

# **G.P. VANIER OCTOBER NEWSLETTER**



## **Important Dates**

<b>Oct 1</b>	<b>FLEX Day</b>
<b>Oct 8</b>	<b>Terry Fox Day (Assembly &amp; fun run)</b>
<b>Oct 8</b>	<b>Grad Parent Meeting 6:30 MPR</b>
<b>Oct 13</b>	<b>No School - Thanksgiving</b>
<b>Oct 14</b>	<b>Student Photo Retakes</b>
<b>Oct 21</b>	<b>PAC Meeting 6:30</b>
<b>Oct 24</b>	<b>Pro-D (no school for students)</b>
<b>Nov 5</b>	<b>FLEX Day/Assessments (Gr 12 Literacy)</b>
<b>Nov 5</b>	<b>Beginning Band Concert -6:30</b>
	<b>Multi-Purpose Room</b>
<b>Nov 10</b>	<b>Quarter 2 Begins</b>
<b>Nov 11</b>	<b>Remembrance Day – Schools Closed</b>
<b>Nov 18</b>	<b>PAC Meeting 6:30</b>
<b>Nov 24 – 28</b>	<b>Parent/Teacher Contact</b>
<b>Nov 25</b>	<b>Careers Day</b>

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# **Vanier Sports**



**This fall we have the following teams underway with over 150 students taking part:**

## **Team**

**X Country**

## **Soccer**

**Gr 8 Girls Volleyball**

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**Gr 9 Girls Volleyball**

**Jr Girls Volleyball**

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**Sr Girls Volleyball**

**Sr Boys Volleyball**

## **Coach**

**Jeff Verkley, David Benton, Sophie Demers & Felicity Brammer**

**Ross McDonald & Sam Willcocks**

**Margo Douglas & Amber Macleod**

**Sean Pattison**

**Nathan Willard**

**Kaya Leslie & Jemma Gray-Dunn**

**Jessica Willis, Joel Wollenberg & Erin Paul**

**Trish Morgan, Belle Gill & Kyla Savage**

**Tyler Merritt & Saxony Browne**



**This year brings an exciting mix of returning and fresh faces on the coaching side with Joel Wollenberg, Tyler Merritt, Saxony Browne and several teachers stepping into key support roles. The energy, time and commitment put in by both coaches and athletes make Vanier athletics something truly special.**

**League play is already underway across the North Island, and Vanier teams are showing strong early results. Even more impressive—both our senior boys and girls volleyball squads are ranked in the Top 10 in BC, and they are gearing up for a serious run at Island Championships.**

**Don't miss the action—check the gym and athletics schedule on the school website to keep up with upcoming games and practices!**



## **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 30km/hr.**

**\* Please keep driveways clear**



## **News from the Counselling Office**

**Post-Secondary Information for Vanier Parents and Guardians can be found [HERE](#)**



**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 [HERE](#)**



**UPCOMING POST-SECONDARY**  
**SCHOOL VISITS TO VANIER**

**UVIC**

**Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

**At lunch in the Multi-purpose room**

**PSBC Mini Fair**

**Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Multi-purpose room 1:00 – 2:35pm**

**NIC Pre-Health Science and Health Science Info Session**

**Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

**At lunch in the library**

**UVIC Gustavson School of Business**

**Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Info booth at lunch**

**UVIC Engineering/Computer Science**

**Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Info booth at lunch**

**University of Alberta**

**Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Info booth at lunch**

**VIU**

**Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Info booth at lunch**

## **SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION SERIES**

**In collaboration with [Open Parachute](#), the Ministry of Education and Child Care has developed the [Substance Use Prevention Series](#) to equip parents, caregivers and guardians with practical tools and strategies for supporting substance use prevention in the home. This three part webinar series, accompanied by a dedicated Q&A section, translates key concepts into everyday scenarios empowering families to engage in open, proactive conversations about substance use to build resilience in children and youth.**







## WHAT MAKES A GOOD SIDE-HUSTLE?

A Zoom-based entrepreneurship workshop for grade 9-12 students from UVIC's Gustavson School of Business

- Side-hustles are micro businesses you can run out of your home to make some money
- How do you know if you have a good idea for a side-hustle business?
- Learn from UVIC professors on how to evaluate side-hustles and other new business ideas
- Consider applying what you learn in the session in your own side-hustle this summer

**See what a university entrepreneurship class is like and learn why you might want to consider UVIC's Gustavson School of Business.**

This free entrepreneurship workshop for students allows attendees to test drive what it's like to be in a UVIC Business classroom. This workshop is being led by Entrepreneurship faculty members Brock Smith and Claudia Smith, and will give you a taste of Gustavson and entrepreneurship through a fun and engaging session.

**This workshop is a good fit if one or more of these apply to you:**

- You are in grades 9-12.
- You've seen some neat ideas on Tik Tok or Insta and wonder about doing something similar.
- You want to learn some entrepreneurial skills, or about business in general.
- You are interested in what a university class might be like.
- You and your friends want to make some money next summer with an idea of your own.

**Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm (PST)**

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE SESSION](#)**

**Contact Recruitment Manager, Daniel Nair at [bizrecruit@uvic.ca](mailto:bizrecruit@uvic.ca) for more information.**



[uvic.ca/gustavson](https://uvic.ca/gustavson)



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**Gustavson**  
School of Business  
University of Victoria



## AI 101: USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN UNIVERSITY AND YOUR CAREER

### A Zoom-based AI development workshop for grade 9 to 12 students from UVIC's Gustavson School of Business

Have you used Chat GPT? Whether you are a frequent user, or just learning, the introduction of modern artificial intelligence (AI) systems has made us rethink the role technology plays in business and society. AI has made work substantially more efficient, and provided new opportunities to enrich learning, skill development, and career advancement. But, there is a risk that such AI systems will put existing jobs in jeopardy, especially lower skill jobs.

#### **How can students prepare for the growth of AI?**

The Gustavson School of Business at UVic invites students to join this free AI workshop. As a leader in business education that prepares students for practical, hands-on skills for the workforce, Gustavson is uniquely positioned to educate students on the current and future impacts of AI.

[Dr. Andrew Park](#) will introduce how these modern AI systems work, including hands on demos of text, image, audio, and video generation. He will also discuss the future of AI and how you can be best prepared to take advantage of its capabilities as you move to the next stages of your education and careers. Understanding the rewards and risks of AI will help students use it more effectively.

#### **This workshop is a good fit if one or more of these apply to you:**

- You are in grade 9 to 12, and/or are an international student hoping to study in Canada.
- You are an active user of AI, or you are new to AI, and want to know more about it.
- You are planning to go to university and want to know how to responsibly use programs like Chat GPT or Copilot.
- You want to prepare more for the workforce of tomorrow.
- You are interested in what a university class might be like.

**Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm (PST)**

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE SESSION](#)**

**Contact Recruitment Manager, Daniel Nair, for more information.**

**[bizrecruit@uvic.ca](mailto:bizrecruit@uvic.ca)**





## Parents as Education & Career Coaches



EducationPlannerBC, in collaboration with school district partners, invites parents and supporters to join our virtual presentation:

**Wednesday, October 29, 2025, from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.**

Learn about post-secondary education in B.C. Did you know there are 25 public post-secondary institutions with over 4,000 programs across the province? Come explore all your opportunities at EducationPlannerBC.

We'll show you how to use EducationPlannerBC's website to search thousands 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 My List, and apply to post-secondary in B.C.

Have a student that attends a **Vancouver Island Coastal Region** school?

**[Register by clicking here](#)**

**For more information, contact**  
**[support@educationplannerbc.ca](mailto:support@educationplannerbc.ca)**

  
[www.EducationPlannerBC.ca](http://www.EducationPlannerBC.ca)

**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) [katherine.brach@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:katherine.brach@sd71.bc.ca)**

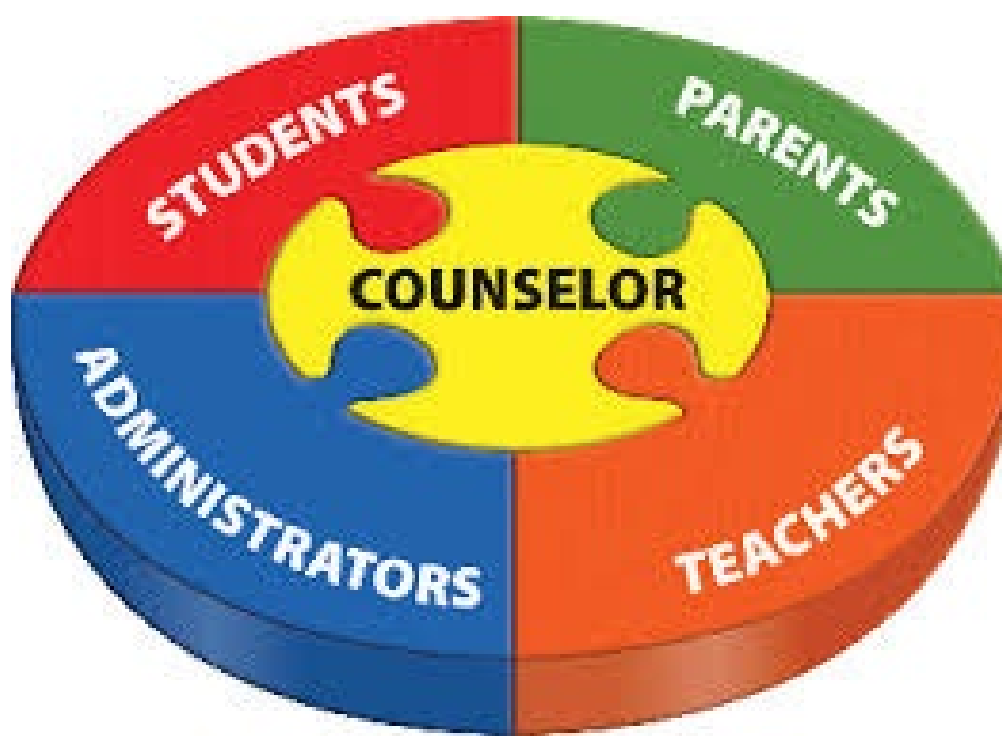
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**Sherry Patterson – [sherry.patterson@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:sherry.patterson@sd71.bc.ca)**

**To Book an Appointment Click [Here](#)**





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

**Volunteer Driver Form**      Click [Here](#)  
**Criminal Record Check** [susan.quinton@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:susan.quinton@sd71.bc.ca) for info  
**Code of Conduct Form**      Click [Here](#)  
**Driver's Abstract**  
**Copy of Driver's License**  
**Proof of Insurance (1 million, minimum, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3 years in our database and may be accessed by other schools in the district.**



### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- \* Oct 8 - Grad parent meeting in the MPR 6:30pm
- \* Dec 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 - Grad photos in the MPR
- \* Dec 10 – Winterfest 6:30pm – 9:00pm
- \* Feb 4, 5, 6 – Grad photo retakes
- \* May 7 – Grad BBQ 5:00pm
- \* June 3 – Grad softball game at lunch
- \* June 15 – Grad pancake breakfast

Grad rehearsal to follow at 9:30am

**\* June 24 - Grad 2025**



## **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:**

**Saturday, November 22nd**

**10:00am – 3:15pm**

**Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

**3:30pm – 5:45pm**

**Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00am – 3:15pm**

**Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**3:30pm – 5:45pm**

**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00am – 3:15pm**

**Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

**3:30pm – 5:45pm**

**Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00am – 3:15pm**

**No Cost to Grads**

**More information [here](#)**







**You can book a fitting appointment using the following [link](#).**

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

**Kelley Giorgianni [kelley.giorgianni@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:kelley.giorgianni@sd71.bc.ca)**

**Susan Quinton [susan.quinton@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:susan.quinton@sd71.bc.ca)**





## **OTHER NEWS**

### **Careers Office/Work Experience**

**Starting Sept 25<sup>th</sup> until June 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be a year-long Fire Camp at the Comox Fire Hall. Ten students from the district will attend one day a week.**

**Food safe courses are offered to district students and are run out of the Glacier View Learning Centre. 27 students will be participating in the upcoming classes on Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> and Nov 4<sup>th</sup>. Classes are currently full.**

**First aid courses are offered to district students. Classes are run out of Glacier View with a maximum of 15 students. Oct 28<sup>th</sup> start with an alternate December date to be announced soon.**



**Our school and all schools are fragrance free environments for everyone's safety and comfort. Please do not use fragrant products in our school.**



## **2025 Grad Packages**

**Grad packages are currently available for pickup at the main office. Please let us know if a family member or friend will be picking up in your place.**

**\*For future grads, emails will be sent out each September when grad packages are ready.**



## **MYED PARENT PORTAL**

### **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**

**Your child's learning update and Summary of Learning**

**If you have not accessed your account before, please contact [susan.quinton@sd71.bc.ca](mailto: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:**

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## October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Day 3 - BADC	2 Day 4 - DCBA	3 Day 2 - CDAB	4
5	6 Day 1 - ABCD	7 Day 2 - CDAB <i>Fire Drill 10:15 am</i> School Nurse 11:30-12:30 NIC Health Science Info	8 Day 3 - BADC <i>Terry Fox Assembly and Run</i> Grad Parent Meeting 6:30 MPR	9 Day 4 - DCBA UVIC Gastverson School of Business - Info Booth at Lunch	10 Day 4 - DCBA	11 <i>Music Department Grocery Shopping at The Old Farm Market</i>
12	13 Thanksgiving	14 Day 2 - CDAB <i>Photo Retakes</i> School Nurse 11:30-12:30	15 Day 3 - BADC	16 Day 4 - DCBA <i>Earthquake Drill 10:15 am</i>	17 Day 1 - ABCD UVIC Engineering/Computer Science - Info Booth at Lunch	18 <i>VINEA Trivia Night</i>
19	20 Day 1 - ABCD	21 Day 2 - CDAB School Nurse 11:30-12:30 PAC Meeting 6:30	22 Day 3 - BADC	23 Day 4 - DCBA	24 <b>Non-Instructional Pro-D Day</b>	25
26	27 Day 1 - ABCD	28 Day 2 - CDAB School Nurse 11:30-12:30	29 Day 3 - BADC	30 Day 4 - DCBA	31 Day 1 - ABCD <b>Halloween</b> Costume Contest (Gym)	

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