



Georges P. Vanier  
Secondary School

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
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Courtenay  
British Columbia



**NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- \* **International Students please come to Room 124** (Ms. Baron) to pick up your new health card.
- \* **Marine Search and Rescue Camp:** The Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue (RCM-SAR) Junior Crew Training Program offers Grade 10 – 12 students the opportunity to learn marine first aid, electronic navigation, VHF radio operation, practical seamanship and the operation of Fast Response Vessels. Students earn their Pleasure Craft Operator Certificates (PCOC), VHF Radio Operators Certificate (ROCM), Basic Marine First Aid, as well as navigation skills, boat handling, anchoring, weather conditions (meteorology) and man overboard training.

Applications in the Careers office. **Applications due Tuesday, Nov 28th**

- \* **Grad meeting** – All Grads are requested to come to our November 28th Grad Meeting 10:10 – 10:25 am in the MPR (end of C Block).
- \* **VIU TOUR:** Any students interested in going to VIU here is your chance to take a tour on **Friday Dec 8, 9 am – 3 pm**. For registration please go to the careers office ( rm 130 ), **cost is \$10**.
- \* **Vanier Spirit Week is next week!!!**  
 Nov. 27 - Jersey Day  
 Nov. 28 - School Colours Day  
 Nov. 29 - Twin Day  
 Nov. 30 - Creative Hair Day  
 Dec. 1 - PJ day
- \* **On Saturday Dec. 16 and Sunday Dec. 17, the Comox Valley Volleyball December camp will be taking place** up the street at Highland Secondary. This a fantastic opportunity for our young athletes to get out of the house, have some fun and hone their Volleyball skills. Head coach Brian Stevens runs a great camp with some elite Volleyball Players coming back to the valley to help with coaching. There will be two sessions:  
 Session 1. Grades 5-8  
 Session 2. Grades 9-12  
 Contact Brian at [bdstevens@hotmail.com](mailto:bdstevens@hotmail.com) for more information.

**MEETINGS/PRACTICES/TRYOUTS TODAY**

Group/Activity/Event	Time	Where
Gr 8 Girls Basketball	7:00 am	Gym
Environment Club	Lunch	146
Wrestling	3:45 pm	MPR

## EXTRA CURRICULAR/CLUBS

- \* **Rotary Interact:** Mondays at Lunch in Room 192
- \* **Wrestling Club:** practice Tues/Weds/Fri 3:45-5:30 pm in the MPR
- \* **Dungeons & Dragons:** Mondays and Thursdays after school in the Art room
- \* **Improv:** Mondays and Thursdays after school in Room 181
- \* **Ski/Snowboard Team meetings:** Tuesdays at lunch in portable 801.
- \* **Queer Support Alliance:** Tuesdays at Lunch in Room 111
- \* **Neurodiversity Club:** Wednesdays at Lunch in the Counselling centre.
- \* **Culture Club:** Thursdays at lunch in Room 133
- \* **Mental Health Advocacy Club:** Thursdays at Lunch in Room 174
- \* **Garden Club:** Thursdays after school in the Options room
- \* **Homework Club:** Thursdays 3:15 – 4:15 in the Access Centre
- \* **Environment Club:** Fridays at Lunch in Room 146
- \* **Weightlifting:** Mon-Thurs after school in the weight room

## INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

- \* **Culture Club will meet at lunch in room 133 on Thursdays.** Everyone is welcome.

## VOLUNTEER/CAREERS

- \* **Mount Washington is hiring now for the 2023/2024 winter season.** Their winter jobs are filling up fast. Please encourage your students to visit our Career Centre sooner than later. In particular, they are looking for dishwashers, bussers, parking attendants, and rental techs, all great entry-level jobs that come with ski passes.
- \* **FIRST AID CERTIFICATION:** Students age 15+ wishing to get their First Aid certification we will be offering a course on **JANUARY 16, 2024 for \$60 per student.** For more information please go to the career's office.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

- \* **Schulich Leader Scholarships** are the largest and most prestigious undergraduate Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) scholarships in Canada, with a value of up to \$120,000 per award. This scholarship was established to encourage our best and brightest students to be the next generation of entrepreneurial-minded, technology innovators. A top student could win from our school!

**Schulich Leader Scholarships is open to all Canadian high schools** and cégeps with graduating students planning to pursue an undergraduate degree in an eligible STEM program at one of our 20 partner universities. Every high school in Canada may nominate one student per academic year; cégeps may nominate up to four students.

### Important dates for Schulich Leader Scholarships:

January 30, 2024 – Deadline for school to submit a Nominee

February 20, 2024– Deadline for Nominee to submit Schulich Leader scholarship application

June 15, 2024 – Scholarship winners finalized

For more information about the program:

Visit our website at [schulichleaders.com](https://schulichleaders.com)

- \* **BC TRANSPLANT “LIVE LIFE, PASS IT ON” Scholarship:** BC Transplant is excited to share that they will award four \$1500 scholarships to Grade 10-12 Students who lead an organ donation awareness project in their school or community during the 2023/2024 school year.  
**Green Shirt Day** will be held on April 5, 2024 and this day is a great opportunity for students to organize an awareness initiative as part of their scholarship project.  
 More information about the scholarship and partnership opportunities with BC Transplant is on our website:  
[www.transplant.bc.ca](http://www.transplant.bc.ca)
- \* [Scholarshipscanada.com](http://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](http://ScholarTree.ca) is a website that helps students find all the scholarships they qualify for in 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.
- \* **Beedie Luminaries** is one of the most comprehensive and fastest growing scholarship programs in British Columbia designed to help remove barriers to education and provide wrap-around support for promising and resilient students who are facing financial adversity. Students who are smart but constrained by circumstance. Students who are ready to rise above their circumstances and achieve their dreams.

We are looking for Grade 12 students in B.C. to apply for one of 100+ scholarships available in 2024. Recipients will each receive up to \$44,000 towards their post-secondary studies at any public university, college or trade school in B.C.

Questions? We will be hosting a Virtual Open House sessions for all students, parents, community partners and school administrators interested in learning more about the program and how to apply. RSVP today! Thursday, Nov 30 4 pm – 5 pm. Click this link to [REGISTER TODAY!](#)

- \* **TD Scholarship information** (Community Leadership Scholarships and Indigenous Student Scholarships)  
<https://www.td.com/ca/en/personal-banking/solutions/student-banking/community-leadership-scholarship-for-canadians>  
<https://www.td.com/ca/en/personal-banking/solutions/student-advice/indigenous-student-scholarships-grants-and-bursaries>
- \* **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.  
<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/gp-vanier-secondary/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2023/09/Scholarship-and-Bursary-Newsletter-2023-2024.pdf>
- \* **RE/MAX Quest for Excellence®**

The Quest for Excellence program is a bursary program for grade 12 students in Western Canada. RE/MAX of Western Canada will award 16 bursaries of \$1,000 each to qualifying Grade 12 students. Winners will be notified in April 2024. This scholarship is open to all Grade 12 students attending high school from September 2023 – June 2024. Grade 12 students may not have participated in graduation commencement ceremonies in the past.

Students are to convey the contributions they have made to their communities in a short online essay, maximum 1,250 words. Key qualities students should demonstrate are leadership, motivation and communication skills. Other attributes may include volunteering, participation in charitable events or fundraising, and contributions that enrich the lives of others and their communities. **For more information:** <https://blog.remax.ca/quest-for-excellence/>

## OLDER NEWS

- \* **Robotics71 headed down to Shawnigan Lake for the season opener tournament last Saturday.** 8 of our teams brought custom robots to compete against 26 teams from across the Island. Vanier's Elliott Patterson and Kaden Teha took home first place in the tournament for their team, with Nicholas Horel and other Robotics71 members securing runner-up. Mikayla Roddam and Kendra Robertson's team secured the Design Award. Excellent work everyone!
- \* **Donations WANTED. Help the Environment club help baby wildlife at MARS this winter** by donating clean newspaper, gently used towels and bed sheets. Drop your donations off in room 146 @ lunch. Cash donations always accepted for the wildlife hospital.
- \* **It's that time of year again... Everybody Deserves a Smile (EDAS) 2023!** Vanier will be holding THREE donation boxes to help with this incredible project.

EDAS is a not for profit organization that connects students and local communities with those experiencing homelessness. The intention of the project is to educate others on the value of living life through the lens of compassion. If you are able to donate, we are looking for the following items (New or second hand items in mint condition):



- Wool socks or part wool socks
- Toques - XL sizes men and Non-binary, Medium sizes women
- Mitts or gloves - XL sizes men and Non-binary, medium sizes women
- Scarves

### Locations of bins:

Access Centre (Ms. Strimbold)

Counselling Centre

Room 116 - Aspire to Action Program (Ms. Keyworth and Mr. Merrick)

- \* **Magenta Flash Forward Incubator**  
Are you interested in pursuing photography as a career? The Magenta Flash Forward Incubator is currently accepting students into the program. Students, with the help of industry professionals, create an image based on the theme of Shadow and Light. The draft image is due December 9, final submission deadline is January 18. This year there are a series of prizes offered: 1st prize \$2,500; 2nd prize \$1,500; and 3rd prize \$1,000! See Mr. Ingram for more information.
- \* **Join the Teen Advisory Group at the Courtenay Public Library**  
The Teen Advisory Group (TAG) brings together like-minded teens around a common interest, supporting the social and emotional development of young people in our communities. It is a system-wide program that provides leadership, skill-building and community involvement opportunities to school-aged youth 12-18. TAG supports successful programs and services for teens by creating an avenue for teens to have meaningful input. Are you interested in being a part of a teen advisory group at the Courtenay Library? See the careers office for an application.

- \* **QuitNow has launched a brand-new site made for youth who vape and are interested in quitting** or reducing their use. The site provides information and interactive activities on the health risks of vaping, the benefits of quitting vaping, and coping with addiction and mental health. There is also a step-by-step guide that youth can use to quit or reduce vaping. <https://quitnow.ca/vape-free-quitting>
- \* **Food bag Friday's for students!** If extra groceries would help your family out over the weekend, please come to the counselling centre every Friday during last block or right after school to get a bag to take with you.
- \* **The Grad Class 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 Class Attire project will operate out of **Comox Valley Dodge** at 278 North Island Highway (Old Canadian Tire building) on the following dates from **10:00am-3:00pm**:
  - **Saturday, January 20th**
  - **Saturday, February 24th**
  - **Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Saturday, May 4th**
  - **Saturday, May 25th**
  - You can **book a fitting appointment** using the following [link](#).

If you have questions or would like to donate to the program, please contact Kelley Giorgianni (kelley.giorgianni@sd71.bc.ca) or Susan Quinton (susan.quinton@sd71.bc.ca).

- \* **The Youth Clinic (student nurse)** will run twice a month on Tuesdays 11:30 – 1:30 pm in the counselling centre. You can drop in or book an appointment in advance.
- \* **Please note that we are not supplying students with disposable cups or utensils this year.** Please plan accordingly.