



Georges P. Vanier
Secondary School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, April 29th, 2025

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NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **Improv is cancelled this week**
- * **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
- * **The Rick and Amanda Hansen Scholarship for Youth with Disabilities is now accepting applications.**
This scholarship aims to make a profound impact on the lives of Canadian youth with disabilities by removing financial barriers and supporting career aspirations through post-secondary education.
Funding of up to \$10,000 per year (up to a maximum of \$40,000) is available for youth with disabilities looking to complete a 1- to 5-year post-secondary program at a publicly funded institution in Canada. To check on eligibility criteria and to find out more, see this link: <https://www.rickhansen.com/Scholarship>
- * **There is a Track meeting on Thursday at lunch in room 118.** Come get your uniforms and get the last details for North Islands May 7-8.
- * **Special Olympics is hosting a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at Vanier this 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
- * **Time for a new STAFF MATCHING contest!! Who will one day own a Luxury Yacht? Who loves glass containers?? Does Mr. Young really love bikes or is it ducks? Or Crows?**
Check out the Staff Favourite Meme Display in the main hallway and collect your entry form from Monique in the Library. Starbucks Gift Card to be won. **Contest closes Wednesday April 30th.**
- * **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!
- * **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 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 |
|----------------------|---------|--------------|
| QSA activism | Lunch | Rm 111 |
| Mountain bike club | Lunch | Port 806 |
| Debate team | Lunch | Rm 117 |
| Weightlifting | 3:10 pm | Weight room |
| Boys rugby | 3:15 pm | Field |
| Ultimate | 3:15 pm | Gym |
| Tennis club | 3:30 pm | Lewis courts |
| Track and Field | 3:30 pm | Track |

VOLUNTEER/CAREERS

- * **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.
- * **Students who took Food Safe through the careers office your certificates HAVE ARRIVED** 😊 please see the careers office to claim.
- * **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). **Apply by May 1st.** [Click here to learn more and apply!](#)

- * **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.**

- * 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.