

G.P. VANIER OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



Important Dates

Oct 2	Terry Fox Day (Assembly & fun run)
Oct 3	Grad Parent Meeting 6:30 MPR
Oct 14	No School - Thanksgiving
Oct 15-18	Parent/Teacher Contact Week
Oct 15	PAC Meeting 6:30
Oct 22	Student Photo Retakes
Oct 25	Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)
Oct 30	FLEX Day/ Literacy 12 Assessments
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Nov 8	Quarter 1 Ends/Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov 11	Remembrance Day – Schools Closed
Nov 12	Quarter 2 Begins
Nov 19	PAC Meeting 6:30
Nov 27	Careers Day
Nov 30	Vanier Winter Market

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Vanier Sports



This fall we have the following teams underway with over 150 students taking part:

Team

X Country

Soccer

Gr 8 Girls Volleyball

Gr 8 Boys Volleyball

Jr Girls Volleyball

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Sr Girls Volleyball

Sr Boys Volleyball

Coach

Jeff Verkley & Thai Nguyen

Ross McDonald & Sam Willcocks (parent)

Nathan Willard

Sean Pattison

Kaya Leslie

Jessica Willis (Community Member)

Trish Morgan & Belle Gill

(Community Members)

Steven Woolner & Jesse Humphries

(Community Member)



Athletics at Vanier are in full swing, featuring a blend of familiar and new coaches. This year, the coaching team welcomes Steven Woolner, Nathan Willard, Kaya Leslie, Trish Morgan and Jessica Willis. The dedication required from both coaches and athletes sets athletics apart, making it a unique and special experience. Vanier teams have already seen early success, with league play recently kicking off against schools and communities across the North Island. Be sure to check the gym and athletics schedule on the school website to stay up to date on games and practices.



Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Student drop-off and pick-up continues to be a problem on Vanier Drive, Glacier Drive and surrounding areas. Please be mindful of students crossing the road, vehicles pulled over dropping off students and bike traffic. A reminder that the speed limit near schools is 30km/hr.



News from the Counselling Office

Post-Secondary Information for Vanier Parents and Guardians can be found [HERE](#)



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. Click [HERE](#)



UPCOMING POST-SECONDARY
SCHOOL VISITS TO VANIER

**NIC Island Pre-Health Science Advance
Diploma Wednesday, October 9th
Lunch hour presentation (location TBA)**

**UVic Gustavson School of Business
Tuesday, October 8th
Info booth at lunch**

**UVic Engineering & Computer Science
Tuesday, October 22nd
Info booth 3:10 – 4:00 pm**

**UCalgary
Wednesday, October 23rd
Info booth 3:00 – 3:30 pm**

**PSBC Mini Fair
Tuesday, October 29th
1:00 – 2:35 pm in the MPR**

**University of Alberta
Tuesday, November 12th
Info Booth 3:00 – 3:45 pm**

**University of Victoria
Thursday, November 14th
Lunch hour presentation in the MPR**



Topic: 'Connecting with our Kids when Anxiety leads to Social Isolation'

When: Wednesday, October 9th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Where: Mark Isfeld Secondary (Multipurpose room)

**Register: For more information and to register, [click here](#).
Even if you are not sure if you can make it, we encourage you to register as you will receive access to resources following the event via email.**

Topic: 'A Conversation for Families about Digital Wellbeing and Mental Health'

When: Wednesday, October 23rd from 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Where: Mark Isfeld Secondary (Multipurpose room)

Register: For more information and to register, [click here](#)

2024-2025 Vanier Scholarship and Bursary Newsletter:

[Click Here](#)

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

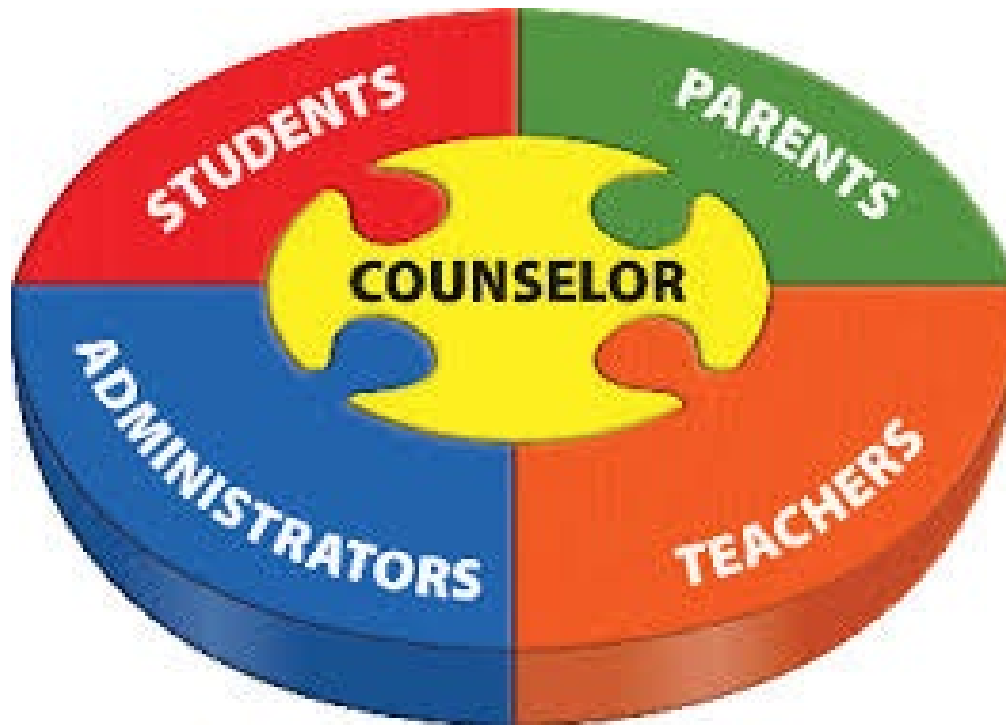
Stephanie Morris (H-N) stephanie.morris@sd71.bc.ca

Jocelyn Schultz (O-Z) jocelyn.schultz@sd71.bc.ca

Youth and Family Support Worker:

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

To Book an Appointment Click [Here](#)



EDUCATIONPLANNERBC

Live Learning Sessions

EducationPlannerBC is hosting Live Learning sessions this fall. Join us virtually on Wed, Oct 2 or Tues, Oct 29 from 6:30-7:30 pm.

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 for Wed, Oct 2 [HERE](#)

Register for Tues, Oct 29 [HERE](#)



**EducationPlannerBC
Live Learning sessions**

Join us virtually on Wednesday, October 2,
or Tuesday, October 29, 2024, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.



EducationPlannerBC www.EducationPlannerBC.ca



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.**



IMPORTANT DATES

- * Oct 3 - Grad parent meeting in the MPR 6:30pm
- * Dec 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 - Grad photos in the MPR
- * Dec 4 – Winterfest 6:15pm – 9:00pm
- * Feb 3, 4, 5, 6 – Grad Photo Retakes
- * May 8 – Grad BBQ 5:00pm
- * **June 25 - Grad 2025**



Grad Attire 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.

***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 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm:

Saturday, November 2nd

Saturday, November 23rd

Saturday, January 18th

Saturday, February 8th

Saturday, March 8th

Saturday, April 12th

Saturday, May 10th



You can book a fitting appointment using the following [link](#).

If you have any questions or would like to donate to the program, please contact:

Kelley Giorgianni kelley.giorgianni@sd71.bc.ca

Susan Quinton susan.quinton@sd71.bc.ca

Grad Attire Program

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL
OUTFIT FOR GRAD

*Book an appointment to find the right fit
scan the QR code*

Nov 2nd
Nov 23rd
Jan 18th
Feb 8th



Mar 8th
April 12th
May 10th

No Cost to Grads

OTHER NEWS

Careers Office/Work Experience

The Careers office will be running first aid and food safe in October.

Careers week is held across the province the last week of November. Many exciting opportunities will be showcased on Vanier's Career Day, Nov 27th.

September 30th is the cut off for dual credit academic registration. We are offering STEP and forklift courses.

Registration for the online digital marketing course is now open.



2024 Grad Packages

Grad packages are currently available for pickup at the main office. Please let us know if a family member or friend will be picking up in your place.

***For future grads, emails will be sent out each September when grad packages are ready.**



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

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 P. Vanier
School Calendar**

Learning Disability Awareness Month
Women's History Month

OCT 28 - Nov 3 Assessments

October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																							
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