



Georges P. Vanier
Secondary School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, November 25th, 2025

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Courtenay
British Columbia



NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **There is a grad committee meeting TODAY at lunch** in the library.
- * **Careers Day is happening for all grade 11/12's TODAY during C/D block!** Be sure to visit at least 4 tables and take notes for your Careers course assignments. Prizes available!
- * **Vanier Student Press.** Hey Vanier creatives! Do you have a talent for writing, illustration, graphic novels, or photography and are interested in producing print copies of your work? Curious about being an exhibitor at the Vancouver Art Book Fair (May 15-17) or maybe just going to check it out? Love zines and want to make your own? Drop in to Room 003 at lunch on **TODAY** or chat with Mr. Ingram for more details.
- * **The Model UN club is looking for more members!** This club is great for students who like debates, politics, and international relations. Drop in to see if you're interested! Thursdays, 3:15 pm in the Art room.
- * **Congratulations to the District 71 Robotics teams (7842) who went to Shawnigan Lake School for Vancouver Island's Regional season opening tournament on Saturday.** 5 out of our 12 district teams attended. For three of our teams, this was their first tournament and the first robot they had ever built: they worked hard, passed inspections, and competed in multiple games against all levels of teams. Our team 7842-Fractal made up of Zane Radawiec (Vanier), Levi Milligan (Vanier), and Laurian Blachford (Isfeld) took 1st place out of 31 teams and came home with the Tournament Champion Award. 7842-Fractal also won the Judge's Innovation Award for their unique design feature, their well-documented building progress in their Engineering Notebook, and the team's knowledge during judging interviews. Robotics 71 students have 2 weeks until their next tournament on Salt Spring Island.
- * **Mark your calendars! The amazing Vanier Winter Market is happening THIS WEEKEND on November 29, 10 am – 3 pm** in the Gym. Admission is by Donation to the Music Department or by bringing a non-perishable food donation to support local foodbanks!
- * **A reminder to bring in your Christmas Hamper item before December 15th!** Cash donations also accepted to help cover the cost of non-perishable items. Family gifts to be wrapped if possible and age appropriate.
- * **EDAS DONATIONS:** It's that beautiful time of year again where Vanier is spreading kindness and compassion through the EDAS (Everybody Deserves A Smile) project. We are looking for the following donation items by Tuesday, December 9th:
 - Scarves, Wool, or part wool, socks, ToquesSizes: Women: M, Men and Non-Binary: XL
Drop off locations in the school are located:
Outside of Rooms 116/117, Front Office & Counselling Office
Donations will be added to EDAS bags and will be delivered to those in need this holiday season. If you would like to know more about EDAS, here is the link to their website: <https://edas.ca/>



CLUBS / MEETINGS / PRACTICES / TRYOUTS TODAY

Group/Activity/Event	Time	Where
QSA	Lunch	Rm 111
Grad Committee meeting	Lunch	Library
Weightlifting	3:15 pm	Weightroom
Gr 8 Girls and Boys Basketball	3:20 pm	Gym
Sr Girls Basketball	5:15 pm	Gym
Sr Boys Basketball	7:00 pm	Gym

VOLUNTEER/CAREERS

- * **Our MLA for the Comox Valley is looking for volunteers for the following event:**

Wednesday December 10th, looking for two volunteers to help run events at Ocean Front Village and The Views. Meet at MLA Day's office and or Ocean Front Centre from 10-12noon and The Views from 1:45 pm to 3:00 pm. See the careers office for more information.

- * **The Island District Operational Communication Centre in Courtenay is actively recruiting!**
The first step in the application process is to attend a Career presentation. Our Career Presentations for the following months are:
Dec 1: 12:00pm – Virtual Zoom
Dec 12: 12:00pm – Virtual Zoom
If you know of anyone that is interested in this exciting and challenging career, please have them refer to our website at www.BCRCMP911.ca to review the application process and the basic job qualifications. They will also find information on the step for the mandatory pre-registration. Spaces are limited so we encourage anyone that is interested to register as soon as possible.
- * **Mt. Washington is hiring for all departments!** Come to the careers office to scan the code to apply.
- * **Interested in becoming a ski instructor?** Mt. Washington is offering a ski apprentice program. See the careers office for more 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.
- * **District / Authority Scholarship applications are now open.** The application form can be found here: [District/Authority application form](#) Fill it out, attach your evidence of achievement letter and return it to the counselling office **by February 27, 2026 at 3:15 pm** if you wish to be considered for the \$1,250 scholarship. The front of the application form outlines the details for the scholarship or you can visit this site for more information: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships/district-authority-scholarships>
- * **Our nomination form for the Schulich Leadership Scholarship, BC Excellence Scholarship, CMolik Foundation Scholarship and Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship is now available** under our Grad tab on our website or by clicking here: [Bursary and Scholarship information](#) It is a

fillable form that you can complete and return to Shannon in the counselling office if you wish to be considered for nomination this year. Applications are due **January 15th, 2026** at noon.

* **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 *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 (kelley.giorgianni@sd71.bc.ca) or Susan Quinton (susan.quinton@sd71.bc.ca).

- * **Café Vanier is NOW OPEN!** Hot drinks and some food items will be available for sale from 8:40 am – 9:00 am daily. CASH ONLY!
- * **NEW AT VANIER: Lunchtime Intramurals**
Interested in playing on a team during the lunch hour? Sign up as a single or team in the gym on the wall! Basketball will be starting in November. Must have max of two school team athletes. Games will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the gym. Prizes available for winning team.
- * **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.
- * **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.
- * **Lunch time homework club happens in room 14 starting at 11:50 daily.** Bring your lunch and some work you need to complete.