

G.P. VANIER NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



Important Dates

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 25 - 29	Careers Week
Nov 30	Vanier Winter Market

Dec 2-6, 9-10	Grad Photos – Multi Purpose Room
Dec 4	FLEX Day
Dec 4	Winterfest 6 – pm in the Gym
Dec 10	Winter Concert 6:30 pm in the Gym
Dec 20	Winter Assembly am
Dec 21 – Jan 5	Winter Break

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Vanier Sports



ATHLETICS

October has been a bustling month for Vanier athletics!



The cross-country team recently competed in Powell River, where they had an unexpected overnight stay. Several runners qualified for the BC Championships, set to take place later this month at Jericho Beach.



Our swim team participated in the Island Swim Meet, and volleyball season is in full swing, with both senior and junior teams preparing for the North Island Championships. They are aiming to qualify for the Island Championships at the start of November.



Wrestling season has also kicked off, and basketball tryouts are underway. It is fantastic to see so many student-athletes involved in extracurricular sports!



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.



Currently, pertussis is increasing in Canada as part of the expected cyclical peak of the disease (occurring every 2-5 years). Pertussis, or whooping cough, is a very contagious (easy to catch) disease of the respiratory tract. It is caused by a bacterium (germ) found in the mouth, nose and throat of a person who is infected. In Aug 2024, BC saw 72 cases of pertussis, 16 of which were on Vancouver Island and the majority of the 16 cases were unimmunized or under immunized. Cases of pertussis are expected to increase this fall/school year.

The best way to protect your child against pertussis is to get them immunized. In British Columbia, the pertussis vaccine is part of the routine childhood immunization program, and is given at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, and 18 months old, and again at age 4 to 6 years (before kindergarten). A pertussis vaccine is also given to teens at 14 to 16 years of age (Grade 9). Children who are currently in Grade 6 or 9 will be offered all immunizations they are due for through school-based immunization clinics. Information and consent forms will be distributed through the school this fall or early 2025.

The [ImmunizeBC Vaccination Status Indicator](https://immunizebc.ca/vaccination-status-indicator) (<https://immunizebc.ca/vaccination-status-indicator>) can also be used to find out if your child's immunization records are in the Provincial Immunization Registry. If your child was immunized at a public health unit, community health centre, school, or pharmacy, their record should already be in the registry. If your child was immunized at a First Nations community health centre, doctor's office, or outside BC, their record might not be in the registry yet.

- If the Vaccination Status Indicator shows that your child's vaccination status is **complete**, you do not need to do anything.
- If the Vaccination Status Indicator shows that your child's vaccination status is **incomplete**, please drop off a copy of your child's immunization record at your local public health unit, upload a copy to <https://www.immunizationrecord.gov.bc.ca/> (records must be in English or French or a certified translation), or call your local public health unit for support.

If your child is not up to date for their routine immunizations or if you have questions about their immunization status, please contact your [local public health unit](https://www.islandhealth.ca/our-locations/health-unit-locations) (<https://www.islandhealth.ca/our-locations/health-unit-locations>) to schedule an appointment or speak to a Public Health Nurse.

For additional immunization information you can also refer to <https://immunizebc.ca/> or <https://www.islandhealth.ca/learn-about-health/immunizations>

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The North Island Rent Bank is a service that provides financial assistance to qualifying community members who are struggling to pay their rent and are at risk of losing their housing. **Individuals and families who are experiencing housing instability due to a temporary financial setback, can apply for an interest-free loan to pay rent, essential utilities, or a deposit to help secure new housing.** Rent banks can also help facilitate access to supports such as financial literacy, debt/credit counselling, landlord-tenant mediation, vocational supports, legal advocacy, and other services that contribute to financial and housing stability.

If you or someone you know is facing temporary housing instability please do not hesitate to reach out!

The North Island Rent Bank would not be possible without the help of the amazing local businesses and organizations supporting this program!

This is a loan program. Applicants will need to demonstrate they have the financial ability to pay regular monthly expenses and the monthly loan repayment. If eligible, applicants will be required to submit bank statements, proof of tenancy, and ID as part of the application process (incl. but not limited to). While loans are interest-free, a small administration fee will apply each month. This is not meant to be a barrier in accessing services. If you have questions or concerns, please contact us at 1 (250) 703-1876 or by email at rentbank@cvaahs.com

**Please keep in mind that rent bank services are available province-wide.
For residents outside of our service area - information can be found at www.bcrentbank.ca**

What is a rent bank?

A rent bank is a service that provides financial assistance to individuals and families who are struggling to pay their rent and are at risk of losing their housing. Rent banks are a homelessness prevention and housing stability resource - they aim to help people who are otherwise financially stable when they experience a temporary setback. Rent banks typically support clients by providing interest-free loans, but they can also help facilitate access to supports such as financial literacy, debt/credit counselling, landlord-tenant mediation, vocational supports, legal advocacy, and other services that contribute to financial and housing stability. Our primary goal is to keep people in their homes, and give them a "hand up" wherever possible.

Who do rent banks help?

Low-to-moderate income renters who are temporarily unable to pay rent or essential utilities can apply for an interest-free loan to help stabilize their housing situation. For example, if a renter has to take time off work due to illness and can't afford to pay their rent that month, they may qualify for a rent bank loan. Another example could be if a renter has unexpected repairs on their vehicle, making them short on funds to pay their Hydro bill, they may qualify for a rent bank loan. Loans can also be granted to help renters secure new housing if they do not have the money for their security and/or pet deposit. Please note loan maximum is \$3000.00.

How does the process work?

If a renter is looking for support from the rent bank, the first step is to submit a pre-assessment. From there, they will be contacted by a case manager who will help guide them through the next steps. The case manager will ask for any necessary documentation, and after evaluating the whole picture, they will send the application anonymously to the approval committee. The committee will either approve or deny the application based on the information presented to them, and the case manager will inform the client of the result. Then, the case manager will work with the client in finalizing the loan, or try to help find an alternative solution. Please note that loan approval is not a guarantee, and the process takes approx. 3-5 business days.

What happens if I am approved for a loan?

When a client is approved for a rent bank loan, their case manager will work with them to set up a payment plan. The repayment term/amount is determined based on the borrower's ability to repay the loan, and the amount borrowed. Loans are interest free, however there is a small administration fee each month to cover some of the banking costs (approx. \$2.00/month) - this is in no way meant to be a barrier in accessing rent bank services.

Any and all payment is made directly to the landlord or utility company. No funds will be administered to the client at any time.

What determines eligibility?

To be eligible for a rent bank loan, clients must be residents of British Columbia, aged 19+, and in a legal tenancy situation where they do not owe more than 2 months of rent. Clients must also show an ability to repay the loan, and loans must be able to stabilize their housing situation for a minimum of 2 months. To determine eligibility clients will be asked for the following documentation (incl. but not limited to): proof of tenancy, 3 months bank statements, 3 paystubs or proof of income, most recent tax return, and 2 pieces of ID.

What area(s) does the North Island Rent Bank cover?

The North Island Rent Bank covers renters living in the Comox Valley Regional District, Strathcona Regional District, Mt. Waddington Regional District, and qathet Regional District. For renters outside of these areas, please note rent bank services are available province wide. Visit bcrentbank.ca for more info.



QUESTIONS? CONTACT US.



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AI 101: USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN UNIVERSITY AND YOUR CAREER

A Zoom-based AI development workshop for grade 9 to 12 students from UVIC's Gustavson School of Business

Have you used Chat GPT? Whether you are a frequent user, or just learning, the introduction of modern artificial intelligence (AI) systems has made us rethink the role technology plays in business and society. AI has made work substantially more efficient, and provided new opportunities to enrich learning, skill development, and career advancement. But, there is a risk that such AI systems will put existing jobs in jeopardy, especially lower skill jobs.

How can students prepare for the growth of AI?

The Gustavson School of Business at UVic invites students to join this free AI workshop. As a leader in business education that prepares students for practical, hands-on skills for the workforce, Gustavson is uniquely positioned to educate students on the current and future impacts of AI.

[Dr. Andrew Park](#) will introduce how these modern AI systems work, including hands on demos of text, image, audio, and video generation. He will also discuss the future of AI and how you can be best prepared to take advantage of its capabilities as you move to the next stages of your education and careers. Understanding the rewards and risks of AI will help students use it more effectively.

This workshop is a good fit if one or more of these apply to you:

- You are in grade 9 to 12, and/or are an international student hoping to study in Canada.
- You are an active user of AI, or you are new to AI, and want to know more about it.
- You are planning to go to university and want to know how to responsibly use programs like Chat GPT or Copilot.
- You want to prepare more for the workforce of tomorrow.
- You are interested in what a university class might be like.

Thursday, November 14th or Wednesday, November 20th

Contact Recruitment Manager, Daniel Nair, at bizrecruit@uvic.ca for more information



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School of Business
University of Victoria

[Click Here to Register](#)

EXPLORE UVIC

Saturday, November 30, 2024

Don't miss this in-person, on-campus event!

See what the UVic experience is like through lectures, student panels, tours, information fairs and more. High school students, transfer students and families are welcome!

REGISTER NOW



Register for Explore UVic at uvic.ca/explore | 250-721-8949



ADULTING 101: PERSONAL FINANCE FOR STUDENTS PREPARING FOR COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY

A Zoom-based financial literacy workshop for grade 9 to 12 students from UVIC's Gustavson School of Business

Are you worried about money? Surveys routinely show Canadians struggle with their finances—over half are within \$200 of not being able to cover their bills and debt payments.

High school and university students particularly face struggles. Rising student debt, increasing housing costs, and surging inflation are barriers to success. *Generation Z* not only faces the burdens of climate change, the pandemic, and global uncertainty—but costs alone are a barrier to progress in careers and life.

So, how can students prepare for the costs of “adulting” and identify opportunities while at university?

The Gustavson School of Business at UVic invites students to join a free financial literacy workshop. Dr. Michael King leads this interactive session for students to strengthen and prepare their financial footing to enter university life. This workshop will give you an inside look at how Gustavson approaches personal finance through an engaging, interactive session.

This workshop is a good fit if one or more of these apply to you:

- You are in grade 9 to 12, and/or are an international student hoping to study in Canada.
- You want to take responsibility for your financial life, starting with mobile banking and day-to-day spending, and are curious about where to start.
- You have questions about your credit score and how it is used to evaluate you for: mobile phone, credit card, apartment rental, summer job, car loan, and much more.
- You want to build up savings and start investing in stocks, bonds, ETFs...
- You are interested in what a university class might be like

The workshop will be delivered on Zoom, and there are two dates to choose from:

Wednesday, November 6th or Thursday, November 7th

Contact Recruitment Manager, Daniel Nair, at bizrecruit@uvic.ca for more information



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[To Register Click HERE](#)

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](#)





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

- * 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 kelly.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

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.**

Fall Photos













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

November 2024

Anti-poverty Month

16 Days of Action Begins Nov 25th

Elimination of Violence Against Women

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Day 1 - ABCD	2 Grad Attire 10:00 - 3:00 Comox Valley Dodge
3 Daylight Saving Time Ends	4 Day 1 - ABCD Earthquake Drill 10:15 am	5 Day 2 - CDAB School Nurse 11:30 - 1:30	6 Day 3 - BADC Grad Committee Mtg Lunch in the Library Beginning Band Concert 6:30 - 8:00 pm (MPR) Grad Parent Mtg 6-7 Lbry	7 Day 4 - DCBA	8 Day 2 - CDAB Q1 Ends Remembrance Day Assembly Sr Girls North Islands	9
10	11 Remembrance Day	12 Day 2 - CDAB Q2 Begins University of Alberta Info Booth 3-3:45 pm	13 Day 3 - BADC	14 Day 4 - DCBA UVic Lunch Hour Pres 11:55 - 12:30	15 Day 1 - ABCD	16
17	18 Day 1 - ABCD	19 Day 2 - CDAB School Nurse 11:30 - 1:30 PAC Meeting 6:30	20 Day 3 - BADC Susan Aglukark C Block Gr 10 - 12 EFP in the MPR	21 Day 4 - DCBA	22 Day 3 - BADC	23 Grad Attire 10:00 - 3:00 Comox Valley Dodge
	School District 71 Board & Chair Festival		BC Multiculturalism Week			North Island Drama Festival
24 NI Drama Festival	25 Day 1 - ABCD Student Grad Meeting 11:25 MPR Student Voice Meeting 3:20	26 Day 2 - CDAB Gr 11 Eng Classes Big House Experience	27 Day 3 - BADC Careers Day	28 Day 4 - DCBA Lunch of Champions	29 Day 4 - DCBA	30 Vanier Winter Mark 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
	Careers Week					