G.P. VANIER MARCH/APRIL NEWSLETTER



Important Dates

Parent Contact with Teachers Week
FLEX Day
Bursary Application Pkg Due 1:00 pm
NIC Fest Campbell River Campus
NIC Fest Comox Valley Campus
Spring Break
First Day Back
Assessments
FLEX Day
Literacy 12 Assessment
(Current English 12 classes)
PAC Meeting 6:30
Quarter 3 Ends
Good Friday (no school)
Easter Monday (no school)
Quarter 4 Begins
Vanier Music Department Market

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COMOX VALLEY CAMPBELL RIVER PORT ALBERNI

North Island College Fest:

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

Port Alberni – March 5 Campbell River – March 11 Comox Valley – March 13

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 13th, 2025 Time: 5:30 – 7:00 pm (doors at 5:15 pm) 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 <u>futurestudents@nic.bc.ca</u>



NIC Fest High School-Centered Experience Comox Valley Campus: Thursday, March 13, 2025

You are invited to attend the NIC (North Island College) Fest high school-centered campus experience.

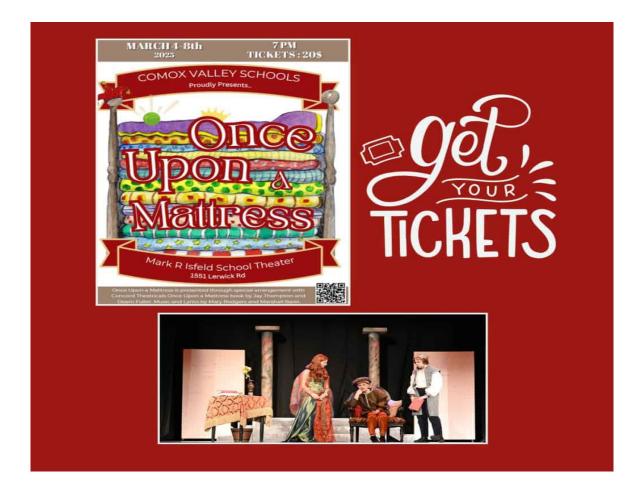
Schedule – Thursday, March 13, 2025 – Vanier Students *see note

12:00 pm – Pick up in front of Vanier (Ambassador bus)
12:30 – 1:30 pm – Meet with NIC recruiters for program information and campus tour
1:30 – 2:30 pm – Free time to check out the Info Fair and talk to NIC staff and faculty from various program and support areas
2:30 pm – Head back to Vanier (Ambassador bus)

*There are only 21 available spaces on the bus. The first 21 students to return their permission forms to the Careers office will be guaranteed a space.



Comox Valley Schools District Musical – Once Upon a Mattress



Comox Valley Schools proudly presents this year's district musical, Once Upon a Mattress! Get ready for a delightful and hilarious retelling of the classic fairy tale The Princess and the Pea – a whimsical journey filled with comedy, catchy tunes, and unforgettable performances by our talented students.

Show Dates: March 4-8, 2025 Showtime: 7:00 pm Venue: Mark R. Isfeld School Theater (1551 Lerwick Rd)

Cost: \$20 Tickets: <u>HERE</u>



Help Your Grade 11 Students Access Scholarships of Up to \$25,000

The Horatio Alger Association of Canada is offering 150+ scholarships of up to \$25,000 each to Grade 11 students planning to start university in Fall 2026.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Household income under \$65,000.
- Canadian citizenship.
- Demonstrated integrity and resilience in the face of adversity.
- A commitment to making a positive impact.

SHARE NOW

Information Sessions:

We will be hosting an information session for educators, parents and applicants on Feb 19 and March 5. <u>Register here</u> for our info session!

Additional Resources:

- * **<u>Download</u>** and share our poster.
- * Review our Counsellor <u>FAQ page</u> for added information.
- * Email us at <u>canadascholoarships@horatioalger.ca</u> with any questions.

Thank you for helping us share this life-changing opportunity with your students. Applications are open now – encourage students to <u>apply today!</u>



Warm Regards,

The Horatio Alger Association of Canada



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Comox Valley Schools

Careers

Program

Survey

It's vital that we prepare students for their careers. Please share your thoughts with us about how schools are accomplishing this important work.

To complete the survey scan here:



- Dual Credit programs
- Trades programs
- Careers events
- Careers/work experience
- K to 12 learning resources and programming

Learn more

www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/career-programs/

EducationPlannerBC Live Learning

If you are looking to register for Tuesday, March 4, 2025, please click <u>HERE</u>

Come explore our <u>website</u>! Search thousand of programs, get to know trades, and discover career paths. Find helpful resources, including financial aid options, admission requirements, FAQs, and the Glossary. Learn how to create an account, save programs, paths, and careers to M My List, and apply to post-secondary in BC.

These sessions are open to anyone interested in learning about postsecondary education and career planning, and will be especially helpful for high school students in grades 10-12, parent and student supporters, adult learners, high school counsellors, teachers, and career advisors.

All registrants must be 16 years of age or older. If you are under the age of 16, registration must be completed by your parent or legal guardian.

Please note: This session will not be recorded. Participant microphone, camera, and chat functionality will be disabled. Your name and/or email address may display in the session based on the account options you have set up in your Microsoft Teams.

Email <u>support@educationplannerbc.ca</u> with questions.

Collection Notice

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ONLINE EVENT

Circle of Security Parenting Program for Parents and Caregivers

For families whose kids are starting Kindergarten in the Fall of 2025 .

At times all parents feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child is really asking from you.

The Circle of Security Parenting® program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened. Using the Circle of Security Parenting[™] Model, this program helps families to:

- Understand your child's emotional world by learning to read emotional needs
- Support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions
- Enhance the development of your child's self esteem
- Honor your innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure



DATE: Weekly on Thursdays between Feb 27 - April 10 (7 weeks)

TIME: 11:30am - 1:00pm

LOCATION: Online via Zoom

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 14, 2025 * Free, and registration is required.

FACILITATOR: Carolyn McCarthy, COSP Facilitator and Family Peer Support Worker, ICY Comox

QUESTIONS: carolyn.mccarthy@ familysmart.ca or call: 250-890-2391

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, SCAN THE QR CODE.



With gratitude, FamilySmart would like to acknowledge that this is event is being offered by the Integrated Child & Youth Team in the Comox Valley







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DATE: Weekly on Wednesdays between April 30 - June 19 (7 weeks)

TIME: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

LOCATION: Online via Zoom

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 11, 2025* * Free, and registration is required.

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Establishing Safe, Caring, & Respectful Digital Communities

Everyone Welcome!

* Please click on the specific date you would like to register for.

March 12

<u>April 8</u>

<u>May 7</u>

Family Sessions

These sessions were designed to support families and caregivers in navigating the digital world.

Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up as a way to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community. (60 minute session)

This session covers all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sextortion.

Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.

Families will learn:

- Digital media habits, oversharing, and digital addiction
- The permanence of online posts/activity
- The significance of your digital tattoo in how others perceive you (e.g., sports teams, college admissions, and potential employers)
- The importance of caring for peers both online and offline
- · Geo-locational settings and the dangers of social media and cell phone misuse
- The social and legal consequences of cyberbullying behaviour as well as possession and distribution of intimate images (sexting and sextortion)
- An anonymous student reporting tool that can help you and your friends stay safe both online and offline

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CONNECT & LEARN WITH US!

In-Person Community

Location: Mark Isfeld Secondary (Multipurpose

Child & Youth

Room) 1551 Lerwick Rd, Courtenay

Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Events for Parents &

Caregivers

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00pm

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Explosive Behaviour In Teens: Strategies to Empower Families

When our teens are showing up in explosive ways, we sometimes blame ourselves. Learn with us as a therapist explains some causes of explosive behaviour and strategies that support parents and teens.

Join Victoria Keddis as she hosts a conversation with Kirk Shields-Priddy, MSW/RSW Group and Family Therapist with Fraser Health START Program.

This video presentation will be followed by a facilitated discussion by the Family Peer Support Workers in the Comox Valley.

Cost: Free Register at: familysmart.ca/events Questions? Email: megan.watson@familysmart.ca or phone/text: 250-890-2393

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Course Selection

Course selection has now been completed. Please direct any questions or changes to your student's counsellor.



Our goal is to empower students toward positive change and to help them to have the most successful high school experience possible!

School Counsellor: Katherine Brach (A-G) <u>katherine.brach@sd71.bc.ca</u> Stephanie Morris (H-N) <u>stephanie.morris@sd71.bc.ca</u> Jocelyn Schultz (O-Z) <u>jocelyn.schultz@sd71.bc.ca</u>

Youth and Family Support Worker: Sherry Patterson – <u>sherry.patterson@sd71.bc.ca</u>

To book an appointment, click **HERE**



With the arrival of warm spring air, we bid farewell to the winter season and welcome the start of spring athletics. Our ski team wrapped up their season with a trip to Whistler, highlighted by one athlete qualifying for the snowboarding provincials at Troll Mountain, just south of Prince George. Our wrestling team also had a strong showing, sending a large contingent to provincials and earning multiple podium finishes.





Basketball remained in full swing throughout February, with all our teams competing in playoffs. The junior girls and grade 9 girls' teams both secured spots at provincials, where they represented the school and community with determination and pride. The senior boys, although their season ended earlier than hoped, were recognized for their outstanding character, earning the Most Sportsmanlike Team award at the AAAA Island Championships—an achievement that reflects the values we instill in our athletes.

As winter sports conclude, the focus now shifts to rugby, golf, mountain biking, girls' soccer, and track and field. The practice schedule is available online, and with the addition of three new sports, more students than ever are seizing the opportunity to get involved in Vanier athletics. This spring, we are excited to introduce ultimate frisbee, tennis, and badminton to our athletic program.





IMPORTANT DATES

- * <u>Bursary packages</u> are due in the office by 1:00 pm on Friday, March 7
- * <u>Grad retakes have concluded</u> proofs should all be received or can be picked up from the office
- * Grad & Grad Parent meeting early in April
- * <u>Grad BBQ</u> 5 pm May 14
- * Grad vs Staff Softball Game lunch June 4th
- * <u>Grad Pancake Breakfast</u> June 19 <u>Grad Rehearsal</u> to follow – same day
- * Grad set up/clean up June 23 25
- * Grad Ceremony 4 pm Wed, June 25

School Photos for 2025-2026 – we are taking a risk and going to do a "full try" (student photos, grad photos, grad handshake photos) with Island Life Photography out of Campbell River – their prices are comparable to Lifetouch, and their quality/parent feedback from other schools who use them is positive.

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:

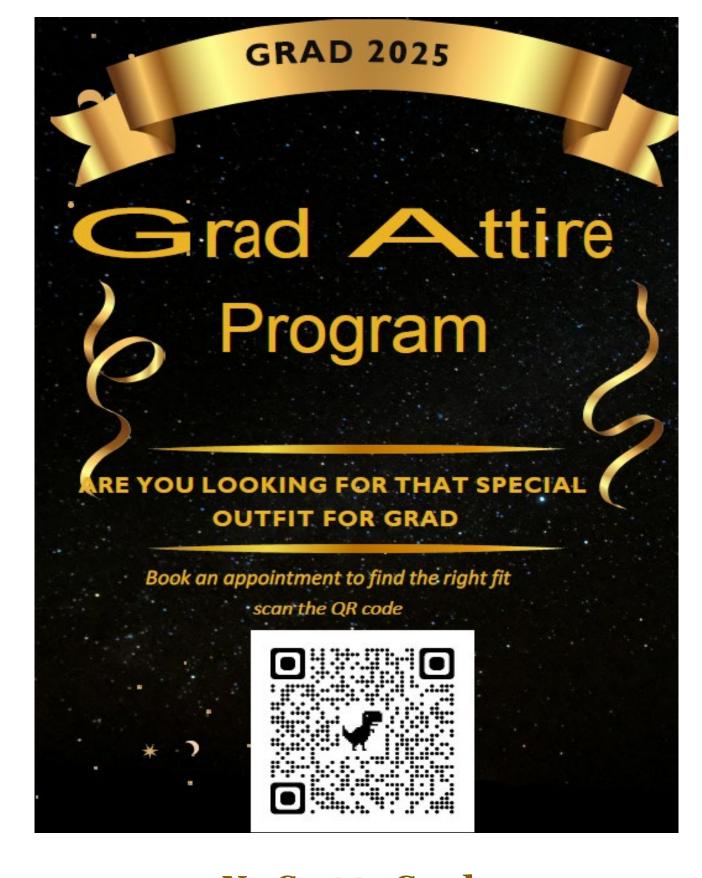
Saturday, March 8th Saturday, April 12th Saturday, May 10th



You can book a fitting appointment using the following <u>link</u>.

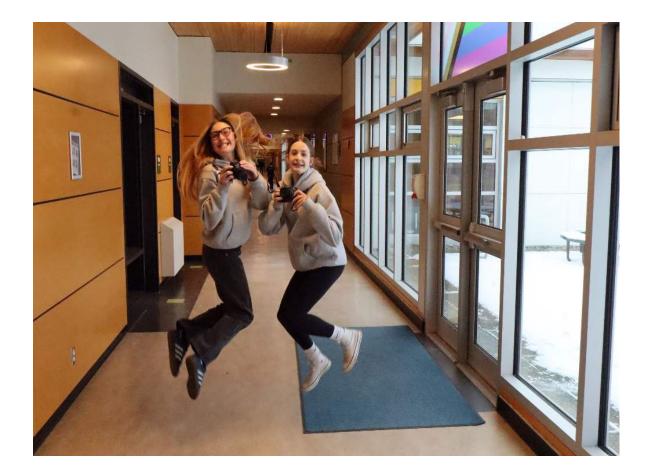
If you have any questions or would like to donate to the program, please contact:

Kelley Giorgianni <u>kelley.giogianni@sd71.bc.ca</u> Susan Quinton <u>susan.quinton@sd71.bc.ca</u>



No Cost to Grads









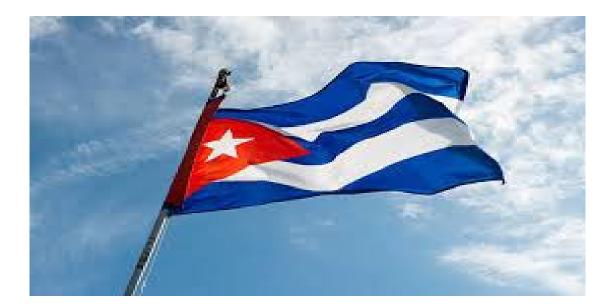
Music Department on the Move

March 5 – Band 8 heads to Victoria for a workshop at Oak Bay High School.

April 4 – Sr Band flies to Cuba! 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

Donation boxes are in the main office, library, and the music room.





🕼 🛠 Exciting VMPA Events Ahead! 🛠 📠

March 13 – 🏟 VMPA Meeting | 6:00 PM | Music Room #180

Stay informed and help support our music students!

📕 March 22 – ቭ Music Trivia Night | 6:30 PM | Black Creek Community Center

Gather your teams and put your music knowledge to the test! Expect great questions, themed mocktail bar, delicious concession and a fun atmosphere! tickets) https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/gp-vmpa-presents-music-trivia-night-70s-90sedition-tickets-1257280713459

📕 April 26 – 🏟 Spring Market | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM | Vanier Gym

Support local vendors, grab unique finds, grab a bite to eat from the BBQ, cruise the auction tables and help raise funds for the Vanier Music Program! 💯 🖺 https://www.gpvaniermusic.com/spring-market.html



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 include, paper, pens rulers and file dividers.

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.



Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Student drop-off and pick-up continues to be a problem on Vanier Drive, Glacier Drive and surrounding areas. Please be mindful of students crossing the road, vehicles pulled over dropping off students and bike traffic. A reminder that the speed limit near schools is 30 km/hr.



News from the Counselling Office

Vanier Scholarship and Bursary Program



The Vanier Scholarship and Bursary Program opened on Friday, January 31st, 2025.

Application packages are due in the counselling office by Friday, March 7th at 1:00 pm.

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 <u>HERE</u>



Any students interested in attending NIC Fest on Thursday March 13, 2025, be sure to sign up by March 1st in the career's office. We will be taking groups of students by bus for the event. It is open to grade 11 & 12's.

To book an appointment click **HERE**



Parents, are you on MYED?

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

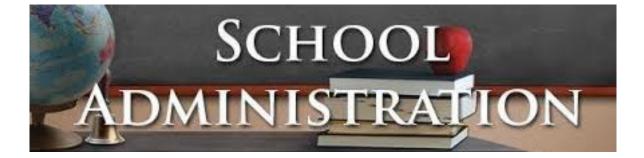
You can access:

- 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) <u>david.mayert@sd71.bc.ca</u>

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

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If you are planning on volunteering for field trips or sporting events, drivers MUST complete the following:

Volunteer Driver Form Criminal Record Check Click <u>Here</u> Please contact:

susan.quinton@sd71.bc.ca

Code of Conduct FormClick HereDriver's AbstractCopy of Driver's LicenseProof 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.

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Georges P. Vanier School Calendar

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April 2025

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