



Georges P. Vanier
Secondary School

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Thursday, January 23rd, 2025
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NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **The first practice for girls rugby will be today right after school on the turf.** All players must have cleats and a mouthguard for practice.
- * **International Students! Join the Global Snacks Event TOMORROW during lunch hour.**
We are planning a fun and vibrant event where you can showcase and sell your favorite snacks from your country! It is a great opportunity to introduce your culture to others, to meet new people, and to celebrate diversity through food. Join us in creating an unforgettable experience!
All proceeds to the Food Bank. Contact Ms. Baron in Room 124 or Ms. Murphy at the Careers office if you would like to participate.
- * **The BC Excellence and Cmolik Foundation Scholarship applications are due on Friday.** See our Bursaries and Scholarships section for more information.
- * **Gr 9-12 Students looking for Semester 2 course changes can drop-in to the counselling office next week from Tuesday, Jan 28 – Friday, Jan 31.** Listen to the announcements for your grade to be called before coming down.
- * **The Vanier Scholarship and Bursary program will open on Friday, January 31st, 2025.** There will be a meeting for grade 12 students at 9:30 am on Wednesday, Feb 5th in the MPR to explain the application process. Application packages are due in the counselling office by Friday, March 7th at 1:00 pm. Late packages will not be accepted. To find more information, copies of the Bursary Booklet and application forms, please visit: <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/gp-vanier-secondary/grad-information/bursary-scholarship-information/>

CLUBS/MEETINGS/PRACTICES/TRYOUTS TODAY

Group/Activity/Event	Time	Where
Open gym shootaround	7:00 am	Gym
Rotary Interact Club	Lunch	Rm 192
Drop in Immunization clinic	Lunch	MPR
Weightlifting	3:10 pm	Weight room
Girls Rugby	3:15 pm	Turf
Homework Club	3:15 pm	Access Centre
Gr 9 Girls Basketball vs Gaglardi	3:20 pm	Gym
Improv / DD Improv	3:25 pm	Rm 181
Jr Boys Basketball	5:00 pm	Gym
Jr Girls Basketball	7:00 pm	Gym

VOLUNTEER/CAREERS

- * **Any students interested in attending NIC Fest on Thursday Mar 13, 2025 be sure to sign up by March 1st in the careers office.** We will be taking groups of students by bus for the event. It is open to grade 11 & 12's.
- * **Pacific Rim National Park Reserve is seeking independent and highly motivated students to work within a team** of Coastal Stewards in the Resource Conservation department. These stewards will also collaborate with Visitor Experience, Visitor Safety, and other team members, as required for their work. The primary duties are to patrol the coastal areas of the Long Beach Unit to provide prevention and education messaging related to common coastal risk factors to visitors. See the careers office for more information.
- * **MEDICAL LABORATORY ASSISTANT EDUCATION PROGRAM**
Island Health's Department of Laboratory Medicine, Pathology, and Medical Genetics is offering a fully funded education initiative through Thompson Rivers University (TRU). This program is open to current Island Health employees and external applicants eager to start a rewarding career in Laboratory Services. That's right Fully Funded! That means paid for - Come see us in the Careers Office for more info.
- * **Interested in digital marketing?** Jelly Academy is offering a skills training course, register by Mar 25, 2025, course runs April 1 – June 17, 2025 see the careers office for more information.
- * **The next Foodsafe course will be offered Mar 11, 2025 at Glacier View School.** Forms available in the careers office.
- * **Gr 10-12 students interested in attending the 2025 RCMP Camp are invited to pick up an application in the Career Centre.** The five-day camp takes place May 11-16, 2025 at HMCS Quadra. Students receive four (4) work experience credits for completing the camp.
- * **Fun Volunteer Hours opportunity! The Vancouver Island Biathlon Club is hosting provincials this year at Mount Washington and need volunteer range recorders.** Food/drink provided, and you'll receive a toque for volunteering and draw entries. If interested, contact Jonathan Kerr at vibcprogrammer@gmail.com.
- * **The CV Home Based Business Association is hosting high tea February 8 and 9** and are looking for a few students who need hours for grad to set up tables 4 to 8 pm Friday Feb 7th and to help serve tea and do dishes on Feb 8/9. See the careers office for more information.
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BURSARIES / SCHOLARSHIPS

- * **BC Excellence scholarships worth \$5000 each are awarded to 55 high school graduates** who have demonstrated service and leadership, both at school and in their communities, and who show aptitude for and commitment to their chosen career or area of post-secondary study. **Our school can nominate ONE graduating student for this scholarship.**

To be considered please prepare a **nomination package** including:

- cover letter addressed to the Vanier Administration team
- a copy of your resume
- 2 reference letters – one from school and one from a member of the community (coach, employer etc..)
- a copy of your transcript.
- See <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/scholarships/provincial-scholarships/bc-excellence-scholarships> for more information.

Submit your nomination package to the Counselling Office by 3:10 pm on Friday, January 24th, 2025.

- * **Cmolik Foundation Scholarship: Are you a student graduating this year? Have you demonstrated a strong work ethic and tenacity in overcoming adversity and in achieving your goals?** Every year, the Cmolik Foundation awards up to 20 scholarships in BC each with a maximum value of \$45,000, paid over five years, to deserving students. Each high school can nominate one student as a candidate.

To be considered please prepare a **nomination package** including:

- a cover letter (speaking to the adversities you have overcome) addressed to the Vanier Administration team
- a copy of your resume
- 2 reference letters - one from school and one from a member of the community (coach, employer etc..)
- a copy of your transcript.
- See <https://thecmolikfoundation.com/undergraduate/> for more information.

Submit your nomination package to the Counselling Office by 3:10 pm on Friday, January 24th, 2025.

- * **Attn: Grade 11's: The Horatio Alger Canadian Scholarships and National Entrepreneurial Scholarships for the Class of 2026 is now open.** For more information visit: <https://horatioalger.ca/scholarships-and-services/scholarships/> This association provides 1.8 million annually in need-based scholarship support for deserving students in all Canadian provinces and territories. Deadline is March 31, 2025 at 6 pm.
- * [Scholarshipscanada.com](https://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](https://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 9th, 2025. For essay questions and more information see: <https://blog.remax.ca/quest-for-excellence/>

OLDER NEWS

- * **The University of Waterloo Mathematics Contests for grades 9 - 11 will take place in B- block on Wednesday February 26, 2025.** A pizza lunch will be provided, and the venue is yet to be determined – Stay tuned!!!
The contests are:
PASCAL (for grade 9 students), CAYLEY (for grade 10 students), and FERMAT (for grade 11 students).
If you are interested in participating, please, register with your math teacher sooner than later. Let's get MATHY!
- * **Come on down to Towhee Treasures (outside rooms 116/117) and enjoy a thrifting experience at Vanier.** Clothing items are free. Donations are welcome. The green donation box is located next to Towhee Treasures. All donations need to be clean and in good condition. Thank you for keeping the area organized. 😊
- * **Jan 22nd – Feb 28th is the next window for Vanier Hoodies, sweatpants, t-shirts created by True North.**
People like exchange students, new students, those who forgot to order the first time and prize winners from Winterfest should use this opportunity.
<https://gpvanier.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>
- * 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, 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/)

- * **The Vanier late bus runs Mon/Thurs** leaving Vanier at 4:45 pm.
- * **Homework Club** runs Mon/Thurs 3:15 – 4:15 pm weekly.