


March 3, 2026
Tuesday Day 2 – G H LUNCH E F
NEW
★ Recognition of the students of the District Robotics 71 teams:
The District 71 Robotics teams all qualified for and competed in the Vancouver Island Championships this past weekend.

Teams 7842 Fractal, Dex, and Spartans all competed in the Tier 1 Championships. Our team **7842-Fractal** (Isfeld's Zane Radaweic & Laurian Blachford, Vanier's Levi Milligan) won the championship's **Design Award** and a **Tournament Finalist Award**, earning them an invitation to the World Championships in St. Louis in April. Team **7842 Wildcards** (Highland's Jack Wright, Isfeld's Pavel Petrov, Vanier's Laine Martin) and **7842 H** (Highland's Weston Burgess, Sean Peters, Matthew Wright, and Silas Wurts) ended up winning the Teir 2 Champions! **7842 Zidiots** also made the finals. **7842 Violent** (Highland's Jacob Williams, Lake Trail's Jacky Guan, Cumberland's Osha Moon) won the tournament's Sportsmanship Award. Congratulations to all teams!

★ Thanks to all the students and teachers who came out to support the Raiders Rugby tournament. Anyone who thought it looked like fun, come talk to McCubbin. We do not cut players and the team fee is only \$100. Players - take a well-deserved rest day!

★ Vancouver Island University recruiters are hosting a 'MEET VIU event' happening tomorrow evening at the Filberg in Courtenay. Click on link to register <https://events.viu.ca/meet-viu-comox-valley>
★ If you have a minute, please share with your Homeroom! Highland Environmental Action Team Survey

Would you mind taking 2 minutes to complete this form? It would be great if you can submit your response by Mar 6, 2026. Thank you!

<https://forms.office.com/r/F5Nq8SD1bC>
★ Are you a grade 11 or 12 student thinking about studying Science and Technology at VIU? Or are you a teacher wanting to provide your students with an opportunity to think about their educational path post-high school?

VIU has programs in Biology, Chemistry, Math, Engineering, Computer Science, Fisheries and Aquaculture, Physics, Earth Science, Geography, and Resource Management.

On Tuesday March 10, and Wednesday March 11, between 9 and noon, the Science and Technology Faculty will be hosting events where you can come and learn about these program areas. There will be activities including mini-lectures, tours, and hands-on activities in labs. There will also be a chance to connect with services like registration, advising, financial aid, and others. AND there will be PIZZA and a door prize draw! Please find more information and sign up individually at the link below.

<https://connect.viu.ca/previu-days>
Applications are open now and will be accepted until Friday, May 15th.
★ GRADS: Minuet practice starts Monday & Wednesday at noon in the Multi Purpose Room (MPR)

★ Any students applying to VIU that would like next steps help you can book appointments with an academic advising team member, for information on the **2026-27 Entrance Award Application deadline this Saturday** or for next steps webinar please see information sheet in the career's office.

★ 'Any students that have a jersey/uniform, you need to return it to Mr. McRae by the end of this week!!!'

★ Interested in playing Badminton this season? There will be a short **Badminton meeting in room 206 at lunch on Tuesday** open to students in grades 8 through 12!

★ Online course selection is open! Students can input their requests now until March 3. If a password reset is needed, see Ms. Jerome or Ms. Tingle in the library.

★ A reminder to all students age 15 and up that wish to volunteer at Island Health Comox Valley Hospital in the Step Up

Youth Volunteer Program, the application process is now open until May 15th for next Fall. Youth in the program gain practical exposure to a healthcare environment and have the opportunity to explore a variety of health careers. Monthly online guest speakers provide insight into professions such as medicine, nursing, medical imaging, pharmacy, psychiatry, social work, and more. For more information please see poster in the careers office or go online to

<https://www.islandhealth.ca/health-topics/volunteer-resources-engagement/step-youth-program>
★ The Island District 911 Operational Communication Centre in Courtenay is actively recruiting!

The first step in the application process is to attend a Career presentation. Our upcoming Career Presentations for the following months are:

March 12: 6:00pm - Virtual Zoom /March 30: 2:00 pm – Virtual Zoom /April 8: 6:00pm – Virtual Zoom/April 27: 2:00pm – Virtual Zoom

Please see poster in careers office for more information regarding the upcoming zoom fairs.

★ Calling all students interested in writing math contests: Any students interested in writing the BCSS Math contest (finals hosted at NIC), the preliminary round **contest will be held on March 6th during flex block in room 112.** Please pop down to room 112 and let Mrs. Kerkhoff know if you are interested.

★ ANY GRADE 10 students applying for the **EXPLORE PROGRAM**, applications can be picked up in the main office. **Deadline March 13**
★ Indigenous Lunch & Learn: Thursday, March 12. Please register with Sally or Mel in room 117.

★ All track and field runners are welcome to join winter training. Mondays and Wednesdays after school. See Mrs. Sulek in room 207 to sign up or if you have questions. Everyone welcome, all grades, all distances, all abilities. This is great training for throwers and jumpers too!

★ Grade 11 student interested in a career as a Marine Service Technician, engines hulls and sail work, Quadrant Marine Institute is now offering courses based out of Campbell River for more information please see Tracey in the Careers office

★ Are you a grade 11 or 12 student thinking about a future in Communications, information Technology (IT) or Geographical Information Systems? Here is your chance to step into the real work of local government and do a two-day job shadow at the Comox Valley Regional District, this is an excellent chance to make great connections in your area of interest. If you would like more information, please see Tracey on a Tuesday or Thursday, or email me at tracey.mckinney@sd71.bc.ca
★ All Careers 11 students! Please have a look at your Learn 71 email, My Education gradebook and Brightspace gradebook for grades and assignment feedback. Please see Mr. Murray in RM 116 during FLEX Block for support. The April 15th course completion goal is fast approaching!

★ Learn how you could earn your UBC MD at UVIC Mar4 6:30 – 8:30 UVIC Zoom meeting, Join Dr. Hannah Carolan, Assistant Dean of Admissions; current medical learners; and the IMP admissions coordinator to learn about our program and its admissions process, what it takes to become a doctor, and what it is like studying medicine on Vancouver Island. Please see poster with link to sign up for this meeting.

★ The Highland Swag store is open again for clothing orders! Featuring our new school logo. Ordering available until Mar 6, 2026.

<https://highlandsecondarieschool.itemorder.com/shop/home/>
SPORTS - Practice Schedules

Boys' rugby practice Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 3:30-5 on the back field. Get your tackling forms in.	Girls' rugby practice Tuesday on the back field
Junior Girls Soccer – Monday 3:30 - 5:00	Track & Field – Monday at Vanier Track 3:30 – 5:00

CLUBS

Model UN – Mon @ lunch, room 224	Highland's Queers & Allies Club (QSA) – Thurs @lunch, room 117
Interact Club – Tues @ lunch, room 218	D & D Club - Thurs @ 3:15 in room 204
Girls in STEM club - Tuesday @ lunch in room 212	HEAT Environmental Club–Friday during FLEX room 205
Math Club – Tues @ lunch in room 207	Photography Club gr 9-12 – Thurs @ 3:15, Art room
Homework Club – after school Wed & Thurs, room 125	Creative Writing Club – Fri @lunch, room 116

LUNCH Time Food Sales! MAIN FOYER

Monday – PIZZA \$3 per slice/2 for \$5 and concession!	Tuesday - PIZZA \$3 per slice/2 for \$5 and concession!	Wednesday - PIZZA \$3 per slice/2 for \$5
Thursday – PIZZA \$3 per slice/2 for \$5	Friday - PIZZA \$3 per slice/2 for \$5	

