



Georges P. Vanier
Secondary School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, February 4th, 2025

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NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **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.
- * **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.rnfb.ca/bursaries-how-to-apply/>
- * **Tomorrow, Wednesday February 5th is the FIRST meeting for the Mount St. Helen’s Trip.** If you are interested and want to know more the meeting is in RM 132 (Mr Arsenault’s room) at lunchtime!
- * **There will be a meeting for grade 12 students tomorrow at 9:30 am to go over the 2025 Bursary program and application process.** Application packages are due in the counselling office by Friday, March 7th at 1:00 pm. Late packages will not be accepted. To find more information, the Bursary Booklet and application forms, please visit: <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/gp-vanier-secondary/grad-information/bursary-scholarship-information/>
- * **The Interact club is selling candy grams in the cafeteria at lunch every day this week.**
- * **GRASP Training with the Vancouver Island Crisis Society is taking place at Vanier on February 19 from 9-3:10pm.** During this interactive session, we will explore:
 - The mental health spectrum and the impact of mental illness.
 - How our feelings and experiences shape mental well-being.
 - Building empathy for those facing mental health challenges.
 - Strategies to cope effectively.Students will also engage in hands-on activities, including creating personalized Mental Wellness Coping Kits and Plans. This training is especially beneficial for students interested in careers in counselling, psychology, social work, health care, or other helping professions.
To secure your place, please pick up and return the signed form to the counselling office by February 12.
- * **Schulich Ignite's mission is to ignite a passion for coding in youth** by presenting it to them in a fun and interactive environment. Our team strongly believes in our mission and puts in hard work year-round to provide high-quality programs to our students. Through our workshops, students can explore programming, develop their technical skills and get mentorship from university students. Schulich Ignite also provides students looking to pursue a wide range of degrees with insight into how they may use programming in their future learning. Students can sign up for the program by filling out the registration form with the following link: <https://forms.gle/1CGQ1TnvEa7Jq4ey5>

More details on program dates and times can also be found in the description of the form or on our website, www.schulichignite.com.

CLUBS/MEETINGS/PRACTICES/TRYOUTS TODAY

Group/Activity/Event	Time	Where
Gr 9 Girls Basketball	7:00 am	Gym
Open Gym Shootaround	7:15 am	Gym
QSA activism club	Lunch	111
Ski and Snowboard club	Lunch	Port 801
Weightlifting	3:10 pm	Weight room
Boys Rugby	3:15 pm	Turf
Gr 8 Boys & Girls Basketball	3:20 pm	Gym
Jr Boys Basketball	5:00 pm	Gym
Gr 9 Boys Basketball	7:00 pm	Gym

VOLUNTEER/CAREERS

- * **Any students interested in attending NIC Fest on Thursday Mar 13, 2025 be sure to sign up by March 1st in the careers office.** We will be taking groups of students by bus for the event. It is open to grade 11 & 12's.
- * **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.
- * **MEDICAL LABORATORY ASSISTANT EDUCATION PROGRAM**
Island Health's Department of Laboratory Medicine, Pathology, and Medical Genetics is offering a fully funded education initiative through Thompson Rivers University (TRU). This program is open to current Island Health employees and external applicants eager to start a rewarding career in Laboratory Services. That's right Fully Funded! That means paid for - Come see us in the Careers Office for more info.
- * **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.
- * **The next Foodsafe course will be offered Mar 11, 2025 at Glacier View School.** Forms available in the careers office.
- * **Gr 10-12 students interested in attending the 2025 RCMP Camp are invited to pick up an application in the Career Centre.** The five-day camp takes place May 11-16, 2025 at HMCS Quadra. Students receive four (4) work experience credits for completing the camp.
- * **Fun Volunteer Hours opportunity! The Vancouver Island Biathlon Club is hosting provincials this year at Mount Washington and need volunteer range recorders.** Food/drink provided, and you'll receive a toque for volunteering and draw entries. If interested, contact Jonathan Kerr at vibcprogrammer@gmail.com.
- * **The CV Home Based Business Association is hosting high tea February 8 and 9** and are looking for a few students who need hours for grad to set up tables 4 to 8 pm Friday Feb 7th and to help serve tea and do dishes on Feb 8/9. See the careers office for more information.

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BURSARIES / SCHOLARSHIPS

- * **The Vanier Scholarship and Bursary program will open on Friday, January 31st, 2025. There will be a meeting for grade 12 students at 9:30 am on Wednesday, Feb 5th in the MPR to explain the application process.** Application packages are due in the counselling office by Friday, March 7th at 1:00 pm. Late packages will not be accepted. 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.scholarstree.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/>

OLDER NEWS

- * **Flex day / NI Day reminders:** - Please do not go visit other schools on Flex days or Secondary Non-Instructional Days as other schools are in session. You will need to pre-arrange with school staff to visit another school during these days.
- * **Student helper opportunity:** Starting next Flex Day, we have arranged with our Elementary partner schools to see if any teachers wish a Vanier peer-tutor sent to them as a student helper. If you are interested in this opportunity, see Mrs. Black.
- * **Shop now for Vanier Hoodies, sweatpants, t-shirts created by True North.** Available until Feb 28th for delivery mid March.
<https://gpvanier.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>
- * **The University of Waterloo Mathematics Contests for grades 9 - 11 will take place in B- block on Wednesday February 26, 2025.** A pizza lunch will be provided, and the venue is yet to be determined – Stay tuned!!!
The contests are:
PASCAL (for grade 9 students), CAYLEY (for grade 10 students), and FERMAT (for grade 11 students).
If you are interested in participating, please, register with your math teacher sooner than later. Let's get MATHY!
- * **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, 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.