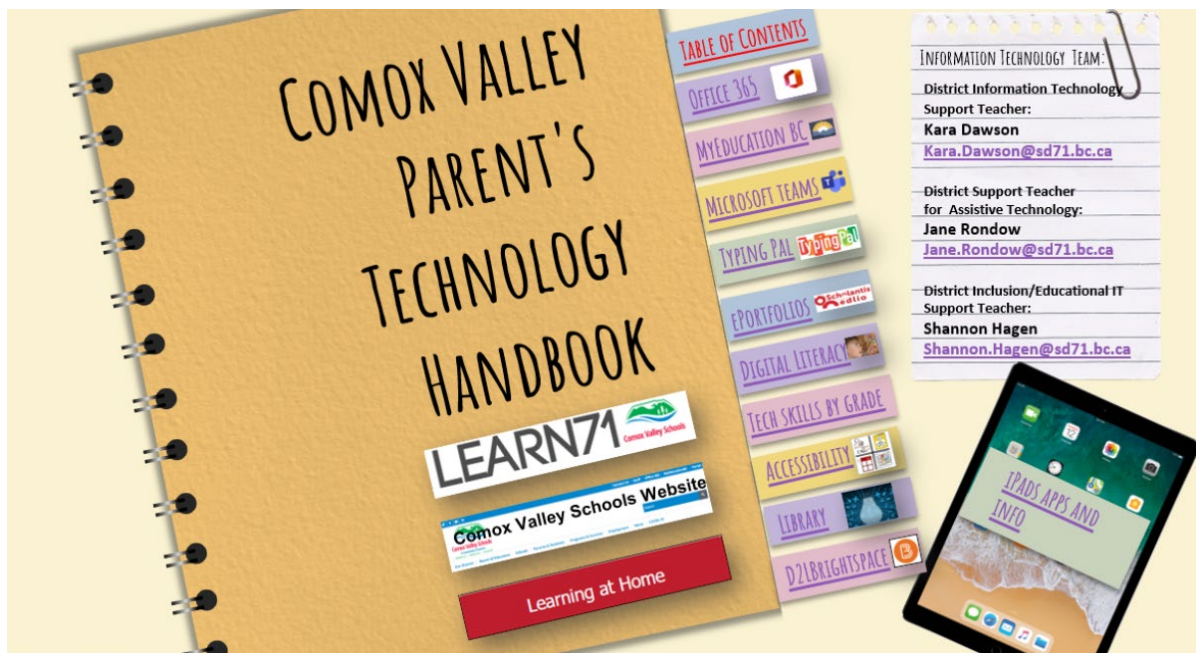
**For more information, please contact Susan Quinton**

**[susan.quinton@sd71.bc.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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



