



Georges P. Vanier
Secondary School

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Thursday, March 13th, 2025
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Courtenay
British Columbia



NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **There will be another Sr. Band rehearsal TODAY** after school for those students travelling to Cuba.
- * **TONIGHT! 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.*
- * **Want to be a doctor? Learn how you could complete your journey to and through medical school right here on Vancouver Island** with the NIC Island Pre-Health (IPH) Science Advanced Diploma in Comox and the UBC Island Medical Program (IMP) in Victoria.
NIC IPH/UBC IMP info session March 13, 2025 4 pm – 5 pm. at NIC Comox Valley Campus - Room 146.
- * **Do you have Croatian ancestry and are graduating this year?** The Zarko Perko Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to two students annually. Each scholarship is for \$2,500 and is awarded to a female and a male student graduating from a secondary school in British Columbia and entering a post-secondary institution. The successful applicants will be well-rounded individuals and will be selected on the following criteria:
Have at least one parent of Croatian ancestry, Academic performance, Athletic participation, Participation in extracurricular activities (school, church and/or the community) Volunteerism and service to others The deadline for the completed applications this year is March 30th. See The Croatia Soccer Club for more information
<https://www.croatiasc.com/2023/12/18/zarko-perko-memorial-scholarship/>
- * **Grad portraits are now in and ready to be reviewed for the yearbook.** If you would like to confirm your grad portrait choice for the yearbook or check your name spelling, please see Ms. D in Room 120 before school or during lunch.
- * **Opportunity for Female Youth in Grades 11-12**
Dream It, Be It Conference - April 9th- full day
There will be a career fair, networking with employers, keynote speakers, prizes.
Pick up a parent permission form in the counselling office and return by April 4th.
All expenses paid for by the Soroptimist International - Light breakfast and lunch included
- * **The lost and found is overflowing!!** It will all be removed Friday morning so if you are missing something please go and have a look before it's gone forever!
- * **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.**

CLUBS/MEETINGS/PRACTICES/TRYOUTS TODAY

| Group/Activity/Event | Time | Where |
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| 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 room |
| Girls soccer | 3:20 pm | Turf |
| Improv/DD Improv | 3:20 pm | Rm 181 |
| Track and Field | 3:30 pm | Track |
| Badminton | 3:30 pm | Gym |

VOLUNTEER/CAREERS

- * **UBC will be offering their summer science program again this year** - see the careers office for more information.
- * **Saratoga Speedway is hiring for the season**, lots of different positions available, see the careers office for more information.
- * **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.
- * **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
- * **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. **Applications are due May 31st.**
- * **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. Deadline for applicants is April 25th.** 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/>
- * **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 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>

OLDER NEWS

- * **Attn: Gr 8/9 boys basketball players: the Run & Gun Basketball league** starts Apr 1 at Vanier. Sign up the first night at 6 pm. It will run Tues/Thurs from 6-9 pm. Bring your own ball and enthusiasm. \$40 per player.

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

* **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

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.