Georges P. Vanier Secondary School

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Wednesday, November 25th, 2026
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NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Congratulations to our two swimmers who represented Vanier at the Provincial Swim Championships this past weekend. Connor McQuillin** swam his best times of the year qualifying through the heats and into the finals in his events. **Platon Marfenko** captured provincial gold in the 50m freestyle. To make the accomplishment even more special, he broke a provincial record in the process. It's not every day we get to have a provincial record holder walking the halls of Vanier. **Congrats Connor and Platon!!!**
- **Grade 12 students – Winterfest is 1 week away.** Wed. night at Vanier – for you and your parents / guardians only (no +1 for grads) – bring your food to share to the gym when you arrive. Prize donations to the office asap (preferably not delivered on Winterfest). No bags are permitted in Winterfest and be advised the door goes one way only (in) – if you go out, you are out for the rest of Winterfest. We can hold large prizes until the end so you do not have to carry with you.
- **Polsen Moose plays tomorrow at lunch in the MPR.** Featuring songs by Arcade Fire, Weezer, The Cars, Smashing Pumpkins, and Jimmy Eat World. See you there!
- **Reminder to EFP 11 Semester 1 students – Field Trip to Kumugwe (The Big House) is on Thursday.** Form required – extras in your EFP class or in the office. All students from EFP11 classes should know which cone to be waiting at on Thurs morning at 9:05. All are attending during D block and your teachers know you are on the Trip. Attendance will be taken at your cone before you get on the bus.
- **Attention Grade 11 students: U of A Getaway is your chance to explore one of Canada's top 4 universities.** Your adventure will include transportation reimbursement*, accommodations, meals and a jam-packed schedule of events. Twenty grade 11 students will be selected for this one-of-a-kind weekend away.
  Who: Open to grade 11 students throughout Canada
  When: May 28-30/27
  Where: University of Alberta Augustana Campus in Camrose Alberta.
  Apply by Jan 31, 2027 at uab.ca/getaway
- **EDAS DONATIONS**
  It's that beautiful time of year again where Vanier is spreading kindness and compassion through the **EDAS** (Everybody Deserves A Smile) project. We are looking for the following **donation** items by **Monday, December 7th**: Scarves, Wool, or part wool, socks and toques.
  Sizes:
  Women: M
  Men and Non-Binary: XL
  Drop off locations in the school are located: Outside of Room 116, Front office, Counselling office.
  Donations will be added to EDAS bags and will be delivered to those in need this holiday season.
  If you would like to know more about EDAS, here is the link to their website: https://edas.ca/
- If you are interested in attending **the District GSA on Friday, November 27th,** please see Ms. Keyworth in room 116 for information and field trip forms. 😊

CLUBS / MEETINGS / PRACTICES / TRYOUTS TODAY

Group/Activity/Event	Time	Where
Sr Girls Basketball	7:00 am	Gym
Weightlifting	3:15 pm	Weight room
Wrestling	3:15 pm	MPR
Jr A/B Girls Basketball	3:20 pm	Gym
Grade 9 Boys Basketball	5:00 pm	Gym
Sr Boys Basketball	7:00 pm	Gym

CAREERS / VOLUNTEER

Stay tuned!

BURSARIES AND 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 nomination form for BC Excellence, Schulich Leaders and Cmolik Foundation scholarships is now posted on the website.** https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/gp-vanier-secondary/grad-information/bursary-scholarship-information/
- **The Vanier Bursary Program will open mid January.** If you would like to start preparing you can come by the counselling office and pick up a "brag sheet" for a reference letter (fillable form also found online) or start working on your letter of introduction. There will be a meeting for all grade 12 students to go over the program in late January. Keep your eye on our Bursary Information page on our website for updates: https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/gp-vanier-secondary/grad-information/bursary-scholarship-information/
- **Each year, the BCPVPA (BC Principal & Vice Principal Association) awards scholarships to up to 20 students who are graduating from the BC public school system and proceeding to post-secondary education**. The successful applicants will be awarded a scholarship in the amount of $1,000 each.
  The BCPVPA offers this opportunity in the spring, to align with graduation and other scholarship application timelines. All applicants will be assessed on excellent achievement in courses taken and demonstrated leadership within the school and community.
  Applicants who are pursuing education in trades, technical, and career fields, as well as those entering universities and colleges, are encouraged to apply.
  Up to 10 scholarships are reserved for the children of BCPVPA members. Up to 8 scholarships are awarded to other graduating students. Up to 2 scholarships are awarded to Indigenous students.
  Please encourage any potential applicants to apply. The deadline is **February 15, 2027**.
  Click here to apply. If you have any questions, please contact scholarship@bcpvpa.bc.ca

- **TERRY FOX HUMANITARIAN AWARD:** The Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Program was established in 1982 in honour of Terry Fox, one of Canada's most beloved heroes. In his lifetime, Terry captured the hearts of Canadians across the expansive country. To this day, he is widely recognized all over the world for his extraordinary sense of purpose and the ideals of courage, determination, and altruism. The Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Program was created to commemorate Terry's remarkable life and his contributions to cancer research and awareness. The maximum value of the award is $28,000, dispersed over four (4) years. **The 2026–2027 application cycle will open for submission as of November 1, 2026**.For more information visit: https://terryfoxawards.ca/

- **Schulich Leader Scholarships:** Schulich Leader Scholarships are Canada's most coveted undergraduate STEM scholarships. One hundred awards are presented to entrepreneurial-minded high school graduates enrolling in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Math program at 20 partner universities across Canada. Half are valued at $120,000 for engineering scholarships and half are valued at $100,000 for science and math scholarships. Every high school in Canada can nominate one graduating student each year to apply for the scholarship. **For more information visit: https://schulichleaders.com/** . **There is a special nomination application form now available on our website under the grad tab – Bursary and Scholarship info.**

PAST NEWS AND REMINDERS

- **Your school store - GP General - is open every day, Monday to Friday, from 11:55 to 12:30 pm.** Please come down to purchase some drinks, treats, chips and chocolate bars. As the year progresses, we will be adding more and more to the store. We are located in the in the cafeteria near the breezeway. Come check us out!!!

- **GRADS! Book your grad photo session online now! :** https://islandlifephotographics.as.me/schedule/c79f1619/?calendarIds=13308623

- **Explore UVic is taking place on Saturday, November 28th.** If you are considering attending UVic for your undergraduate studies, Explore UVic is the best way to experience the campus, meet new people, ask questions and get a personal sense of what student life is like. For more information and to register, please visit https://www.uvic.ca/undergraduate/tours-events/explore-uvic/index.php

- **The 2027 WorkSafeBC Student Safety Video Contest is now open.** Deadline for submissions is April 1, 2027. Create a short video showing us how you prepare for success and safety at work. Visit www.worksafebc.com/studentvideocontest for more information.

- **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:
  - Saturday, January 23rd 10am-3:15pm
  - Saturday, March 6th 10am-3:15pm
  - Saturday, April 17th 10am-3:15pm

  You can book a fitting appointment using this link.

- **Homework Club** is on Mon/Thurs at 3:15pm in room 192 and every lunch hour in room 3.

- **Backpack Buddies food bags** – If you could use a bag of groceries to bring home to your family, please pop by the InEd room 133 to pick one up.

- **The late bus is now running on Mondays and Thursdays!** Be at the bus loop by 4:45pm to catch either the north bus (up to Miracle Beach) or the South Bus (down to Buckley Bay).

- **This year, the Vanier Yearbook will be sold online** directly from the publisher instead of MyEd. You can find the link to the Yearbook store on the Vanier website, or click this link: **Yearbook**
  See Ms. D in Room 120 if you have any questions!