



Georges P. Vanier
Secondary School

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Thursday, February 27th, 2025
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Courtenay
British Columbia



NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **The first track and field practice will take place on Tuesday March 4th from 3:30- 4:30.** Please be at the track changed and ready to go at 3:30. Practices will be weekly on Tues/Thurs after school.
- * **BADMINTON PRACTICE will start on Monday March 3rd in the gym at 3:30 sharp!** Please come changed into gym strip. Rackets and shuttlecocks (birdies) will be provided. See you all then!
- * **Sr Band students are heading to Cuba** and as part of their cultural exchange program, they are **collecting donations** to bring to an orphanage and family centre in Havana. Items they are looking for small quantities of the following:
 - new reusable diapers & feminine products
 - stain and rip free clothing including bras and underwear
 - toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, shaving gel, lotion, makeup, nail polish, perfume
 - reading and prescription glasses, candy, pens, school supplies, art supplies, tape (YES! TAPE!)
 - small toys like hot wheel cars

If you have items to donate, place them in the donation boxes in the office, library, and the music room.

- * **TEACHER'S PET Photo contest! Win a STARBUCKS card!** We have a fun contest happening now where students match pet photos to their Vanier staff paw-rents. The display will be by the library in the front foyer. Grab an entry sheet from Monique in the library, make your best guesses to match staff to their pet, and then give the entry form back to Monique. **Good luck! Runs Feb 26 – Mar 6.**
- * **LAST CHANCE: Visit our Vanier clothing store before FRIDAY** to order Vanier Spirit Wear and Grad Wear. New options for club specific items as well! <https://gpvanier.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>
- * **Vanier's next Flex Day is Wed., March 5th.** Reminder to all students that Flex Day is not a "go visit friends at other schools or go visit your former teachers" day. Other schools are in session – we need to be respectful of others with a different schedule than us.

If you wish to volunteer as a helper at a previous school (usually an Elementary) come see Mrs. Black in the office. She will set up the connection, so the elementary school knows you are coming. If you are seeking work experience hours, be sure to see the careers office so they can help you with a form. **Flex Day volunteering must be pre-arranged.**

- * **Any students 16 years of age and wanting a part time job?** Crown Isle is hiring for Golf guest services positions, flexible hours minimum wage plus gratuity could lead to full time over the summer. Earn WEX credits while you work. See the careers office for more information. Submit resume and cover letter to jlandry@crownsisle.ca - interviews will be happening beginning of March.
- * **Mountain Bike Club:** If you are interested in riding this season, there is a meeting EVERY Tuesday at the start of lunch in portable 806 starting March 4th.
- * **Saratoga Speedway is hiring for the season,** lots of different positions available, see the careers office for more information.
- * **Vanier, don't forget to get your tickets to the hottest show in town starting next week in the Mark Isfeld multipurpose room at 7 pm.** Come back in time with us as we present the Sd 71's Musical "Once Upon a Mattress". Tickets are purchased online and can be accessed through the Sd71 website or by scanning the QR code on posters in the school. Come join us next week, March 4-8th at 7 pm and support your Vanier actors as they present this year's musical.

* **North Island College Fest: REGISTER BY FRIDAY!**

NIC Fest is an annual fun community event with aims to showcase North Island College’s programs and services. From 2-5pm there will be drop-in tours of the campus, open classrooms, interactive sessions, giveaways, an info fair, and more. Dates for NICFest are set for three campuses:

Port Alberni March 5, **Campbell River** March 11, and **Comox Valley** March 13th.

* **NIC Parent and Supporter Information Night**

Join us on campus for a session designed for those supporting high school students in planning their post-secondary education and training. You’ll learn about NIC programs, University transfer pathways, financial aid and awards, student housing and more. There will also be an opportunity to connect and ask questions with Indigenous Services.

Date: Thursday, March 13, 2025

Time: 5:30 - 7:00 pm (doors at 5:15pm)

Location: NIC Comox Valley campus: Stan Hagen Theatre

Registration is not required, arrive early to secure your seat. *Light refreshments will be served.*

For questions or more information email futurestudents@nic.bc.ca . Looking forward to seeing you on campus!

CLUBS/MEETINGS/PRACTICES/TRYOUTS TODAY

Group/Activity/Event	Time	Where
Rotary Interact Club	Lunch	Rm 192
Weightlifting	3:10 pm	Weight room
Girls & Boys Rugby	3:15 pm	Field
Homework Club	3:15 pm	Access Centre
Gr 9 Boys Basketball vs Cumberland	3:20 pm	Gym
Improv/DD Improv	3:20 pm	Rm 181
Jr Boys Basketball Wind-up	5:00 pm	Gym

VOLUNTEER/CAREERS

* **Hey grade 10’s! Interested in the Trades?** Apply for SD71’s full day trade sampler program for your grade 11 second semester. Worth 20 Grad Credits! Constructions, Metalwork and Automotive. Come pick up an application in the Careers office.

* **The Courtenay Gem and Mineral Club is looking for volunteers:**

April 5 and 6 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Selling draw tickets, helping vendors, working the kids craft area.

It is inside the curling rink just below Vanier for the Courtenay Gem and Mineral Club.

Also, possibly after 4 pm Thursday and Friday setting up tables. Heavy lifting.

Email: Lori.close@live.ca Phone: 250 650 7069

* **Any teachers or students interested in Skills Canada Regional Event hosted by NIC Campbell River on Feb 28th**

please go to the Comox Valley Schools home page and search skills Canada (or see link below) to see a list of all the available events happening in our area. Skills Canada is an amazing opportunity for students to showcase their talents and skills in a friendly fun manner. Lots of prizes to be won and a great way to discover new skills and opportunities. www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/career-programs/skills-canada-regionals/

- * **Starting April 2nd Sitka is running a class on Wednesdays at 6pm called A Career In Radio.** Each Wednesday a different professional from the radio business will come and talk to the class about their job, what it took to do that job (training etc...) and run a Q and A. This is to showcase the wide variety of jobs that make up this business. Depending on the outcome, there may be job opportunities at the end. This is open to 17- & 18-year-old students. Anyone interested in engineering, electronics, journalism, and voice. See careers for more information.
- * **Pacific Rim National Park Reserve is seeking independent and highly motivated students to work within a team** of Coastal Stewards in the Resource Conservation department. These stewards will also collaborate with Visitor Experience, Visitor Safety, and other team members, as required for their work. The primary duties are to patrol the coastal areas of the Long Beach Unit to provide prevention and education messaging related to common coastal risk factors to visitors. See the careers office for more information.
- * **Interested in digital marketing?** Jelly Academy is offering a skills training course, register by Mar 25, 2025, course runs April 1 – June 17, 2025 see the careers office for more information.

BURSARIES / SCHOLARSHIPS

- * **Graduating students enrolling in Healthcare at NIC: The Auxiliary Society for Comox Valley Healthcare is now offering a \$2000 bursary.** See the Scholarships & Bursaries section of our website for the application form, or pop by the counselling office for a copy.
- * **Gr 12 Community Service award offered by the B.C. Hydro Power Pioneers.** Each year we invite Grade 12 students from around the province to apply for our Community Service Award. We're looking for those students who have made outstanding volunteer contributions in their community. There are up to twenty \$500 awards available in British Columbia.

Application forms and further details are available online at powerpioneers.com

- * **BC School Sports has released this year's scholarship application booklet.** BCSS is offering several scholarships for the 2024-2025 school year to recognize excellence in athletics, leadership, and community service. For detailed criteria and instructions, refer to <https://www.bcschoolsports.ca/news/2024-2025-scholarship-booklet>
- * **The Registered Nurses Foundation of B.C. (RNFBC) bursaries** are available to students who are entering college or university for nursing education in 2025.

RNFBC has been providing financial assistance to nurses and nursing students for 46 years in our province. In 2024 we were able to disperse 886 bursaries thanks in part to our generous donors and a substantial grant from the Ministry of Health. The majority of the bursaries were for \$1,000.00 each.

For the purposes of the bursary application process, "nurse" is defined as:

- Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN)
- Nurse Practitioners (NP)
- Registered Nurses (RN)
- Registered Psychiatric Nurses (RPN)

The bursary cycle for 2025 will commence on June 16 and run to September 15 and recipients are drawn at random once they meet the criteria. <https://www.rnfbc.ca/bursaries-how-to-apply/>

- * **The Vanier Scholarship and Bursary program IS NOW OPEN.** To find more information, copies of the Bursary Booklet and application forms, please visit: <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/gp-vanier-secondary/grad-information/bursary-scholarship-information/>
- * **Attn: Grade 11's: The Horatio Alger Canadian Scholarships and National Entrepreneurial Scholarships for the Class of 2026 is now open.** 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. Deadline is March 31, 2025 at 6 pm.

- * [Scholarshipscanada.com](https://www.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](https://www.scholar-tree.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](https://www.scholar-tree.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/>

OLDER NEWS

- * **Are you curious about Romance languages like French, Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese?** You can learn all FOUR at Vanier! Romance Languages 11 is a 4 credit elective course open to students in grades 10-12. In this course, you'll immerse yourself in the language and culture of these four major Romance languages. With a focus on inquiry, you'll explore the similarities and differences between these languages and cultures, including themes such as travel, music, cuisine, festivals, and social customs. For more information, see Ms. Demers in room 110 or Ms. Keyworth in room 116.
- * **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, 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.