



Georges P. Vanier
Secondary School

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Wednesday, October 30th, 2024
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NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **THIS WEEK! SPIRIT WEEK dress-up themes:**

Wednesday (FLEX) Oct 30: Halloween colours by grade (12s = Black, 11s = Purple, 10s = Green, 9s = Orange, 8s = Yellow)

Thursday Oct 31: Halloween Costume (costume contest and pumpkin carving contest at lunch)!

Friday Nov 1: Comfy pajamas day!



Good at carving a pumpkin? There will be a pumpkin carving contest on Halloween! Bring in your carved pumpkins from home to be judged at lunchtime in the gym!

- * **If you had a retake done and would like it to be used in the yearbook instead of your first photo**, please see Ms. D in Room 120 during lunch this week.
- * **If you are a Grade 9 boy interested in playing basketball**, there will be a meeting on Thursday October 31 in Room 174 (the PE Classroom)
- * **If you are interested in playing Junior Girls Basketball** there will be a meeting in Room 174 (PE classroom) right after school on Monday, November 4.
- * **Upcoming NIC Comox Valley guided campus tours!**
Wednesday, October 30, 2024 (11:30 am - 12:30 pm) | [Register](#)
Friday, November 15, 2024 (3:30 - 4:30 pm) | [Register](#)
Tuesday, December 3, 2024 (3:30 - 4:30 pm) | [Register](#)
- * **Hello students who expressed interest in going to Chengdu, China at Spring Break.**
We are still in a waiting space - Mrs. Black checked with International Education last week and they are still awaiting feedback from the School Board Office on their submitted paperwork. You will be updated as soon as a message is available. Glad to hear some of you have been looking into required funds already so if we get notification, you will be ready.
- * **Do you have a parent or family member that has previously or is currently serving in the military that would be interested in attending our Remembrance Day service?** Come see Ms. Murphy in the Careers office for more info!
- * **Green Municipal Careers Day!** Visit the regional landfill, the water treatment plant and the pollution control centre and learn about the various careers in each department. Sign up in the careers office for the tour on Nov 21, 2024 - **limited seats.**
- * **Camosun college is hosting an open house** on Saturday, Nov 2 from 11 am – 3 pm at the Interurban campus in Victoria. See this link for more information: <https://camosun.ca/future/open-house>

- * **Are you interested in feeding the fire of passion and change? Do you want to attend the Youth Climate Action Summit on November 14th?** If so, attend a meeting for information about the summit on Tuesday, October 29th at LUNCH in the LIBRARY.

IGNITE: Fuel the Fire for Passion & Change (November 14 Grades 8-12)

Designed to empower and foster collaboration to create positive environmental change and to educate youth around the issues we face here on the island. The conference will provide a space for youth to collaborate and plan meaningful solutions for a positive future with support from our local community mentors.

CLUBS/MEETINGS/PRACTICES/TRYOUTS TODAY

| Group/Activity/Event | Time | Where |
|----------------------------|---------|--------------|
| Vanier Choir | Lunch | Band Room |
| Indigenous Culture Club | Lunch | 133A |
| Weightlifting | 3:10 pm | Weight room |
| Jr Boys Basketball tryouts | 3:20 pm | Gym |
| Wrestling | 3:45pm | MultiPurpose |
| Open Gym Girls Basketball | 5:20pm | Gym |
| Jr Boys Volleyball | 6:20pm | Gym |
| Open Gym Boys Basketball | 7:45pm | Gym |

VOLUNTEER/CAREERS

- * **Would you like to earn your WHIMIS, Fall Arrest, Ladder/Scaffolding certifications and even Forklift certification?** Come to the careers office for more information.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- * **Beedie Luminaries Scholarship:** The Beedie Luminaries Scholarship is for students with potential who are facing financial adversity. Students who are smart but constrained by circumstance. Students who are resilient and gritty. Students who are ready to make a positive change in their lives. We offer five comprehensive programs that support Grade 12 students, single parents, refugee students, graduate students, and aspiring tradespeople in their pursuit of further education. Are you the one? Applications open on **November 4th, 2024**. See <https://beedieluminaries.ca/> for more information.
- * **Schulich Leader Scholarships** are the largest and most prestigious undergraduate STEM scholarships in Canada, with a value up to \$120,000 per award. These scholarships are open to all Canadian High Schools with graduates planning to pursue STEM programs. Nomination deadline is **January 29, 2025**. For more information please see <https://schulichleaders.com/apply/>
- * [Scholarshipscanada.com](https://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 within 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.

- * **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>
- * **The RE/MAX Quest for Excellence® scholarship program is now accepting essay submission until March 9, 2025.** RE/MAX is pleased to offer 40 scholarships of \$1000 each to students across Canada (except for Quebec). To apply, eligible students are invited to write and submit an online essay up to 500 words in length. Essays must be submitted before March 9th, 2025. For essay questions and more information see: <https://blog.remax.ca/quest-for-excellence/>
- * **TD Canada Trust Leadership Scholarships:** Are you a student in your final year of high school? Have you shown a commitment to making a positive difference in your community? You may be eligible for a TD Scholarship for Community Leadership valued at up to \$70,000 over 4 years toward a post-secondary college or university education. **Apply online between September 4 and November 13, 2024.** <https://www.td.com/ca/en/personal-banking/solutions/studentbanking/community-leadership-scholarship-for-canadians>

OLDER NEWS

- * **Come on down to Towhee Treasures (outside rooms 116/117) and enjoy a thrifting experience at Vanier.** Clothing items are free. Donations are welcome. The green donation box is located next to Towhee Treasures. All donations need to be clean and in good condition. Thank you for keeping the area organized. 😊
- * **The Vanier Clothing Online Store is now open!** <https://gpvanier.itemorder.com/shop/sale/> **Accepting offers until November 15th** with deliveries coming in early December.
- * 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.

The Grad Attire program will operate out of Comox Valley Dodge at 278 North Island Highway (Old Canadian Tire building) on the following dates from 10:00am-3:00pm:

- Saturday, November 2nd
- Saturday, November 23rd
- Saturday, January 18th
- Saturday, February 8th
- Saturday, March 8th
- Saturday, April 12th
- Saturday, May 10th

You can book a fitting appointment using the following [link](https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/grad-attire-program/). <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/grad-attire-program/>

- * **Are you in grades 9-12 and have a flair for content creation?** Here's your chance to shine and become a Habitat Influencer by entering the Habitat Student Reel Impact Contest! 1st prize is \$300, 2nd is \$200 and 3rd prize is \$100. See www.tinyurl.com/habitat-reel-contest/ for more information. **Deadline Nov 30th.**
- * **The Vanier late bus runs Mon/Thurs** leaving Vanier at 4:45 pm.
- * **Homework Club** runs Mon/Thurs 3:15 – 4:15 pm weekly.
- * **We do not supply disposable water cups or utensils.** Please come to school prepared and remember to bring your water bottle.