

G.P. VANIER JANUARY NEWSLETTER



Important Dates

Jan 6	First Day Back
Jan 9	January Grads (Meeting at Lunch)
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 30	Jazz Showcase 6 – 8 pm
Jan 31	Bursary Program Opens to Students

Feb 3 – 6	Grad Photo Retakes
Feb 11	PAC Meeting 6:30 pm
Feb 12	G.P. Vanier Band District Showcase
Feb 17	Family Day – No Classes
Feb 18	Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Feb 26	Gr 9 Immunizations

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News From SD71



Children
of the Street

Children of the Street is hosting a Keeping Kids Safe Online workshop on February 7th from 12:00 to 1:30 pm. This is a 60-minute interactive workshop designed to help parents, caregivers, and community groups better understand how to help children stay safe online.

Some of the topics covered throughout the workshop include:

- **Online sexual exploitation**
- **Red flags of luring and grooming**
- **Sextortion**
- **Child sexual abuse materials (CSAM)**
- **Peer to peer exploitation**
- **App literacy, a review of today's most popular kids' platforms**
- **How to talk to children about online sexual exploitation Safety tips**
- **Local resources**
- **How to seek help**

To register, click [HERE](#)

If you have any questions about this workshop, please email destanee@cvts.ca



BC has launched a Cancer Care Action Plan to better prevent, detect and treat cancers. As part of the prevention strategy, Island Health students in grade 11 and 12 will be offered an additional opportunity to catch up on HPV vaccination, a safe and effective way to prevent a variety of cancers.

Public Health will be providing an opportunity for grade 11 and 12 students who remain eligible for childhood & school-age immunizations (excluding COVID-19 and influenza vaccines) to be immunized at an upcoming school-based immunization clinic. A letter with more information will be sent home with Grade 11 and 12 students shortly.

Please discuss the information in this letter with your child, as students in grade 11 and 12 will be offered the opportunity to consent to or refuse immunizations on their own behalf through the mature minor consent process. Children under the age of 19, who can understand the benefits of getting immunized, possible side effects after receiving the immunization, and the risk of not getting immunized, can legally consent to getting the immunization or refuse it.

For more information visit HealthLinkBC [HERE](#)

Island Health Medical Health Officers

Chief MHO: Dr. Réka Gustafson 250-519-3406; North Island: Dr. Charmaine Enns 250-331-8591

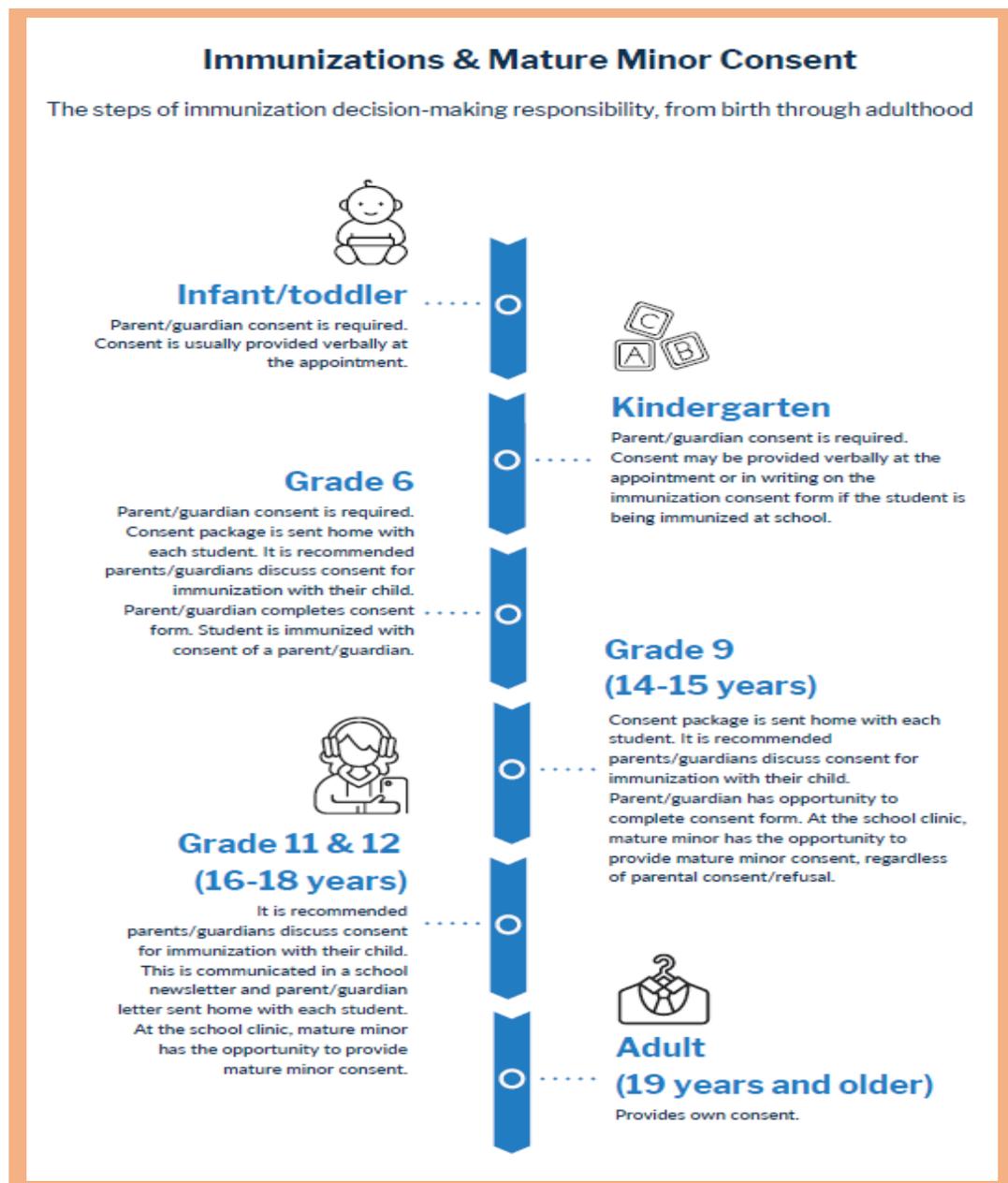
Central Island: 250-739-6304; Cowichan Region: Dr. Stéphane Trépanier 250-737-2020

South Island: Dr. Murray Pyfe, Dr. Dee Hoyano, Dr. Christina Kay, Dr. Mike Benusic 250-519-3406

islandhealth.ca/about-us/medical-health-officers

Public Health will host a townhall meeting in January 2025 to review the plan for grade 11-12 students and to answer any questions you may have. If you have questions, please reach out to the Clinical Coordinator at your local public health unit.

Vanier will be offering immunizations to grade 11 and 12s at lunch in the MPR the week of Monday Jan 20th – Friday Jan 24th. Grade 11/12 students who did not receive their grade 9 immunizations can also receive at lunch during this week.



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](#)



IMPORTANT DATES

- * Jan 9 – Grads Leaving in January (Meeting at Lunch)**
- * Jan 31 – Bursary Program Opens to Students**
- * Feb 3, 4, 5, 6 – Grad Photo Retakes**
- * March 7 – Bursary Applications Due 1 pm**
- * May 14 – Grad BBQ 5:00 pm**
- * June 25 - Grad 2025**



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

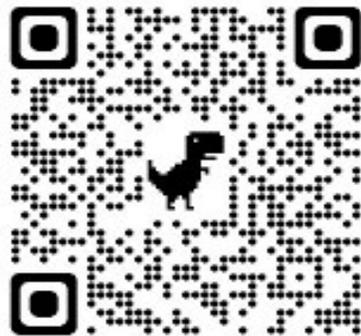
GRAD 2025

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



Vanier is buzzing with energy as the **basketball season takes off, and it's clear that *this* is the place to be for sports! With eight teams competing in league play, our athletes are showcasing skill, determination, and teamwork.**

Our Grade 8 and 9 teams are already halfway through their seasons, with the Grade 9s shining in multiple weekend tournaments. A highlight was the Grade 9 girls' performance, placing 5th out of 12 teams in a junior (Grade 10) tournament—proving they can compete at a higher level.

The junior teams are hitting their stride as well! The junior girls battled their way to an impressive 2nd place finish at a large Victoria tournament and brought home the championship trophy at their home tournament, which featured 12 teams.

At the senior level, the excitement continues! The senior girls kicked off their season in Nanaimo and are ready to compete as league play begins. The senior boys have been a force to be reckoned with, sporting a record of 9-1 and winning three tournaments, including one at Isfeld and two in the Lower Mainland (Chilliwack and Abbotsford).

Vanier Sr. Boys Basketball



Gr 9 Girls Basketball





Wrestling/Ski and Snowboard Team

Beyond basketball, Vanier’s athletic excellence extends to **wrestling, where we’re proud to host district schools as part of the SD71 wrestling team. And for those drawn to the slopes, the **ski and snowboard** season is ready to roll with over 40 students set to enjoy weekly sessions on the mountain.**

Vanier is more than a school—it’s a hub of athletic passion, achievement, and community. Go Towhees!



SCHOOL SUPPLIES



The school has extra supplies available for students now and for second semester. Please have your student talk to any of their teachers, or check in with the main office to see if they have the item(s) you need.

Available items:

Paper

Pens

Rulers

File dividers



Vanier's Careers Day: A Huge Success!

Vanier's Careers Day was an incredible success, providing students with a unique opportunity to explore a wide range of career paths. We were thrilled to host 35 community experts and professionals who generously shared their expertise and insights with our students. These industry leaders spoke about their careers, offering valuable advice and answering questions about the pathways to success in their fields.

In addition, we held a lively Career Fair at lunch, where 20 vendors set up tables for students to visit. The fair gave everyone a chance to interact with professionals from diverse industries, learn about potential job opportunities, and gain a deeper understanding of the skills and qualifications needed for various careers.



Thank you to all the professionals and community members who participated, and to our students for engaging enthusiastically throughout the day. Vanier's Careers Day was truly a fantastic event, and we look forward to future opportunities to inspire and inform our students about their career possibilities!

The Vanier Careers Team

Dawnn Thorson

Whitney Murphy

Kelley Giorgianni

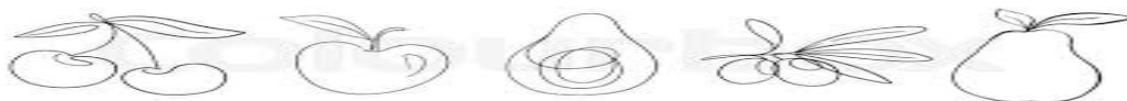
Randy James

Friday Food Bags 2025



We have a Friday Food Bag Program where student/families can get a small bag of groceries each week.

We are committed to having this available for all students and families who need it. If you are interested, please call the office to sign up.



Provincial Assessments

January 15th – 9:00 to 12:00 Numeracy 10 (gr 10 math classes this semester).

12:30 to 3:30 Literacy 10 (gr 10 English classes this semester).

Students must write three assessments in their graduation program – Numeracy 10, Literacy 10, and Literacy 12. In January, grade 10's who have an English or Math class in semester one are scheduled to write their numeracy or literacy assessments on January 15th. Students requiring extra time or supports will be contacted by our Learning Support teachers to make arrangements to implement those supports, including possibly writing on different days. Any grade 11 or 12 students who miss their assessment should see Ms. Oddleifson in the office to be re-scheduled.



Assessments can't really be studied for; however, it is possible to prepare for the assessment. The ministry has sample questions and tests available [HERE](#)

Winterfest Thanks 2024

Vanier held the annual Winterfest celebration with our Class of 2025 on Wed., Dec 4, 2024. The student committee worked closely with the parent committee to execute their plans: Casino Night Theme with oodles of donated prizes and gaming tables that paid out further tickets for some amazing opportunities for the winners. A buffet of parent-provided sweet or savory snacks was available along with a mocktail bar poured into real stemware. A local DJ, Megan Sargent, provided great background music that also was suitable for dancing. A wonderful time was had by all, and our heart-felt gratitude goes out to parents and staff for supplying fabulous appetizers, sourcing donations, providing prizes, working the gaming tables and helping with set up and clean up.



Thank you to local businesses & prize donors:

Atlas Café

Big Foot Donuts

Browns Social House

Butcher's Block

CSN Reliable

Dairy Queen

Darkside Chocolates

Epicure Spices

Courtenay Fire Department

GEM Lashes

Glossed Nails

HeliJet

It's Not Just Soap

Jack Knife Pizza

Landmark Cinemas

Little Dipper Candles

Mudsharks

Orion Tax Inc

Qualicum Pet Store

South Country Storage

Starbucks

Success Weight Loss

The Bloomery

Central Masonry

Papa John's Pizza

Boonies Pizza

McDonalds Restaurant

Indigo

Comox Valley Curling Club

WIP Climbing Gym

Opa

Glacier Kings Hockey

Josh Hiebert

London Drugs

Superstore

49 North Helicopter

TYTY Nails

Value Village

Vancouver Island Sea Salt

Poke Page 4

Winners

Tim Hortons

Bella Photo

Black Creek Community Center

Discovery Foods

Graham's Jewelers

Gretel Designs

Hair By Kim

Impresso Coffee

Kinetic Construction Ltd

Kona

Level 10 Eurospa

Midland Tools

Milanos Coffee

OK Tire Courtenay

True North

Tidal Cafe

Saratoga Speedway

Lordeo

Islander Pizza

Sport Chek

White Spot

Pho Maple Noodle House

Woofy's

Comox Golf Course

Noodlebox

ReMax

Happy's Source for Sports

Lori Ste. Croix

Bean Around the World

BC Ferries





Parents, are you on MYED?

Our student system, MyEducation BC, is a great resource for parents.

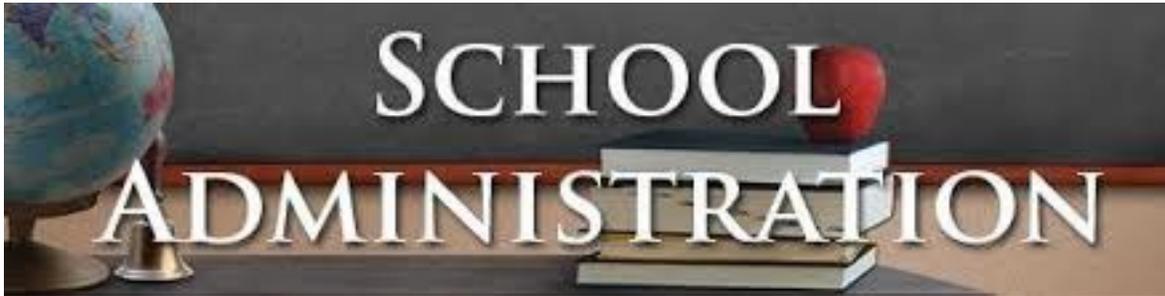
You can access:

- **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

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

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School Counsellor:

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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.

Vanier Winter Concert











Georges P. Vanier
School Calendar

January 5th - First Day Back
January 13 - 24 Assessments

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	5 Day 1 - ASCD	7 Day 2 - CDAD	8 Day 3 - SAUC	9 Day 4 - DCDM <i>Jan Band Meeting at Lunch (February)</i> <i>First Day 1:40 pm</i> <i>Homework Club 1:15</i> <i>Lunch 1:45</i>	10 Day 4 - DCDM <i>2 Days Band Tournament</i>	11
6 First Day Back <i>Homework Club 2:15 - 4:15</i> <i>Lunch 4:45</i>	13 Day 1 - ASCD <i>Homework Club 2:15 - 4:15</i> <i>Lunch 4:45</i>	14 Day 2 - CDAD <i>School Home 11:30 - 1:30</i>	15 Day 3 - SAUC <i>First Day</i> <i>6:15 Assessments</i> <i>Open 2PM</i> <i>Event 7:30 - 8 pm</i>	16 Day 4 - DCDM <i>Homework Club 2:15 - 4:15</i> <i>Lunch 4:45</i>	17 Day 1 - ASCD <i>2 Days Band Tournament</i>	18
12	19 Day 1 - ASCD <i>Homework Club 2:15</i> <i>Lunch 4:45</i> <i>Dance Final Perf. 6 pm</i>	20 Day 2 - CDAD <i>PEC Meeting 6:30</i> <i>Theater Final Perf. 6 pm</i>	21 Day 3 - SAUC <i>Open 2PM</i> <i>Event 7:30 - 8 pm</i>	22 Day 4 - DCDM <i>Homework Club 2:15 - 4:15</i> <i>Lunch 4:45</i>	23 Day 1 - ASCD <i>2 Days Band Tournament</i>	24
26	27 Non-Instructional Day	28 Day 2 - CDAD <i>School Home 11:30 - 1:30</i> <i>Q1 Begins</i> <i>Semester 2 Begins</i>	29 Day 3 - SAUC <i>Assessments</i>	30 Day 4 - DCDM <i>Lunch at O'Connell's 8:30</i> <i>Homework Club 2:15 - 4:15</i> <i>Lunch 4:45</i>	31 Day 1 - ASCD <i>Assembly Program</i> <i>Opens to Students</i>	25

December '24

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January '25

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