

G.P. VANIER

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



Important Dates

| | |
|------------------|--|
| Feb 4 – 6 | Grad Photo Retakes |
| Feb 12 | Course Selection Info Night 6:30 pm |
| Feb 16 | Family Day – No Classes |
| Feb 17 | Pro-D – No Classes |
| Feb 18 | Gr 9 Immunizations |
| Feb 24 | PAC Meeting 6:30 pm |
| Feb 27 | Bursary Applications Due |

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| March 10 – 14 | District Musical – Beetlejuice Jr |
| March 21 – April 6 | Spring Break |
| April 7 | First Day Back |

NEWSLETTER CONTENT

FEBRUARY

Grad 2026.....Grad Info

Beetlejuice Jr (The Musical)Info and Dates

Careers Office.....Upcoming Dates

Grad Attire Program.....Appointment Dates

Vanier Sports.....Updates/Congratulations

SD#71..... News & Info

Counselling OfficePost Secondary Info

Parent Volunteers..... Form Info

My Education BC.....Account Info





IMPORTANT DATES

- * Feb 4, 5, 6 – Grad photo retakes
- * May 7 – Grad BBQ 5:00pm
- * May 26 – Vanier Bursary Night 6:30
- * June 3 – Grad softball game at lunch
- * June 3 – Celebration of Excellence
- * June 15 – Grad pancake breakfast

Grad rehearsal to follow at 9:30am

- * June 24 – Grad 2026

Grad day heads up – all grads must be back at Vanier by 2:00 pm
– Grads will eat a snack, take the grad class photo, travel to the grad venue (walk to SC1 (if rain cancelled Rotary), bus to Rotary Bowl to keep order / save feet) The car cruise will deliver students back to school in time, so if not part of the cruise, plan to be on site by 2:00pm. Parents will be going to get their seats. All hair appointments / nails / make up, etc. must happen before then. If you are choosing to arrange with friends to go do a group photo ahead of time (Filberg, Beach,) – arrange for this in advance. Our start time is firm, so plan carefully.

Tickets are handed out to grads in June (only when the entire grad checklist is completed). Each grad will get 6 tickets only. Space is tight in the Sports Center. The Rotary Bowl will be set up with 6 seats per grad but extra guests can bring a lawn chair and sit in some vacant green space.



Get ready for a frightfully fun night at the theatre –

Beetlejuice Junior: The Musical is coming to the Vanier stage

March 10 – 14! Based on the hit Broadway musical and the beloved movie, this high-energy show is packed with laugh-out-loud moments, catchy songs, and a whole lot of spooky fun. Join us as talented students from Highland, Isfeld, Lake Trail, and Vanier bring the Netherworld to life in a bold, creative, and family-friendly production you won't want to miss. It's showtime!

Tickets can be purchased [HERE](#)



News From the Careers Office

January 8th was a huge success as our Multi-Purpose Room was packed with the dual credit, district wide information session.

Our Trade Sampler parent information session, also on January 8th, was a great success. It was so nice to meet the new students that will be attending samplers here at Vanier during Semester 2.

The VIU Hairdressing/Baking tour was well received by all 24 students that attended.

Construction and Transportation Trade Sampler starts January 27th here at Vanier. This exciting program will host healthy trades day and first aid along with some fantastic job placements in our very supportive community. We will also host NIC tours of both campuses in the various trades areas. Welcome to all the new faces from other schools!

We will be offering a [Food Safe course on Feb 25th](#) (limited seats available).

NIC Campbell River will be hosting [Skills Canada Feb 20th](#)



Grad Attire Program



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.

***All clothing and accessories are free of charge**

The grad Class Attire project will operate out of Comox Valley Dodge at 278 North Island Highway (Old Canadian Tire building) on the following dates:

Monday, February 23rd

3:30pm – 5:45pm

Saturday, March 14th

10:00am – 3:15pm

Monday, March 16th

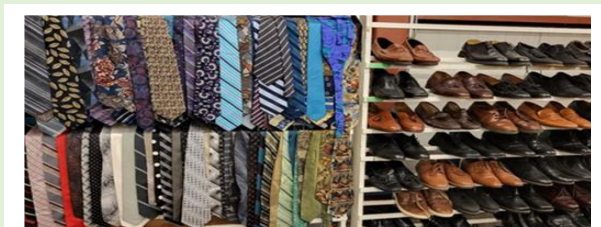
3:30pm – 5:45pm

Saturday, April 18th

10:00am – 3:15pm

No Cost to Grads

More information [here](#)



Current Donation Needs

To continue supporting students throughout the year, the program is currently seeking donations of:

- * Small suits**
- * Dress shoes**
- * Medium and large dress shirts**

Drop off

GP Vanier Secondary – During school hours.

Comox Valley Dodge – Monday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m

Fitting dates: <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/grad-attire-program/>

This program helps provide the opportunity for every student to celebrate their graduation in their preferred style. Last year, more than 150 students were fully suited or dressed for their graduation ceremonies through the Grad Attire Program.

For more Information

Contact the Grad Attire Committee: Stephanie, Susan, Monique & Kelley

PH: 250-338-2110 or Kelley.giorgianni@sd71.bc.ca

PH: 250-338-9262 or Susan.quinton@sd71.bc.ca



Vanier Sports



January was an exciting and action-packed month for athletics at our school! Basketball season was in full swing as our junior and senior boys' teams proudly hosted two major tournaments. Both teams delivered strong performances, advancing to the finals and finishing as runners-up in their respective events.

After school, our gym is still buzzing with daily basketball games and practices that often stretch late into the evening.

Meanwhile, our district wrestling team successfully hosted a province-wide tournament, attracting strong participation and demonstrating exceptional organization. Despite some challenging conditions on the mountain, our ski and snowboard team has been hitting the slopes, with races competing every Monday as they fully embrace the winter season.



Feeding Futures Fuels District-Wide Growth in Universal Meal Programs



Comox Valley Schools is making significant progress in expanding access to nutritious school meals, with the district's Feeding Futures School Food Program now reaching nearly half of all students.

Prior to January 2025, approximately 19 per cent of students had access to a universal, low or no-barrier lunch program. That figure has since increased to 44 per cent, with access expected to reach 48 per cent with additional programs launching this year. This level of access greatly exceeds initial provincial targets and places Comox Valley Schools among leading districts in British Columbia for universal school food programming.



WINTER OPEN HOUSE FOR INDIGENOUS FAMILIES

HOSTED BY
THE INDIGENOUS
EDUCATION COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 5, 5-7PM

GLACIER VIEW SCHOOL

241 Beecher Place,
Courtenay BC

**FREE
EVENT**

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- ✓ Pizza, snacks, and Games in the Gym
- ✓ Free Literacy Resources
- ✓ Storytelling with Knowledge Holders
- ✓ Free Books


Comox Valley Schools
A Community of Learners
ambitious • respectful • inclusive

BEACH DAY



Careers Day



Vanier International Students



INTRODUCING A NEW NON- INSTRUCTIONAL DAY FOCUSED ON INDIGENOUS LEARNING

A new Non-Instructional Day focused on Indigenous Learning will take place on Friday, May 15, 2026. On this day, teachers and staff will engage in professional learning centred on Indigenous histories, cultures, and ways of knowing.

This initiative reflects the district's Truth and Reconciliation Commitment and aligns with Design Principles in our Strategic Plan.

The addition follows a change to the provincial school calendar regulations, which now requires all school districts to dedicate one professional learning day each year to advancing Indigenous student success and strengthening understanding of Indigenous perspectives.

Read more and provide feedback [HERE](#)



News from the Counselling Office

Post-Secondary Information for Vanier Parents and Guardians can be found [HERE](#)



The Vanier Scholarship, Bursary & Student Loan Newsletter is available on our school website for grade 12 students who are starting to research ways to pay for their post-secondary education. Click [HERE](#)



[Click Here](#)

Our goal is to empower students toward positive change and to help them to have the most successful high school experience possible!

School Counsellor:

Katherine Brach (A-G) katherine.brach@sd71.bc.ca

Stephanie Morris (H-O) stephanie.morris@sd71.bc.ca

Jocelyn Schultz (P-Z) jocelyn.schultz@sd71.bc.ca

Youth and Family Support Worker:

Sherry Patterson – sherry.patterson@sd71.bc.ca

To Book an Appointment Click [Here](#)





If you are planning on volunteering for field trips or sporting events, drivers MUST complete the following:

Volunteer Driver Form Click [Here](#)
Criminal Record Check susan.quinton@sd71.bc.ca for info
Code of Conduct Form Click [Here](#)
Driver's Abstract
Copy of Driver's License
Proof of Insurance (1 million 3rd party liability)

If you are planning on volunteering as a coach or chaperone, you MUST complete a Criminal Records Check

***Code of Conduct forms must be signed before participating in any sport.**

***Criminal Record Checks are held for 3 years in our database and may be accessed by other schools in the district.**



MYED PARENT PORTAL

Parents, are you on MYED?

Our student system, MyEducation BC, is a great resource for parents.

You can access:

Your child's schedule

Your child's assignments, completed and outstanding

Your child's attendance

Teacher email addresses

**Your child's Learning Updates, Summary of Learning and
Graduation Status Report**

**If you have not accessed your account before, please contact
susan.quinton@sd71.bc.ca to help set up your account.**

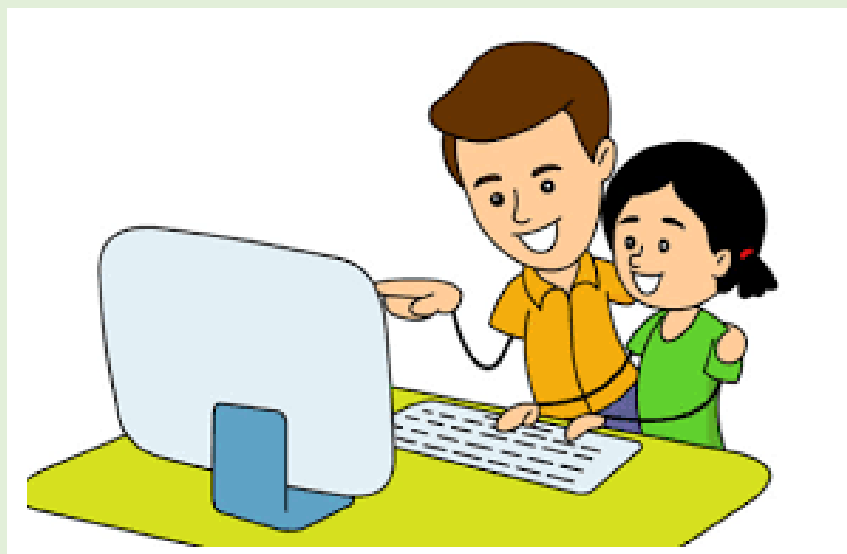
If you have an account, but have not used it for more than three months, you will need to request a new password. Please note, as this is a Ministry of Education website containing confidential information, passwords need to be changed every 3 months.

If you have any concerns, please contact your child's Administrator. Administrators work on the last name alpha system:

A-G Brad St. Pierre brad.st.pierre@sd71.bc.ca

H-O Sherrie Martens sherrie.martens@sd71.bc.ca

P-Z Erica Black erica.black@sd71.bc.ca





Feb 16th - Family Day (No School)
Feb 17th - Non-Instructional Day (No School)
Black History Month

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|--|--|
| 1 | 2 Day 1 - ABCD | 3 Day 2 - CDAB School Nurse 11:30-12:30 | 4 Day 3 - BADC | 5 Day 4 - DCBA | 6 Day 3 - BADC | 7 |
| 8 | 9 Day 1 - ABCD | 10 Day 2 - CDAB School Nurse 11:30-12:30 Fire Drill 1:40 pm | 11 Day 3 - BADC | 12 Day 4 - DCBA | 13 Day 4 - DCBA Women's Memorial March Can Improv Games 7pm Jr. Island Tourney @ Isfeld | 14 Valentine's Day |
| 15 | 16 Family Day | 17 Day 2 - CDAB Non-Instructional Day Pro-D Day | 18 Day 3 - BADC | 19 Day 4 - DCBA | 20 Day 1 ABCD | 21 Canadian Improv Games Senior Island Tournament at Isfeld 6pm |
| 22 | 23 Day 1 - ABCD Earthquake Drill 1:40 pm | 24 Day 2 - CDAB School Nurse 11:30-12:30 PAC Meeting 6:30 | 25 Day 3 - BADC FLEX DAY | 26 Day 4 - DCBA | 27 Day 2 - CDAB Bursary Applications Due | 28 |
| Vanier Online Course Selection (In the Library) | | | | | | |