

G.P. VANIER NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



Important Dates

Nov 7	Quarter 1 Ends
Nov 10	Quarter 2 Begins/Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov 11	Remembrance Day – Schools Closed
Nov 18	PAC Meeting 6:30
Nov 25	Careers Day
Nov 24 - 28	Parent Teacher Contact

Dec 8 - 12	Grad Photos – Multi Purpose Room
Dec 9	Winter Concert 6:30 pm in the Gym
Dec 10	FLEX Day
Dec 10	Winterfest 6 – 9 pm in the Gym
Dec 19	Winter Assembly am
Dec 20 – Jan 4	Winter Break

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Vanier Sports



The cross-country team recently competed in the Island Championships in Victoria, where all runners performed strongly and represented Vanier with pride.

Our swim team recently competed at the Island Championship, where one of our swimmers had an outstanding performance, qualifying for the provincial championships in all three of his events.

We closed out October by hosting the Grade 9 Girls Volleyball North Zone Championship – a first for Vanier. All volleyball teams are now wrapping up their seasons and preparing for playoffs beginning in November.



Wrestling is now underway, and basketball tryouts are kicking into high gear. It is fantastic to see how many of our students and staff are involved in extracurricular activities this year!







Reminder to Review Safe Riding Rules

Please review the district's [Safe Riding Rules](#) for school bus transportation. Note: Parents/guardians are required to acknowledge this document during busing registration. We also reference it consistently in busing communications and it lives on the district's [Student Transportation webpage](#). Bus supervisors are working with bus students how to safely approach the bus when it arrives.

Bus info:

School bus schedule is known and should be sent out to all homes that registered for First Student.

Q – When will bus passes be mandatory?

A – Goal is either Oct 27th or the first week of November

Guest passes:

This continues to be a “no” due to full capacity of most buses for friends to ride along.

Bus conduct:

Bus service remains a privilege and requires explicit following of rules.

Most recently, we have had to reinforce basic safety of:

- * Be waiting for the bus on time**
- * Do not approach the bus until it has fully stopped, and the door is open**
- * Treat the bus with respect and take garbage with you and leave no debris or damage (or spit) behind**

Q – When will my bus arrive?

A – Schedules are posted outside all 150 classrooms (visible from the bus line if shades are still up)

A – If unusually late – most students/and or parents/guardians have reported success by using the [First View](#) app. **Code – A2V4J**



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.



Careers Department Events

If you are interested in a career in the trades, and in grade 11, please visit your careers office today to get your application started (seating is limited). North Island College is accepting applications as of October 1st. Get a jump start for your grade 12 year!



Offerings:

- Automotive Service Technician**
- Heavy Duty Mechanic**
- Industrial Automation**
- Welding**
- Professional Cook Level 1**
- Carpentry**
- Plumbing**
- Electrical**

**Upcoming barista course on November 20th at Glacier View
(pre-registration required)**

**Skills Canada February 20th, 2026, at North Island College
(Campbell River Campus). Click [HERE](#)**



TERRY FOX RUN







ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIAL SCIENCES





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](#)



[Click Here](#)

Our goal is to empower students toward positive change and to help them to have the most successful high school experience possible!

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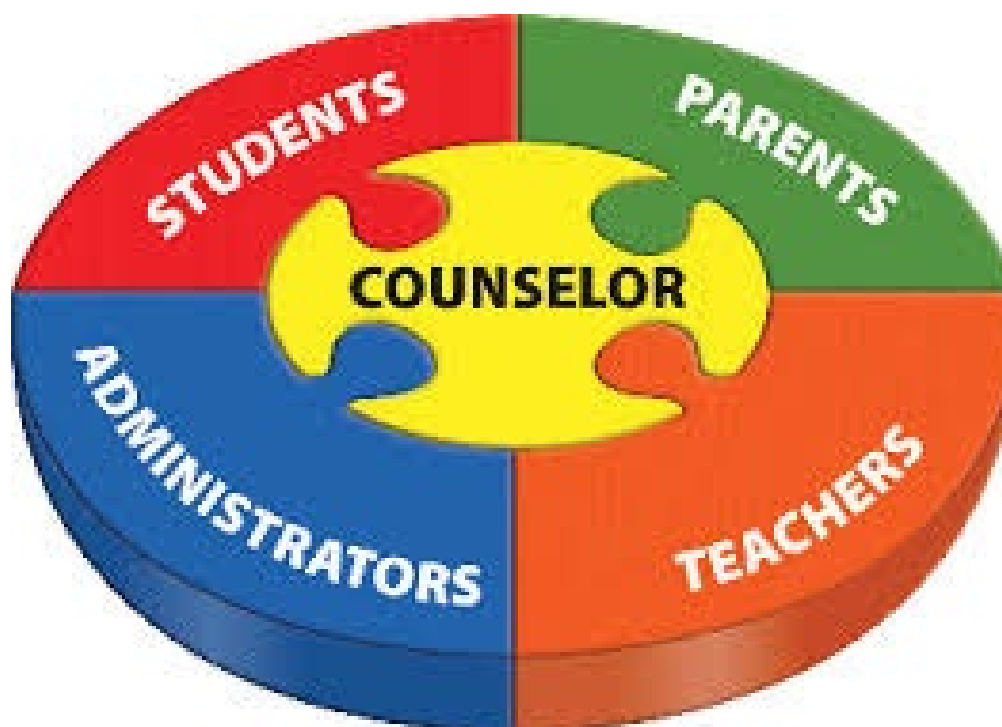
Stephanie Morris (H-N) stephanie.morris@sd71.bc.ca

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Youth and Family Support Worker:

Sherry Patterson – 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 for info
Code of Conduct Form Click [Here](#)
Driver's Abstract
Copy of Driver's License
Proof of Insurance (1 million 3rd 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.**

CLASS OF 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

- * 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 2026**



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 19th

3:30pm – 5:45pm

Saturday, January 24th

10:00am – 3:15pm

Monday, February 23rd

3:30pm – 5:45pm

Saturday, March 14th

10:00am – 3:15pm

Monday, March 16th

3:30pm – 5:45pm

Saturday, April 18th

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:

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OTHER NEWS

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

If you have not accessed your account before, please contact 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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November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Day 1 - ABCD	4 Day 2 - CDAB School Nurse 11:30-12:30	5 Day 3 - BADC FLEX DAY Beginning Band Concert MFR 6:30	6 Day 4 - DCBA	7 Day 2 - CDAB U of A Info Booth @ Lunch	8
Daylight Saving Time Ends						
9	10 Day 1 - ABCD Remembrance Day Assembly Q2 Begins	11 Remembrance Day	12 Day 3 - BADC VU Booth @ Lunch	13 Day 4 - DCBA	14 Day 2 - CDAB Report Cards Due 9:00 AM	15
16	17 Day 1 - ABCD	18 Day 2 - CDAB School Nurse 11:30-12:30 PAC Meeting 6:30 Comox Valley Concert Band Festival	19 Day 3 - BADC	20 Day 4 - DCBA Lockdown Day 1:00 pm	21 Day 3 - BADC	22 (grad attire 10:00am - 2:15pm)
23	24 Day 1 - ABCD	25 Day 2 - CDAB School Nurse 11:30-12:30 Career's Day MFR C/D Blocks	26 Day 3 - BADC	27 Day 4 - DCBA	28 Day 4 - DCBA	29
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October '25

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December '25

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Parent Teacher Contact