

Vanier Grad 2026 Newsletter



Important Dates/Info

Grad Ceremony	June 24
Valedictorian Selection Process	April/May
Grad BBQ	May 7
Bursary Evening	May 26
Grad Pancake Breakfast/Rehearsal	June 15
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Hello Vanier Grad Class of 2026

Below are some key points that we are sure you have questions about.

The Graduation Ceremony

Our Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for **4:00 pm – 7:00 pm** on
Wednesday, June 24th

Plan A - Outdoor Grad Ceremony (weather dependent - decision to be made June 23rd am)

Location - Comox Valley Exhibition Grounds - Rotary Bowl

Gates open at 3:00 pm (tentative time) with ceremony commencing at 4:00 pm





Plan B - Indoor Grad Ceremony if weather prevents outdoor ceremony.

Location - Sports Centre Rink 1

Tickets may be limited depending on seating capacity

Doors open at 3:00 pm (tentative time) with ceremony commencing at 4:00 pm





As arrival time does not change, students should be at school between 1:30 and 2:00 pm whether participating in the Grad Car Cruise or not, for grad pictures. Snacks will be provided for Grads as we know it is a long day. The evening will end at 7:00 pm.



Bursary Evening

We are planning a Bursary Awards Evening on **May 26th, 6:30 pm**. All bursary recipients and parents will be informed prior to May and invited to attend. Students applied for Vanier bursaries and scholarships in February. Students invited to attend the Bursary Evening will be receiving an award.



Grad BBQ Picnic/Fun Event



We are planning an evening of great food, activities and prizes for the whole family. Grads can purchase tickets for themselves and family members which will include a burger, salad and a drink for \$10.00 or \$15 if they know they seek 2 burgers. Tickets will go on sale late April.

BBQ - Thursday, May 7th at 5:00 pm. Details to follow in early May.



Valedictorians

Now that we have returned from Spring Break, we will begin the process of selecting our valedictorians. The two valedictorians speak together at the graduation ceremony on behalf of you, the graduating class. These are important positions and will require some work and effort to do well. Mrs. Black (VP) will be assisting the valedictorians with preparing their speeches. If you think you are up for the challenge, complete the Nomination Application to be sent in a later email. Applications will be **Due April 24th at 12:00 noon.** Voting to follow in the week of **May 4 - 8th.**

Grad Checklist and At-Risk for Grad Letters

*Grads must have completed all of the checklist requirements and be in good academic standing to participate in the Grad Ceremony on June 24th

Grad tickets will be assigned upon completion of Grad check-list due

June 1

1. Pay Grad Fees \$100.00
2. All Outstanding Fees including library fees
3. Submit Grad Bio Form
4. Submit Work Experience or 30 Volunteer Hours to Work Experience
5. Update Contact Info if it has changed recently
6. Grad Requirement Check with school counsellor
7. Careers/Capstone Complete

Term 3 At Risk of Non-Grad Letters have been written and will be sent home in the coming days, if you are currently at risk of not meeting BC graduation requirements. Some students received letters in November and February outlining courses needed for graduation.



Careers and Capstone

These courses are a requirement for graduation.

Capstone and Careers teachers will be working closely with students to fulfill the requirements of both the Careers course and the Capstone project.

If you have not completed your Careers and Capstone already, you will need to communicate with your teacher about a plan of action and due date.

Careers 12, Capstone, and online distance courses (if needed for grad) must be completed before grad tickets are handed out.

Careers contact teachers:

Whitney Murphy whitney.murphy@sd71.bc.ca

Dawn Thorson dawnn.thorson@sd71.bc.ca

Capstone teacher - students should check MyEd for their Capstone mentor typically, their English 12 teacher.

See your counsellor if you have any questions.



Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) Transcript Sharing

Grade 12 and adult students can view and order their transcripts to be sent to PSI's, prospective employers and themselves on the Student Transcripts Service at: www.studenttranscripts.gov.bc.ca/



Students must create a Basic BCeID account to access their information. More information can be found on the G.P. Vanier website under “Grad” or click [HERE](#).



Guidance Sources

See help poster on Vanier webpage under the quick link tab.

Registering for a BCeID and Accessing the Student Transcripts Service

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJck3Uj3P0Q>

How to Order/Send a Transcript to a Post-Secondary Institution

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SSo_U7XmH8k

How to Send a Transcript to an Employer, Yourself or Anyone

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QoV4K6Hdz2k>

That's all for now. Stay connected and check your school district email and Vanier Grad website often. Keep working hard.

