



Georges P. Vanier
Secondary School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, April 23rd, 2025

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NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **Deadline to hand in North Islands TRACK forms is this Friday, April 25th**, please hand in forms to Ms. Klassen in room 118 or to Mr. Osborne.
- * **Are you connected to someone in a trade — a family member, friend, or local business — who could apprentice you?** If so, you might be eligible for the Youth Work in Trades program! Start your apprenticeship while still in school, earn 16 high school credits (Just for working), gain paid work experience, and log hours toward your trade certification. Students who report 900+ hours may even qualify for a \$1000 award!
Learn more: comoxvalleyschools.ca/career-programs/youth-work-in-trades Or contact Tammy Williamson at tammy.williamson@sd71.bc.ca
- * **Join us for the EXPLORE Giant Garage Sale – Saturday, May 3rd 8am-2pm in the Vanier Gym!**
Don't miss out on fantastic deals across a wide range of items, including sporting equipment, toys, tools, furniture, and more! Whether you're looking for something specific or just love a good bargain, we've got you covered. We are also serving breakfast and lunch so come hungry.
Donations accepted:
If you'd like to contribute drop off gently used items at the Vanier gym on Friday May 2nd 4pm-6pm.
Please ensure that electronics are in working condition and that furniture/clothing is clean (no soiled items, please).
Note: We cannot accept mattresses.
See you there for some great finds!
- * **Have you applied, been accepted, and paid your tuition deposit to NIC for Fall 2025?** Would you like help selecting your classes/creating your schedule for next year? An Education Advisor from NIC will be here on **Tuesday, April 29th** to assist you. Please stop by the counselling office to make an appointment. Appointments are necessary!
- * **Grad Movie night is on Thursday April 24th, from 6 – 9 pm in the MPR.** Come dressed up as your favorite Napoleon Dynamite character for a chance to win a \$50 gas card! Tickets are \$10 and includes a snack and a drink!
- * **Students who took Food Safe through the careers office your certificates HAVE ARRIVED 😊** please see the careers office to claim.
- * **We will be offering First Aid on May 27, 2025** at Glacier View school cost is \$60 and spots are limited sign up at the careers office.
- * **The Foundry is running a 4 week workshop on Mental Health around sports injuries.**
About the Workshop:
Mental fitness is just as important as physical rehab to a successful recovery
Learn concrete skills to handle the emotions of recovery
Optimize your injury to come back a better and stronger person - within sport and beyond
Four 1-hour sessions (Mondays, May 26, June 2, June 9, June 16 from 3:30-5:00pm) at Foundry Comox Valley
Space is limited so registration is required
Who Can Register? Anyone ages 16-24
Any athlete from any level of competition (rec to competitive)
Anyone with a sports-related injury
Anyone at any stage of recovery (from initial break/tear/sprain to medical clearance)
Parents and coaches are also welcome to attend

CLUBS/MEETINGS/PRACTICES/TRYOUTS TODAY

Group/Activity/Event	Time	Where
Weightlifting	3:10 pm	Weight room
Golf	3:15 pm	Gym
Tennis Club	3:30 pm	Lewis courts

VOLUNTEER/CAREERS

- * **Special Olympics is hosting a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at Vanier on Thursday, May 1st.** We are looking for volunteer referees, scorekeepers & timekeepers. To sign up please contact Randy in the Careers Office or email: randy.james@sd71.bc.ca
- * **GP Vanier will be hosting a Guess My Job in Health Care presentation!**
Are you in Grade 11 or 12, interested in the health field but don't know where to start? Then this presentation is for you! 9 panelists who work in our local hospital in different departments will answer questions and give you ideas of different careers within Island Health. **May 27, 2025, 10:40 – 11:50 am** GP Vanier MPR Room. Sign up in the Careers office.
- * **Timberline High school is hosting an interactive Expo for Careers in Natural Resources**
Date: **Friday, May 9th, 2025 Time: 10:30 am – 1:00 pm**
Students and Parents interested in exploring careers within the Natural Resource Sector are invited to this fun learning opportunity to connect with local employers and gain insights into some of the skills and knowledge required for a career in the trades. This hands-on event will highlight many of the different trades working in the Natural Resources sector, feature engaging speakers, and provide lots of time for hands on exploration of different tools & equipment. Students are asked to sign up for the event at the career's office.
- * **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.
- * **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.

BURSARIES / SCHOLARSHIPS

- * **Horatio Alger BC Scholarship program is now open. This program is dedicated to supporting BC students who are pursuing post-secondary by awarding 120 scholarships up to \$9,000 each.**
To be eligible for the awards:
 - You must be a 2025 graduate
 - Planning to attend a vocational, technical or trades program
 - Demonstrate financial need (\$100,000 or less annual net income per family)
 - Be a Canadian citizen**Apply online by June 15th, 2025 at www.horatioalger.ca/vte-scholarships/**
- * **Attn GRADS interested in Trades! New Scholarships offered by Supply Build Canada:**
The Supply-Build Canada Rising Star Awards are 4 scholarships of \$5,000 each offered to those facing economic barriers to education with one created for Women*, one for Newcomers to Canada, and one for Indigenous Peoples.

Applicants may apply to any and all of the streams that represent them (Women*, Newcomers to Canada, Indigenous People, and general economic hardship). [Click here to learn more and apply!](#)

- * **NIC Foundation awards: Over \$700k in financial awards available!!** for all NIC students. **Apply by April 30th**. Visit www.foundation.nic.bc.ca/students for more information
- * **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**.
- * **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>
- * 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

- * **Check out this summer camp at Comox Lake – Land-care, Self-care.** For ages 13-15. August 26-29 10 am-3 pm. For only \$10 thanks to Island Health financial help.
Paddle, hike, connect with mentors and explore how caring for the environment can support your own well-being. Full details at www.cumberlandlakepark.ca
- * **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 Vanier late bus runs Mon/Thurs** leaving Vanier at 4:45 pm.
- * **Homework Club** runs Mon/Thurs 3:15 – 4:15 pm weekly.