



Georges P. Vanier
Secondary School

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Monday, December 2nd, 2024
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Courtenay
British Columbia



NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **Friendly reminder! EDAS still needs our help!**

It's that beautiful time of year again where Vanier is spreading kindness and compassion through the **EDAS (Everybody Deserves A Smile) project**. EDAS just sent some numbers our way. They are needing the following donation items by **Tuesday, December 3rd**:

Men's and Non-Binary:

- 376 Wool or part wool socks
- 389 Toques (XL sizes)
- 349 Scarves

Women's:

- 98 Wool or part wool socks
- 92 Toques (Med sizes)
- 216 Scarves



Drop off locations in the school are located:

- Room 117 (Mr. Merrick's room), Room 122 (Mr. Willard's room), Front Office, Counselling Office

Donations will be added to EDAS bags and will be delivered to those in need this holiday season. If you would like to know more about EDAS, here is the link to their website: <https://edas.ca/>

- * **For \$1, get a ticket to win a raffle basket of goodies on Monday, Dec 2nd - Friday, Dec 6th by the caf during lunch!** Free treats available for those who purchase a ticket. Draw will take place Friday, Dec 6th and all proceeds go to the Christmas Hampers.
- * There will be **an information booth** set up outside of library next **Friday, December 6th** at lunch for those interested in learning more about the **Adventure Guiding Certificate program** at **North Island College**.

CLUBS/MEETINGS/PRACTICES/TRYOUTS TODAY

Group/Activity/Event	Time	Where
Gr 9 Girls Basketball	7:15 am	Gym
Weightlifting	3:10 pm	Weight room
Homework Club	3:15 pm	Access Centre
Dungeons and Dragons	3:15 pm	Rm 4
Gr 8 Girls Basketball vs Isfeld	3:20 pm	Gym
Jr Boys Basketball	5:00 pm	Gym
Sr Girls Basketball	6:20 pm	Gym
Jr Grils Basketball	7:00 pm	Gym
Sr Boys Basketball	7:40 pm	Gym

VOLUNTEER/CAREERS

- * **Interested in taking first aid?** Our Careers office is offering a course on Jan 8th, come to the Careers office for a sign-up sheet. Must be 16 years of age.
- * **Would you like to earn your WHIMIS, Fall Arrest, Ladder/Scaffolding certifications and even Forklift certification?** Come to the career's office for more information
- * **Interested in the Views Spring Youth Volunteer Program for high school students?** The program starts with orientation on February 3, 2025. This is the 2nd intake this year providing students with the option to do a single semester, Sept or Feb, or both. The deadline for applications is January 21, 2025. See the careers office for an application.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- * **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.

Schulich Scholarship Student Application Process

Please provide the following information to the Vanier Counselling Office **by Friday, January 17th at 3:10pm:**

1. Cover letter expressing why you should be selected
2. Resume outlining your in-school and extra-curricular experiences
3. Copy of your transcript

For more information talk to your school counsellor and go to the Schulich Scholarship Website:

<https://schulichleaders.com/apply/>

- * **The Horatio Alger Canadian Scholarships and National Entrepreneurial Scholarships for the Class of 2026 will open December 1, 2024.** For more information visit: <https://horatioalger.ca/scholarships-and-services/scholarships/> This association provides 1.8 million annually in need-based scholarship support for deserving students in all Canadian provinces and territories.
- * **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.
- * [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.remox.ca/quest-for-excellence/>

OLDER NEWS

* **The Comox Valley Volleyball Winter Camp is December 21st and 22nd at Highland School.** The morning session is for grades 5-8 and the afternoon session is for grades 9-12. Please email Brian at bdstevens@hotmail.com for more information.

* **Grad Photography Dates: December 2nd – December 9th - 2024**

The website is **NOW OPEN** to book. The booking link is <https://prestigeportraits.ca/>

(Once the page loads scroll down to “Don’t have your appointment code?” and enter province and city and then select GP Vanier to find your appointment code.)

The sessions will be 20 minutes, and we will do formal cap/gown photos as well as casual photos. (ex. Jeans/Tshirt, Sports uniform, etc). We highly suggest students bring a dress shirt and tie, or wear v-neck or scoop neck top for formal photos. The gowns have a v-neck collar. Unfortunately, we will not have shirts and ties for graduates to use. The use of props provided by Lifetouch (roses, diploma scroll) is voluntary, we have implemented safety protocols for sanitizing props or will provide one-time use props for each sitting. Graduates may also bring appropriate props to be included in their sitting. (ex. football, musical instrument, etc)

* **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 [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, 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/>

* **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.