



Georges P. Vanier  
Secondary School

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
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**NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\* **World Mental Health Day is on Thursday, October 10, 2024**

World Mental Health Day, a day dedicated to raising awareness about mental health issues and supporting those who may be struggling. It's important to remember that mental health is just as important as physical health. If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed, stressed, or anxious, don't hesitate to reach out. There are resources available here at school, and talking to a counselor, teacher, or friend can make a big difference. Let's work together to make Vanier a supportive, understanding environment for everyone!

If you would like to speak to a counsellor, drop into the counselling office or book an appointment online:  
<https://outlook.office365.com/book/GPVanierCounselling@learn71.onmicrosoft.com/>

- \* **TODAY! Senior boys' volleyball will be playing Timberline here after school.** Come out and support your Towhees!
- \* **Congratulations to Ms. Mazey's B Block class for raising \$545 for the Terry Fox Foundation!** Enjoy your pizza party.
- \* **TODAY! at lunch in the library - Are you a grade 10-12 student who is interested in a career in medicine, pharmacy, veterinary medicine or other health sciences?** North Island College's Island Pre-Health Science program will be here to provide an information session on the program. This info session will answer questions about requirements, educational pathways, the benefits of the program, and more.
- \* **TODAY! There will be open gym shootaround for girls in gr 10-12 from 5-7 pm.**
- \* **Our first French/Spanish Café has been postponed and will not take place today.** Thank you to anyone who was willing to participate today. We will keep you posted.
- \* **Would you like to earn your WHIMIS, Fall Arrest, Ladder/Scaffolding certifications and even Fork Lift certification?** Come to the careers office for more information.
- \* **Grade 12's! Applications for the 2025 Loran Award close soon. Deadline is October 15, 2024.** See the Loran Award information in our Scholarship section below or see the bulletin board across from the counselling office.
- \* **The Bachelor of Child and Youth Care program at the University of Victoria is holding a virtual Open House on Friday, October 25th from 4-5 pm.** To register for this event please visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/7M5NQ59>

**CLUBS/MEETINGS/PRACTICES/TRYOUTS TODAY**

Group/Activity/Event	Time	Where
Vanier Choir	Lunch	Music Room
NIC Health pre-Health Sciences info session	Lunch	Library
Weightlifting Club	3:10 pm	Weight room
Disc Golf	3:20 pm	162
Sr Boys Volleyball vs Timberline	3:20 pm	Gym

Girls open gym basketball	5:00 pm	Gym
Jr Boys Volleyball	5:00 pm	Gym
Open Gym Basketball	7:00 pm	Gym

## **VOLUNTEER/CAREERS**

- \* **Do you want to volunteer with the Royal Canadian Legion** and give back to our veterans? They could use your help! Come to the careers office for more information.
- \* **Girls to the Power of Math is looking for female math mentors interested in volunteering** their time to teach elementary school girls in Grades 2 to 4. The program runs every Wednesday from 3:30 - 4:30 pm at Huband Park Elementary from Oct 30 - Dec 18. For more information please contact the Career Centre.
- \* **Are you seeking training in behavior support, role play and or outdoor play?** Come to the careers office for more information.
- \* **Online digital marketing course will begin October 29, 2024** if you are interested in taking the course come sign up in the careers office. Deadline to register is Oct 22, 2024.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

- \* **Schulich Leader Scholarships** are the largest and most prestigious undergraduate STEM scholarships in Canada, with a value up to \$120,000 per award. These scholarships are open to all Canadian High Schools with graduates planning to pursue STEM programs. For more information please see <https://schulichleaders.com/apply/>
- \* **Applications for the 2025 Loran Award are now open!** We are thrilled to announce that once again this year we are offering as many as **36 Loran Awards** to graduating high school and CEGEP students entering university in the Fall of 2025 who demonstrate **strength of character, a deep commitment to service, and intrinsic leadership potential**. We are accepting applications from now until **Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024 at 8 p.m. ET**. Students may now access our online application system at [apply.loranscholar.ca](http://apply.loranscholar.ca). They can also view the [sample application form](#).
- \* [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 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 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>
- \* **The RE/MAX Quest for Excellence® scholarship program is now accepting essay submission until March 9, 2025.** RE/MAX is pleased to offer 40 scholarships of \$1000 each to students across Canada (except for Quebec). To apply, eligible students are invited to write and submit an online essay up to 500 words in length. Essays must be submitted before March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025. For essay questions and more information see: [rem.ax/questforexcellence](http://rem.ax/questforexcellence)
- \* **TD Canada Trust Leadership Scholarships:** Are you a student in your final year of high school? Have you shown a commitment to making a positive difference in your community? You may be eligible for a TD Scholarship for Community Leadership valued at up to \$70,000 over 4 years toward a post-secondary college or university education.

Apply online between September 4 and November 13, 2024. <https://www.td.com/ca/en/personal-banking/solutions/studentbanking/community-leadership-scholarship-for-canadians>

## OLDER NEWS

- \* **Photo retakes will be on Tuesday, October 22.**
- \* **The Vanier Clothing Online Store is now open!** <https://gpvanier.itemorder.com/shop/sale/> Accepting offers until November 15<sup>th</sup> with deliveries coming in early December.
- \* **The Vanier late bus runs Mon/Thurs** leaving Vanier at 4:45 pm.
- \* **Homework Club** runs Mon/Thurs 3:15 – 4:15 pm weekly.
- \* **We do not supply disposable water cups or utensils.** Please come to school prepared and remember to bring your water bottle.
- \* **Are you in grades 9-12 and have a flair for content creation?** Here's your chance to shine and become a Habitat Influencer by entering the Habitat Student Reel Impact Contest! 1<sup>st</sup> prize is \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> is \$200 and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is \$100. See [www.tinyurl.com/habitat-reel-contest/](http://www.tinyurl.com/habitat-reel-contest/) 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 from 10:00am-3:00pm:

- 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](https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/grad-attire-program/). <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/grad-attire-program/>