



Georges P. Vanier
Secondary School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, Sept 11th, 2025

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NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **There will be a grad meeting today during B block.**
- * **Sr Boys & Girls Volleyball teams will be meeting at lunch today in the gym for team photos.**
- * **Grade 9 Girls Volleyball Tryouts continue this afternoon in the gym from 3:30 - 5:00 pm.** Please come changed in your gym strip and we will start setting up the nets immediately.
- * **Cross Country running team meeting and first run of the year! – Today, 3:20 pm in room 161 (Verkley)**
- * **"Those who have learned to collaborate and improvise have prevailed." — Charles Darwin**
Today is the day to prevail! Improv and Drama **starts today - 3:25-4:45**. No experience is necessary. Come and give it a try! You don't need to commit or perform but those in grades 10-12 can earn credits!
Room 181
- * **Attention all Gr 11 or Gr 12 girls wanting to play basketball this year at Vanier**, please come meet your coach in the gym **after school TODAY** for a quick meeting and exciting opportunity.
- * **Time to sing!** If you are interested in being a part of another beautiful performance of "In Flanders Fields" at our Remembrance Day Assembly, please see Ms. Livingstone for more information. We will **meet at lunch on Wednesdays in the Music Room (rm 180)** starting next week (Sept 17). This is open to ALL students in all grades and abilities. If you can talk - you can sing!
- * **Beetlejuice news!!!** More audition spots have been added! Scan the posters around the school to sign up to perform in *Beetlejuice Junior* this year at Vanier! Earn credits and have TONS of fun with the most wonderful people!
- * **Are you 12-18 years old and looking for an opportunity to plan events, grow your leadership abilities, meet new people, and give back to your community?** The LINC is looking for new members to join its Youth Council! We would love to see you represent your school and join us this year! For more information please email: aparry@courtenay.ca or, come to our information night on Thursday October 2, 2025 at 6:00pm at The LINC.
- * **Grade 8 girls Volleyball**
Monday and Wednesday next week after school. 3:30-4:45. Everyone is welcome.
- * **After school homework club will start next week. Mon/Thurs 3:15 pm in Access.**
- * **Are you ready to make a difference at Vanier as a leader? Do you have ideas to improve student life, organize fun events, and be a voice for your classmates?** Then Student Government is the place for you! Vanier Student Government is looking for a new Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister as well as grade 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 representatives for the 2025-2026 school year. If interested, please pick up an application in room 011 (Ms. Murphy) or 114 (Mrs. McAskill). All applications are due **Monday, September 15th.**
- * **Wondering how to get involved at Vanier? Clubs Day** will be taking place **Friday, Sept 12th** during lunch hour. Come join us and check out the tables located around caf to sign up.

CLUBS / MEETINGS / PRACTICES / TRYOUTS TODAY

Group/Activity/Event	Time	Where
Jr Girls Volleyball	7:00 am	Gym
Sr Boys and Girls Volleyball photos	Lunch	Gym
Gr 11/12 Girls Basketball info meeting	3:15 pm	Gym
Weightlifting club	3:15 pm	Weight room
Cross country meeting and 1 st run	3:20 pm	161
Improv	3:25 pm	181
Gr 9 Girls volleyball tryouts	3:30pm	Gym
Sr Girls Volleyball	5:15 pm	Gym

VOLUNTEER/CAREERS

- * **Any girls grade 10-12 interested in a free learning to lead mentorship online program?** Help build confidence, create a support network and gain valuable leadership skills. Come to the careers office for more information
- * **Any girls grade 10-12 interested in a free online self care for a strong start program,** want to create balance and wellness this school year? See the careers office for sign up
- * **Hey there, Grade 10'S! Dreaming of diving into the trades? Why not check out the Trade Sampler Program in your second semester of Grade 11?** Get hands-on with mind-blowing skills in mechanics, welding, or construction—whatever makes your heart race! Swing by the careers office to snag your application. Seats are limited, so hustle and apply early to grab your spot!
- * **Thinking about a trades program at NIC? Grab your spot early, because seats are disappearing faster than free pizza!** We suggest jumping on board as soon as grade 10 to guarantee your place by grade 12. Pick up your application at the careers office.
- * **Did you miss the chance to nail that shop class? Ready to hammer out some basic construction skills and collect a few snazzy certificates?** Swing by the careers office and sign up for the STEP (Sandwich Technical Education Program)!
- * **Fancy yourself as a future fire-fighting hero or itching to gear up as a volunteer at your local fire station?** The careers department is rolling out a semester-long fire camp, meeting once a week. Swing by the careers office to ignite your interest and sign up for more details!
- * **Eager to rack up those graduation hours while sprinkling a little sunshine on our local seniors?** You're in for a treat! Our senior facilities are gearing up to swing by and dish out the scoop on all the feel-good vibes, rewarding smiles, and honorable tasks that come with volunteering! Keep an eye on the announcements for the juicy details on when and where!

BURSARIES / SCHOLARSHIPS

- * **The Loran Scholarship awards are now open for applications!** These awards offer a four-year leadership-enrichment program, financial support for undergrad, diverse opportunities for experiential learning, and a long-term supportive community of peers and mentors—people who will inspire and motivate you in your pursuit to make a difference. Up to 36 Loran awards will be awarded valued at

more than \$100,000 over four years of undergrad study. **Applications are due by Oct 16, 2025!** Visit <https://loranscholar.ca/the-program/how-to-apply/> for all the details.

* **Animal Care Bursary:**

Irene Cooper Educational Trust has a Bursary available to financially assist students with on-going studies in the field of vet med (including any animal care field). Irene Cooper was a longtime Pender Island resident and animal enthusiast. Visit the website at www.irenecoopertrust.com and fill out the form linked on the website to apply.

* **Trades Scholarship:**

This scholarship was created to honor Jake Weitz, a young man whose love for mechanics was matched only by his generosity and willingness to help others. We aim to carry his legacy forward by supporting students in the field of mechanics (automotive, heavy duty, agriculture, and aviation mechanics).

Last year they awarded \$10,000.00 in scholarships. Visit <https://jakeweitzmemorial.ca/>

OLDER NEWS

- * **Pizza will be available to purchase in the cafeteria from September 4-12.** \$2.50 a slice. The cafeteria will be open for service as of Monday, September 15.
- * **Vanier Photo day will be Tuesday, September 23.**
- * **IMPORTANT STUDENT REMINDER: There is absolutely no parking for students at the back of the school in the staff lots or on either side of the building.** Student parking is in front of the school only.