

G.P. VANIER DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



Important Dates

Dec 2-6, 9-10	Grad Photos – Multi Purpose Room
Dec 4	FLEX Day
Dec 4	Winterfest 6 – 9 pm in the Gym
Dec 10	Winter Concert 6:30 pm in the Gym
Dec 20	Winter Assembly am
Dec 21 – Jan 5	Winter Break

Jan 6	First Day Back
Jan 15	FLEX DAY/Gr 10 Assessments
Jan 21	PAC Meeting 6:30 pm
Jan 24	Quarter 2 Ends/Semester 1 Ends
Jan 27	Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Jan 28	Quarter 3 Begins/Semester 2 Begins
Jan 31	Bursary Program Opens to Students

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Grad Winterfest – Casino Night

The Grad Winterfest – Casino Night planning has begun. This event, for Grads and their parents, will take place on December 4th from 6 pm to 9 pm. There will be Casino games such as Black Jack, Roulette, and Texas Hold'em, as well as a DJ, photoboosts, desserts, appetizers and much more.



Parents have been contacted via email and have the opportunity to sign-up for various duties to help support the events of the evening. We are gathering raffle prizes for our grads. If you would like to make a donation to the raffle table, please connect with Erica Black at erica.black@sd71.bc.ca

Thanks and appreciation will be given to all sponsors during the Winterfest event.



IMPORTANT DATES

- * Dec 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 - Grad photos in the MPR**
- * Dec 4 – Winterfest 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm**
- * Feb 3, 4, 5, 6 – Grad Photo Retakes**
- * May 8 – Grad BBQ 5:00 pm**
- * June 25 - Grad 2025**



Indigenous-Focused Graduation **Requirement**

The Indigenous-focused graduation requirement is in effect for the 2024/25 school year. All students working towards the B.C. Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) – in English or French – are required to complete this 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.



Grad Attire Information

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, January 18th

Saturday, February 8th

Saturday, March 8th

Saturday, April 12th

Saturday, May 10th



You can book a fitting appointment using the following [link](#).

If you have any questions or would like to donate to the program, please contact:

Kelley Giorgianni kelley.giorgianni@sd71.bc.ca

Susan Quinton susan.quinton@sd71.bc.ca

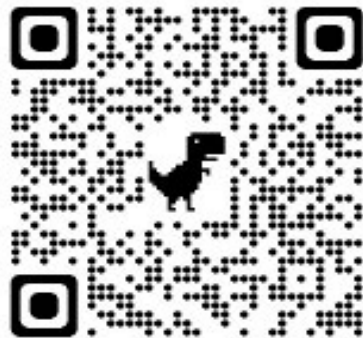
GRAD 2025

Grad Attire Program

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL
OUTFIT FOR GRAD

*Book an appointment to find the right fit
scan the QR code*

Jan 18th
Feb 8th



Mar 8th
April 12th
May 10th

No Cost to Grads

G.P. Vanier Athletics



The fall season is winding down, and we had some great results at the island and provincial level including:

- **1 participant at the Cross Country Provincials**
- **2 Volleyball Teams at the Island Championships
Sr Girls (7th), Sr Boys (8th)**
- **1 North Island Champion Volleyball Team – Sr Girls**

Winter Teams for this year include:

- **Basketball – Gr 8, Gr 9, Jr, Sr Teams**
- **Wrestling Team**
- **Ski and Snowboard Team**



Basketball has started up and they are preparing for the December start of the season. Wrestling is also underway with Mr. McKee working at Vanier with students from throughout the district. Our Ski and Snowboard team, headed by Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Erikson, have started their team meetings and will be on the slopes soon.

CONNECT & LEARN WITH US!



Coffee & Connection

Are you a parent or caregiver interested in connecting with other parents about child/youth mental health topics?

FamilySmart's Family Peer Support Workers Carolyn and Megan invite you to join them for snacks, coffee and connection. These events are for parents/caregivers only and childcare is not provided.

Cost: Free

Register: familysmart.ca/monthly-events/
Drop-ins are also welcome.

Dates & Topics

Thursday, Nov 14 - Screen Time: The Struggle is Real

Thursday, Nov. 28 - Parenting in the Deep End: Parenting Kids Ages 4-8

Thursday, Dec. 5 - Parenting in the Deep End: Parenting Kids Ages 9-12

Thursday, Dec. 12 - Parenting in the Deep End: Parenting Kids Ages 13+

Time: 9:30 – 10:30 AM all events

Location: Lewis Centre, Craft Room A,
489 Old Island Hwy, Courtenay

Questions?

email: carolyn.mccarthy@familysmart.ca
or phone: 250-890-2391



familysmart.ca

Thurs, Dec 5

[Parenting in the Deep End: Parenting Kids Ages 4-8](#)

Thurs, Dec 12

[Parenting in the Deep End: Parenting Kids Ages 13+](#)

Registration: Click on the links above to register for any you would like

to attend or simply drop-in that morning.

Cost: Free

*****Childminding is not included as part of this event but the Lewis**

Centre does have childminding available during this time for \$3/child

OUR VISION:

Excellent health and care for everyone,
everywhere, every time.



**Questions or concerns about a possible communicable disease within your
Comox Valley classroom or school?**

If a communicable disease is in question or has been reported to you by a parent and you have questions/concerns please follow the steps below:

1. Contact your school's Public Health Nurse (PHN) at 250-331-8520.
2. The PHN will provide you with information/resources if the communicable disease in question does not warrant investigation and follow up.
3. If more support is needed, the PHN will refer to a Communicable Disease (CD) Nurse; who will then contact you to get more information.
4. The CD process involves notification and initial assessment, case and contact investigation and management, reporting and documentation.
5. The CD Nurse consults with the Medical Health Officer (MHO) to determine appropriate interventions in the school setting.
6. Public Health and Communicable Disease will support the development of protocols for notification of parents/guardians.
7. Any letters sent from the school to parents/families in regards to a communicable disease will come from Public Health.

Resource Quick Guide to Common Childhood Diseases:

English – Click [HERE](#)

French – Click [HERE](#)



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 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 Administrator. Administrators work on the last name alpha system:

Principal – Julie Shields julie.shields@sd71.bc.ca

Dave Mayert (A-G) david.mayert@sd71.bc.ca

Jennifer Fritzsche (H-N) jennifer.fritzsche@sd71.bc.ca

Erica Black (O-N) erica.black@sd71.bc.ca

School Counsellor:

Katherine Brach (A-G) katherine.brach@sd71.bc.ca

Stephanie Morris (H-N) stephanie.morris@sd71.bc.ca

Jocelyn Schultz (O-Z) jocelyn.schultz@sd71.bc.ca

Youth and Family Support Worker:

Sherry Patterson – sherry.patterson@sd71.bc.ca

To Book an Appointment Click [Here](#)



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

Please contact:

susan.quinton@sd71.bc.ca

Code of Conduct Form

Click [Here](#)

Driver's Abstract

Copy of Driver's License

Proof of Insurance (1 million 3rd party liability)

If you are planning on volunteering as a coach or chaperone, you MUST complete a Criminal Records Check

***Code of Conduct forms must be signed before participating in any sport.**

***Criminal Record Checks are held for 5 years in our database and may be accessed by other schools in the district.**

News from the Counselling Office

Post-Secondary Information for Vanier Parents and Guardians can be found [HERE](#)



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. Click [HERE](#)

ERASE (Expect, Respect and a Safe Education)



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[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.

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.

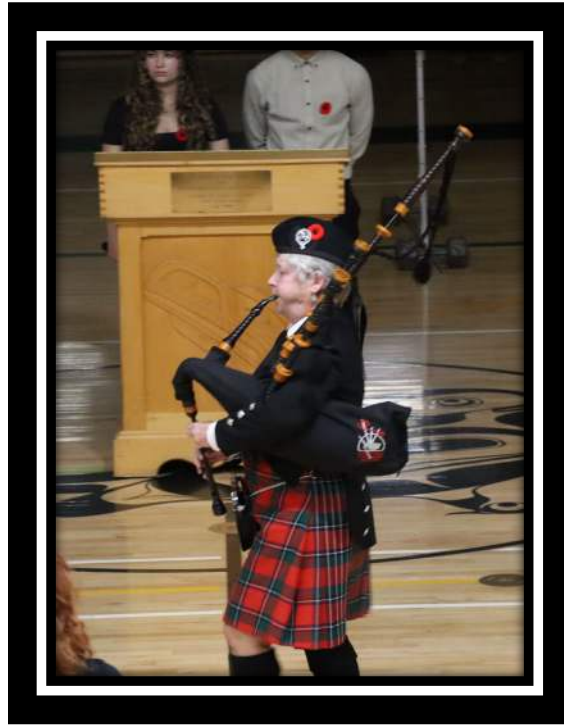
Click [here](#) for more info

Cut Down or Quit Vaping: The steps towards a vape-free life | QuitNow

quitnow.ca



Remembrance Day Assembly





**Georges P. Vanier
School Calendar**

Winter Break - Dec 21st to Jan 5th

December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Day 1 - ABCD Homework Club 3:15 - 4:15 Late Bus 4:45	3 Day 2 - CDAB School Nurse 11:30 - 1:30	4 Day 3 - BADC FLEX DAY WINTERFEST 6-9 pm	5 Day 4 - DCBA Homework Club 3:15 - 4:15 Late Bus 4:45	6 Day 1 - ABCD	7
8	9 Day 1 - ABCD Homework Club 3:15 - 4:15 Late Bus 4:45	10 Day 2 - CDAB Human Rights Day Winter Concert 6:30 - 8:30 pm (GYM)	Grad Photos			
15	16 Day 1 - ABCD	17 Day 2 - CDAB School Nurse 11:30 - 1:30	18 Day 3 - BADC	19 Day 4 - DCBA Locker Clean Out Homework Club 3:15 - 4:15 Late Bus 4:45	20 Day 3 - BADC Winter Assembly	21
22	23 Homework Club 3:15 - 4:15 Late Bus 4:45	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28 Winter Break
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29	30	31	Winter Break			