



Georges P. Vanier  
Secondary School

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## DCBA

Courtenay  
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### NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \* **GRASP is a fun and interactive training program presented in Vancouver Island schools for students Grades 9 to 12 interested in learning skills to be effective peer helpers.** We cover self-awareness, communication, healthy relationships, boundary setting, community resources, suicide awareness, and how to access help for others. This is great training for students interested in a career in counselling, psychology, social work, healthcare, or any helping profession. **SIGN UP by December 17th.** Forms available in the counselling office.
- \* **We're Hiring! Part-Time Position at Kumon Courtenay**  
Our Kumon Centre in Courtenay is looking for a reliable, positive, and education-minded team member to join us! If you love learning and enjoy helping kids grow in their confidence and skills, this could be a great fit.  
Basic Qualifications:
  - Strong proficiency in high school Math and English
  - Available to work evenings and weekends
  - Able to perform a variety of tasks within the Centre as assigned
  - Reliable, punctual, and able to maintain consistent attendance
  - Comfortable working as part of a team and building positive relationships
  - Strong interpersonal and communication skills
  - A genuine love of learningHours: Approx. 4-10 hrs/week
  - Wednesdays & Thursdays — 3:30–6:30 pm
  - Possible weekend shifts as the centre growHourly Rate: \$17.85 starting rate for high school students.
- \* Ready for an Adventure? **The first ever Vanier Thailand exchange is being planned for 2026/2027 for students currently in grades 9-11.** Posters are around the school with information and a QR code for the application form. If you are interested, there will be an information meeting in Mr. Osborne's room (162) at lunch on **Friday, December 12th.**
- \* **What did the pastry chef say to his unsupportive father? "Donut hole me back."**  
**What was the donut's least favorite part of its day? I'm not really sure; it glazed over that part.**  
If you like things that are even fresher than these sweet puns, come and buy a glazed donut from Cumberland Bakery for JUST \$2.50 on **Friday, December 5th** at lunch in support of the Italian Cultural Exchange.
- \* **December Volleyball camp for grades 5-12 (two separate groups):** Dec 20/21 at Highland School. Contact Brian Stevens at [bdstevens@hotmail.com](mailto:bdstevens@hotmail.com) for more information.
- \* **Attention Graduates: This is a reminder that your 30-hour volunteer or paid requirement is due by January 26, 2026.** Please submit the necessary paperwork to the careers office as soon as possible. Pick up forms in the Careers office room 130.
- \* **Grad Photos Dec 8-12– remember to pre-book your time to minimize disappointment. Booking links have been sent by email to you and your parents/caregivers.** If paying the sitting fee will cause a financial hardship, please talk to the office so we can help.

## CLUBS / MEETINGS / PRACTICES / TRYOUTS TODAY

Group/Activity/Event	Time	Where
Gr 8 Girls Basketball	7:00 am	Gym
Interact Club	Lunch	Rm 192
EDAS Knit and Crochet Club	Lunch	Rm 116
Weightlifting	3:15 pm	Weightroom
Homework Club	3:15 pm	Access
Model UN Club	3:15 pm	Rm 6
Gr 9 Boys Basketball vs Carihi	3:20 pm	Gym
Improv	3:25 pm	Rm 181
Jr Girls & Boys Basketball	5:15 pm	Gym
Sr Girls Basketball	7:00 pm	Gym

## VOLUNTEER/CAREERS

- \* We have 3 seats remaining for **First Aid on Dec 9<sup>th</sup>**. Please come to the careers office for an application.
- \* **Any grade 11 or 12 students interested in trying out a career with the BC Road Builders and their heavy-duty equipment** please visit the careers office to sign up. There are only 24 spots. Students will try two big rig simulators to see if the careers are a good fit for them. Snowplow Operator, Heavy Equipment operator, Heavy Duty Mechanic are some of the career paths available. Event happening here at Vanier on December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- \* **Our MLA for the Comox Valley is looking for volunteers for the following event:**  
Wednesday December 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 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](http://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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.irenecoopertrust.com) and fill out the form linked on the website to apply.
- \* **BC Transplant Live Life. Pass it On. Scholarship:** BC Transplant will award four scholarships to **grade 10-12 students** who lead an organ donation awareness project in their school or community during the 2025/26 school year. See <https://www.transplant.bc.ca/get-involved/awareness-programs/school-programs/live-life-pass-it-on-scholarship> for more information.
- \* **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

- \* **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, Toques

Sizes: 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/>
- \* **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*



- *Monday, March 16th 3:30-5-45pm*
- *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 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.