



Georges P. Vanier  
Secondary School

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \* **TODAY! 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 another information meeting in **Mr. Osborne's room (162) TODAY at lunch.**
- \* **Girls Rugby starts on Monday!** Practices will be Mon/Thurs at 3:20 pm on the lower field.
- \* **Grads, please remember to complete your grad quote for the yearbook! The deadline is January 23** and no late submissions will be accepted. Check your email from Ms. D and submit via Microsoft forms.
- \* **Next week our Counsellors are available for Semester 2 course changes after lunch** Mon-Thurs. Please just **drop in** during the afternoon instead of making an appointment.
- \* **There will be a Queer Youth Sexual Health Info Session at the LINC** from 5-6 pm on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Email to sign up [aparry@courtenay.ca](mailto:aparry@courtenay.ca).
- \* **The [2026 Orange Shirt Day T-shirt design contest](#) is now open.** Entries will be accepted until January 31 at 9:00 pm PST. See the link for more details.
- \* **All students who are interested in learning more about the HERA Ripple Club (Creating positive changes within our school community) with Indy** the next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> in Room 115 at lunch.
- \* **Ultimate Frisbee: There will be a meeting in room 109 on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at lunch** for all students interested in playing Ultimate Frisbee (not disc golf) this season. No experience necessary. Ultimate is a mixed-gender sport in high-school: this meeting is for boys, girls and everyone in between-grades 8-12. With enough interest, we can play league games vs. Highland and Isfeld; there's a tournament in Nanaimo; and we can compete to qualify for Provincials, typically held in Vancouver. Mr. Brogan and Mr. Barber will be the lead coaches: both have significant experience bringing home gold medals. **LET'S GO!!!!**

## CLUBS / MEETINGS / PRACTICES / TRYOUTS TODAY

Group/Activity/Event	Time	Where
Gr 9 Girls Basketball	7:00 am	Gym
QSA Fun Friday	Lunch	Rm 163
Environment Club	Lunch	Rm 12
Jr Girls Basketball	3:20 pm	Gym
Wrestling	3:45 pm	Gym

## VOLUNTEER/CAREERS

- \* **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.

- \* 🍷 **Taste the World and join our Cultural Food Fair event!** 🍷 Any student or staff interested in participating in the Cultural Food Fair during the last week of the semester, please contact Ms. Murphy in Room 011 or visit the Careers Office for more information.
- \* **The Gem and Mineral Club is hosting their annual rock and gem show on Apr 3-5<sup>th</sup> and are looking for volunteers for various positions.** Come to the careers office for sign up information.
- \* **Any students interested in taking the Barista course in May** see the careers office for permission form and sign up. There are limited seats, and it is filling quickly.
- \* **The Views has opened their applications for the spring youth volunteer program,** interested students pick up an application in the careers office.
- \* **Cumberland Lake Society is looking to hire for their Summer Camp Leader positions.** See the careers office for more information.
- \* **The Biathlon BC Cup #2 race is on Feb 7th and 8th at Mount Washington,** and they need your help to make this event happen. Biathlon is an exciting sport that demands unique duality, challenging an athlete's physical abilities as well as their mental focus and precision rifle marksmanship. As you can imagine this sport has many moving parts and requires many hands to make the day flow smoothly. Whether you would like to help in our club house, feeding our volunteers/athletes or on the course cheering on the athletes while you are counting penalty loops, we have a role for everyone. Better yet, would you rather be right where all the action is? We always need lots of range recording. See the careers office for contact information.
- \* **Students interested in Digital marketing** see the careers office for an amazing marketing course available in May from Jelly Academy.

## **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.
- \* **GRADS! Our Bursary/Scholarship program is now OPEN!** Go to the Grad tab – Bursary/Scholarship information page on our website to find our bursary booklet and the fillable application forms
- \* **Auxiliary Society for Comox Valley Healthcare Bursary:** To be eligible for the \$5000 bursary students must be graduating from Gr 12 in the Comox Valley or currently be enrolled in a Healthcare program at NIC in the Comox Valley. You must also have volunteering hours completed at a health care facility. See the counselling office for more details and to pick up an application form. **Applications are due by May 15, 2026** and must be emailed to the Auxiliary directly.
- \* **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

- \* **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).

- \* **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.