



Georges P. Vanier
Secondary School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, January 23rd, 2026

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NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **SEMESTER 1 ENDS TODAY.**
THERE IS A NI DAY ON MONDAY – NO SCHOOL!
SEMESTER 2 STARTS ON TUESDAY.
- * **Donut Sale TODAY!** Outrageously delicious Cumberland Donuts will be for sale at lunch today for \$2.50 each.
- * **Counsellors will be offering drop in course changes for Gr 9-12 students today from 10:30 – 2:30.** Pop by and grab a ticket during breaks (not during class time). Course change drop ins are continuing next week so there is still time.
- * **Our Sr Boys Basketball team play SATURDAY night at 7pm vs CARIHI.** Come out and cheer on your Towhees for their **LAST HOME GAME!** It is also Senior night for our Grad 12's.
- * **Are you thinking about quitting or cutting down on vaping or smoking?** "I Quit For Me" sessions will go over the health risks of nicotine use for your mind and body, proven quit methods, building your quit plan, dealing with stress without vaping or smoking, and staying quit long-term. There will be a session on Feb 10th at 7pm via zoom. For Ages 13-18. To register use this link: [Register here now](#) or visit <https://quitnow.ca/find-support/group-support-sessions> for more information.
- * **Stevenson Place Boutique Seniors Residence in Comox is looking for servers.** See the careers office for more information.
- * **Ms. D has only received 87 yearbook quotes from graduates!** I'd like to get far more, and so we have extended our deadline. Please use the Microsoft Form emailed out by Ms. Black or use the QR codes posted around the school to submit your quote. The deadline has been extended to give you more time. **Please get your quotes in by February 20th.** Thank you!
- * **Are you hoping to graduate? Have you missed the deadline?** Don't worry, have we got a deal for you. For a limited time, you can hand in your Careers 12 assignments for a chance to win an invite to graduation. But wait, there's more - you can be entered for an opportunity to get peace of mind, a sense of accomplishment, and freedom from nagging. Don't hesitate, complete Careers 12 now. Some restrictions apply, see Careers office for more information.

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
Sr Boys Basketball	5:15 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.
- * **The Gem and Mineral Club is hosting their annual rock and gem show on Apr 3-5th and are looking for volunteers for various positions.** Come to the careers office for sign up information.
- * **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 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://jakewitzmemorial.ca/>

OLDER NEWS

- * **The District 71 Robotics team's next tournament is here in the Comox Valley at Highland Secondary on January 31st.** Public admission is free, so come out to watch and support our local teams! If you are interested in volunteering at it, reach out to Highland Secondary administration.
- * **There is a Queer Youth Sexual Health Info Session at the LINC for ages 12-18** from 5-6 pm on Thursday, January 29th. Email to sign up 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. Click the link above or go to www.blog.gov.bc.ca/ecc-dm-bulletin/article/orange-shirt-day-2026-official-design-contest/ for more information.
- * **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 28th in Room 115 at lunch.
- * **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, 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.