



Georges P. Vanier
Secondary School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, May 9th, 2025

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Courtenay
British Columbia



NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **Wild Craft Play is hosting a Live Action Role Play (LARP) skills training opportunity in leadership and digital marketing.** They are seeking volunteers for both online and in-person non-player and player character roles. Pre-event training in marketing provided. During the event duties include: photography and videography, journalism, set-up and take down. Students require a cell phone, laptop, writing ability, good communication skills and a commitment of 5 hrs/week. Possible honorarium and future employment at \$20 - \$25/hr available. For more information please contact: jamieblack@wildcraftplay.com
- * **The Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island is looking for volunteers** for the 'When Pigs Fly Radiothon' on Friday, June 13th. Various shifts available between 8am and 7pm. Duties include: event support, interacting with public, helping take donations, running prize wheel, assisting with lunch. If interested, please email: volunteer@islandkidsfirst.com
- * **It is that time of the year where Providence Living at The Views is preparing our Summer 2025 Youth Volunteer program!** See the Careers office for more information and an application, there is application form, and reference forms for those who are interested in joining the program! The application deadline is Friday, June 20th, and the program runs from July 7th, 2025 - August 22nd, 2025, with the orientation being on Friday, July 4th. If there are any questions that come up, don't hesitate to reach out! See the Careers office. 😊
- * **There will be a track & field meeting on MONDAY, May 12 in room 188 at lunch.** Important information about the upcoming Islands meet on May 20-21.
- * **The Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce and the BC Salmon Farmers Association are pleased to share a new training opportunity offered by Excel Career College: the AI in Aquaculture program.** This 17-week, fully funded program* combines online and in-person training in Courtenay and key certifications like WHMIS, SVOP, and CPR. Participants will explore how artificial intelligence can be applied in areas such as fish health monitoring, environmental sustainability, and operational automation—increasingly relevant skills in today's evolving aquaculture sector. No previous aquaculture experience is required. This program is open to Canadian citizens and permanent residents in British Columbia and is fully funded for eligible participants. Must be graduated. Duration: 17 weeks classes started often. Cost: No tuition is required for eligible applicants Learn more and apply here <https://excelcareercollege.com/> Visit Excel Career College website.
- * **Check out this summer camp at Comox Lake – Land-care, Self-care.** For ages 13-15. August 26-29 10 am-3 pm. This camp is 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

CLUBS/MEETINGS/PRACTICES/TRYOUTS TODAY

Group/Activity/Event	Time	Where
Environment club	Lunch	Rm 12
QSA Fun Friday	Lunch	Rm 116

VOLUNTEER/CAREERS

- * **The Union Bay Historical Society is looking to hire a summer student to work at their museum.** 35 hrs/week Wednesday to Sunday. The student must be able to work independently, have strong communication skills and work well with the public. Duties include greeting visitors, posting on social media, becoming familiar with local history watering the garden and light housekeeping. For more information please contact Linda McKay at lindadawn@shaw.ca or 250-757-9499.
- * **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 your 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.
- * **Saratoga Speedway is hiring for the season**, lots of different positions available, see the careers office for more information.

BURSARIES / SCHOLARSHIPS

- * **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>
- * **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/**
- * **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
- * **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](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>

OLDER NEWS

- * **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 welcomed to attend.
- * **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.