



Georges P. Vanier
Secondary School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, Oct 14, 2025

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Courtenay
British Columbia



NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **PICTURE RETAKES ARE TODAY!** For Students and Staff – listen to the announcements before heading down.
- * **Our nurse is here today!** 11:30 – 12:30 in the counselling office.
- * **Grads! Thinking about attending VIU?** Check out VIU FEST on **Saturday, October 18th** Learn more at www.viu.ca/niu-fest

Thinking about attending UVic? Explore UVic in person on **Saturday, November 29th**. To register visit: www.uvic.ca/explore

CLUBS / MEETINGS / PRACTICES / TRYOUTS TODAY

Group/Activity/Event	Time	Where
QSA	Lunch	Rm 111
Ski/Snowboard club	Lunch	Port 801
Grad Committee meeting	Lunch	Library
Weightlifting	3:15 pm	Weightroom
Sr Boys Volleyball	3:20 pm	Gym
Gr 9 Girls Volleyball	3:20 pm	Gym
Jr Girls & Boys Volleyball	5:15 pm	Gym
Boys Gr 10-12 Open Gym Basketball	7:00 pm	Gym

VOLUNTEER/CAREERS

- * **The Comox Military Family Resource Centre is looking for volunteers for tutoring opportunities.** They are seeking a time commitment of approximately 4 hrs/month (1 hr/week) after school at the 19 Wing Comox Gym. For more information, please contact the Career Centre.
- * **Are you interested in learning the skills to become a Barista?** The careers office is offering a Barista Training course in November see the careers office for more information.

- * **Any students interested in assisting with the breakfast club**, earn hours towards your required 30 hours for grad, see the careers office or Casey MacKenzie in the Prep room
- * **The Island District Operational Communication Centre in Courtenay is actively recruiting! RCMP 911 dispatchers.**
The first step in the application process is to attend a Career presentation. Our upcoming Career Presentations are:
Oct 20: 12:00 pm – Virtual Zoom & Oct 24: 12:00 pm – Virtual Zoom
- * **Interested in volunteering your time with the adaptive Snowsport team?** see the careers office for sign up information.

BURSARIES / SCHOLARSHIPS

- **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.
- * **Students interested in applying for the 2026 BC Excellence scholarship (\$5000 scholarships awarded to 55 students across BC)** are encouraged to get organized well before applications are due in February 2026. Make a checklist of the following required information that you will need to submit through the online application form by February 2026.
 - Written statement
 - Resume (in mandatory online format)
 - Reference letters (2)
 - Check out the details from the [2025 application \(PDF, 1.1MB\)](#) Note that this is an example only; the 2026 version is subject to change
 - Look for the online application to open in late fall 2025
 - Plan to meet all eligibility requirements

For more information please visit: [BC Excellence Scholarship information](#)
- * **The Pathway to Teacher Education scholarship** is awarded to 20 outstanding high school graduates who have demonstrated a commitment to and aptitude for a career in K–12 teaching. Students selected for this award receive a \$5,000 scholarship voucher from the Ministry of Education and Child Care that they can use to be reimbursed for tuition paid after they are attending an approved teacher education program in the Faculty of Education at a B.C. post-secondary institution. To qualify, the program must lead to eligibility to apply for a B.C. teaching certificate and teach in the K–12 school system in this province. Online applications will open in late fall. Visit [Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship](#) for more information.
- * **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

- * **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. The Grad Attire program will operate out of Comox Valley Dodge at 278 North Island Highway (Old Canadian Tire building) on the following dates:

- o *Saturday, November 22nd 10am-3:15pm*
- o *Monday, January 19th 3:30-5:45pm*
- o *Saturday, January 24th 10am-3:15pm*
- o *Monday, February 23rd 3:30-5:45pm*
- o *Saturday, March 14th 10am-3:15pm*
- o *Monday, March 16th 3:30-5:45pm*
- o *Saturday, April 18th 10am-3:15pm*

You can book a fitting appointment using this link. [Grad Attire Bookings](#)

If you have questions or would like to donate to the program, please contact Kelley Giorgianni (kelly.giorgianni@sd71.bc.ca) or Susan Quinton (susan.quinton@sd71.bc.ca).

- * **The Vanier clothing website is now open!** See this link for all the information: <https://vanier.itemorder.com/shop/home/>
- * **Our school and all SD71 schools are fragrance free environments for everyone's safety and comfort.** Please do not use fragrant products in our school.
- * **EXPLORE UVic in one day!** See what the UVic experience is like through lectures, student panels, tours, information fairs and more. Saturday November 29th, 2025. Visit <https://www.uvic.ca/undergraduate/tours-events/explore-uvic/index.php> to register.
- * **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.
- * **After school homework club:** Mon/Thurs 3:15 pm in Access. **Late Bus info:** We Have two late run buses. The CV4 runs the North end and leaves at 5:00 pm. The South Run CV2 leaves at 4:55 and goes to Cumberland, then down to Royston Rd to 19A making stops along the way up to Fanny Bay Hall.
- * **Day time homework club happens in room 14 starting at 11:50 daily.** Bring your lunch and some work you need to complete.