



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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### NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \* **TODAY is GO CANADA, GO! Day**, there will be Olympics/Sports Trivia in the MPR at lunch. Prizes!
- \* **There is a bake sale hosted by the Italian Exchange TODAY, Friday the 13th, in the cafe!** Come down and support the cause with your sweet tooth and a few bucks!
- \* **Tonight's the night! Come watch Vanier's Junior Improv Team in the Canadian Improv Games Finals Tournament at Isfeld at 7pm!**  
Then see the Senior Improv Team play tomorrow night at 6 - also at Isfeld.  
Who will win the chance to represent Vancouver Island in Ottawa this year?  
***Come find out this weekend!***
- \* **Have you heard? There is a Valentine party at lunch today in room 163 (near the gym) hosted by the QSA.** There will be drinks, snacks, activities, and music. Bring a friend, a lover, a pal, or come by yourself. ***Everyone is welcome!***
- \* **The Kiwanis Club of Courtenay is looking for some social media volunteers**, designing graphics, setting up (cleaning) their Facebook and website assistance see the careers office for more information
- \* **There will be a Lunar New Year Celebration** in the front foyer at lunch on Friday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup>. International snacks by donation, interactive games and a chance to win prizes! Visit the booth to learn more about this important cultural event!
- \* **NEST meetings will be moved to lunchtime starting Feb 23.**
- \* **GRASP Training will be held Feb 25<sup>th</sup> (FLEX DAY) 12:00 – 3:10 pm in room 115.**
- \* **IMMUNIZATIONS on Weds, Feb 18th:** Gr 9's will be in the morning in the MPR. If you have a signed consent form, **PLEASE** bring it to the main office ASAP. Gr 11's can drop in for immunizations from 12:30 – 2:30 pm in the main office.
- \* **Are you interested in attending the District GSA Meeting on the afternoon of February 20th,** please let Ms. Keyworth know in room 116.
- \* **Any students interested in signing up to play dodgeball against staff on Thursday and/or submit a trivia team**, come see Ms. Murphy in Careers office or room 011.
- \* **Soup service - Help is required from 2 - 3 responsible students** to serve soup from the school store on Mondays and possibly the occasional Friday at lunch. If you are interested in this opportunity, please see Mrs. Black in the office.

### CLUBS / MEETINGS / PRACTICES / TRYOUTS TODAY

Group/Activity/Event	Time	Where
QSA Valentines party	Lunch	Rm 163
Environment club	Lunch	Rm 12
Jr Boys Island Basketball Tournament	Gym	Go Towhees!

## **VOLUNTEER/CAREERS**

- \* **The Teddies and Toddlers daycare next door will be looking for volunteers** to assist with moving and packing please reach out to the executive director, Natalie, at [ed@tntls.com](mailto:ed@tntls.com).
- \* **Stevenson Place Boutique Seniors Residence in Comox is looking for servers.** See 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.
- \* **The Views has opened their applications for the spring youth volunteer program,** interested students can 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.
- \* **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.
- \* **The BC Hydro Power Pioneers are recognizing youth who have excelled in community service. There are twenty \$500 awards available throughout British Columbia.**

We're looking for students who have made outstanding contributions in their local community for a considerable amount of time or have initiated, organized or contributed significantly to a one-time project. Priority will be given to students who volunteer in their local communities.

### **WE'RE LOOKING FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE:**

- Canadian citizens or permanent residents of B.C.,
- Graduating from high school this coming June.

### **THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MUST BE INCLUDED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS AWARD:**

1. Completed application form
2. 500-word essay of voluntary contributions you have made to your community,
3. Reference letter(s) from the community organization(s) you have worked with,
4. Reference letter from a teacher, counselor or principal at your school,
5. Confirmation of a passing grade, photocopy of transcript is acceptable,
6. Proof of age and citizenship or status, photocopy is acceptable.

**For more information visit:** <https://www.powerpioneers.com/our-community/bc-hydro-power-pioneers-community-service-award/>

- \* **Leaders of Today Youth Award:** You bring the vision; we bring the backing. This award offers \$1000 in direct funding for young people working toward something that matters to them. Big or small. Creative or community focussed. A business, a project, a platform, or a first step toward a bigger dream. Leaders of Today is the easiest way to find scholarships, grants and program that fit to you. It is a free program, check it out! <https://www.leadersoftoday.com/awards/leaders-of-today-youth-award>
- \* **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. **Deadline March 1, 2026.**

\* **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. **Deadline May 1, 2026.**

\* **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

- \* **Explore 2027 applications are now available in the main office.** Deadline to apply is March 13th. See Mr. Hoy, Mr. Pettigrew or Mrs. MacKinnon if you have questions
- \* **Math Contests for Grade 9 (Pascal), Grade 10 (Caley), and Grade 11 (Fermat) will take place on FLEX Wednesday (February 25, 2026)** in Room 805 in B-Block. If you are interested see Mr. Mtawali in Portable 805.
- \* **Ultimate Frisbee:** there will be throwing practice in the gym at lunch **Friday, Feb 20th and Monday Feb 23rd. Everyone signed up for the team needs to be there.** Anyone thinking about joining the team should come and learn to throw. There are posters around the school to sign up for the team, or you can email Mr. Brogan: [chris.brogan@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:chris.brogan@sd71.bc.ca). Our first outdoor practice is on **Wednesday the 25th 3:30-5pm**, on the Vanier turf. Bring cleats, water, and weather-appropriate athletic clothing. Let's GO!!!
- \* **Did you know Vanier's QSA has two meeting days?** On **Tuesdays at lunch, we meet in room 111.** On Tuesdays, we plan for events and volunteer hours needed for graduation can be earned. On **Fridays at lunch, we meet in room 163 for QSA Fun Friday** - crafting, art, movies, music, and more! All are welcome!
- \* **BECOME A BASEBALL UMPIRE IN 2026.** Make some money on evenings and weekends. Be in charge. Learn the game of Baseball. We are looking for responsible, eager grade 6-12 students (and adults) to become umpires. Registration is now open for the 2026 season ([BCBUA Registration | BC BASEBALL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION](https://www.bcbua.com)). Contact Nick Moore at [ncmoore4@shaw.ca](mailto:ncmoore4@shaw.ca) for more information. He will forward you all the information you need to get started.
- \* **The G.P Vanier Clothing website is now open until February 27th.** This is your last chance to purchase Grad, Athletic, General, Music and Theatre closing for the year.  
<https://vanier.itemorder.com/shop/home/>
- \* **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!
- \* **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:

- *Monday, February 23rd 3:30-5:45pm*
- *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).

- \* **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 on Mondays and Thursdays. 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.