

G.P. VANIER NEWSLETTER

MARCH/APRIL



Important Dates

March 10 – 14 **District Musical – Beetlejuice Jr**
March 21 – April 6 **Spring Break**

April 7 **First Day Back**
April 15 **Quarter 3 Ends**
April 16 **Quarter 4 Begins**
April 20 – 24 **Assessments**
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CLASS OF 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

* May 7 – Grad BBQ 5:00pm

* May 26 – Vanier Bursary Night 6:30pm

* 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.

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:

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](#)

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BEETLEJUICE JR.

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](#)



Course Selection

Course selection has now been completed. Please direct any questions or changes to your student's counsellor.



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

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Youth and Family Support Worker:

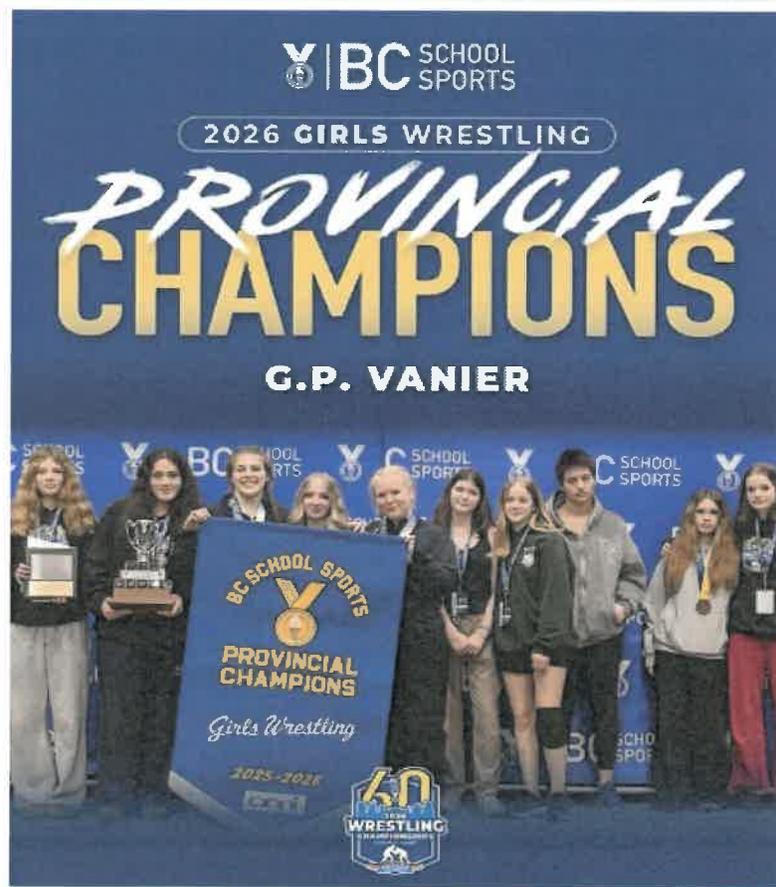
Sherry Patterson – sherry.patterson@sd71.bc.ca

To book an appointment, click [HERE](#)



As the warm air of spring arrives, we say goodbye to winter and eagerly welcome the start of the spring athletics season. Our ski team capped off a fantastic year with a memorable trip to Whistler. Meanwhile, our wrestling team delivered an impressive performance, with several students capturing Island titles in their weight classes. A large group advanced to provincials, where they brought home multiple podium finishes.





**A Huge Congratulations To Our Newly Crowned
Provincial Champion Wrestlers!**

CONGRATULATIONS!



The G.P. Vanier Girls Wrestling Team are the 2026 Provincial Champions in the Girls Division.

Maya Bissett placed 2nd in her division

Inga Hollmayer placed 3rd in her division

Aysia D'Alessandro placed 5th in her division

David Milanovich placed 6th in his division

Congratulations to all of Vanier's wrestlers this weekend!

Kylie Cameron-Pattison, Jolina Healey, Lily Martin, Maya Bissett, Inga Hollmayer, Aysia D'Alessandro, Piper Jackson, Bentley Kloppenburg, David Milanovich, Wyatt Zgela-Haslehust, Rhiannan Macdonnell, Rosalie Duprey, Kane Acton, and Thea Spragg

As a team, they placed 4th overall in the province!



Basketball stayed in full swing throughout February, with all of our teams battling through playoff competition. The junior girls and grade 9 girls' teams both earned berths at provincials, proudly representing our school and community with determination and heart. The junior boys hosted the Island Championships, showcasing excellent basketball and providing outstanding hospitality to the Island's top teams. While they did not advance beyond the Island Tournament, they competed hard and were exceptional hosts.

The senior girls captured their first league title since the 1990s. Although their season ended sooner than hoped, they played outstanding basketball all year and continued to build and strengthen the program.

The focus now shifts to rugby, golf, mountain biking, girls' soccer, and track and field, with practice schedules posted online. As ultimate frisbee, tennis, and badminton, which were introduced last year, continue to grow, students remain highly active and engaged in athletics across the school.



Upcoming Dates:

- March 12** **KFN Lunch & Learn Health Care careers info session**
- March 11** **Military Presentation in Careers 10**
All things military, various careers and reserves
“Unleash Your Potential” campaign
- March 19** **NIC Fest open to all grade 10/11 students to tour and**
see presentations for various post secondary courses
- April 13** **Careers 10 interviews**
- April – July** **Quadrant Marine Pre-Employment Program (free)**



Skills Canada

February 20th, Skills BC Regional Competition Results

Baking

Bronze - Violet Ford

2D Animation

Gold - Jordyn Wallace Patterson & Siam Sawatzky (3rd time going to provincials!)

Silver - Shaw Hayes

Automotive

Gold - Levi Milligan

Bronze - Rowan Coupe

Electronics (sweep!)

Gold - Levi Henderson

Silver - Andrew Abar

Bronze - Jensen Huard

Photography

Gold - Jax McAllister

Video Production

Silver - Yve Burrows & Phinley Wallace (and Maia Gillespie)

Welding (sweep!)

Gold - Trent Lange

Silver - Jack Buchanan-McPherson

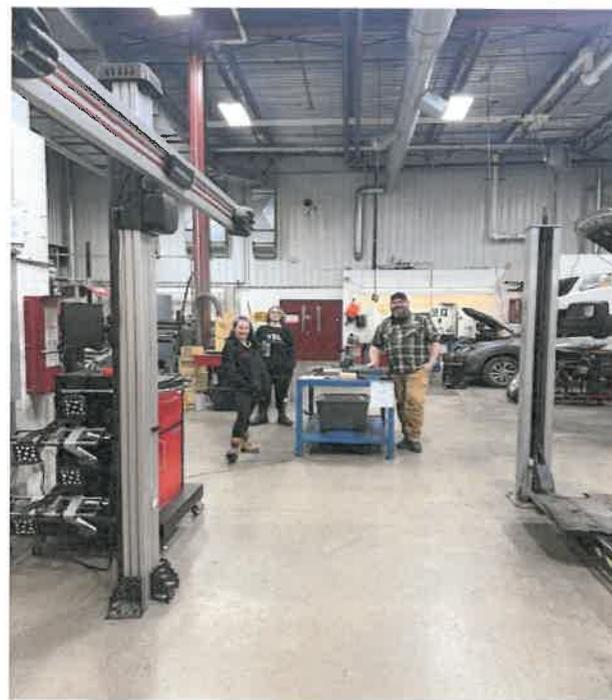
Bronze - Orin Rushton

Culinary Arts

Silver - Anh Nguyen

Gold medal winners qualify to compete at provincials in Abbotsford.





North Island College Fest



Grade 10, 11 or 12 students interested in attending NIC (North Island College) Fest on Thursday, March 19th from 10:00am to 1:00pm, Please sign up and pick up a permission form in the counselling office. There are only 27 spaces available. The first 27 students to return their completed permission form to the counselling office will be guaranteed a spot.

What to Expect at NIC Fest:

- *Tour NIC classrooms, shops, studios, labs, and student lounges**
- *Info Fair-learn about programs, services and supports at NIC**
- *Meet faculty, support staff and current NIC students**
- *Complete event passport and spin the wheel to win prizes**

EducationPlannerBC Live Learning

Join our virtual session
Wednesday, March 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Come explore our website! Search thousands of programs, get to know trades, and discover career paths. Find helpful resources, including financial aid options, admission requirements, FAQs, and the Glossary. Learn how to create an account, save programs, paths, and careers to My List, and apply to post-secondary in B.C.



EducationPlannerBC

EducationPlannerBC.ca/events

EducationPlannerBC invites anyone interested in learning about post-secondary education and career planning to join our virtual Live Learning presentation on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, from 6:30-7:30pm PDT.

Come explore our [website](#)! Search thousands of programs, get to know trades, and discover career paths. Find helpful resources, including financial aid options, admission requirements, FAQs, and the Glossary. Learn how to create an account, save programs, paths, and careers to My List, and apply to post-secondary in BC.

These free sessions are open to anyone interested in learning about post-secondary education and career planning, and will be especially helpful for high school students in grades 10-12, parents and student supporters, adult learners, high school counsellors, teachers, and career advisors.

Register [here](#).

Event Calendar: <https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/events/epbc-live-learning-march>

For more information, email support@educationplannerbc.ca

News from the Counselling Office

Post-Secondary Information for Vanier Parents and Guardians can be found [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:

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**Georges R. Vanier
School Calendar**

March 21st to April 2nd - Spring Break

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Day 1 - ABCD	3 Day 2 - CDAB Get Real Presentation Gr 9's 9:15 & 10:40 School Nurse 11:30-12:30	4 Day 3 - BADC	5 Day 4 - DCBA	6 Day 3 - BADC	7
8 Daylight Saving	9 Day 1 - ABCD	10 Day 2 - CDAB School Nurse 11:30-12:30 U of Calgary Info Booth at lunch	11 Day 3 - BADC	12 Day 4 - DCBA Fire Drill 10:15 am	13 Day 4 - DCBA	14
15	16 Day 1 - ABCD	17 Day 2 - CDAB School Nurse 11:30-12:30	18 Day 3 - BADC	19 Day 4 - DCBA Lunch of Champions	20 Day 1 - ABCD	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Spring Break
29	30	31	Spring Break			

