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Principal's Message - September 9, 2022

Thank you to our staff and students for a great start to the school year. The energy this year is fantastic as we welcome new students to our school as grade 6's and those new to the area as 7's and 8's. I have enjoyed the welcome I have received from our returning 7s and 8s. They are the heart of our campus.

The new grade 6 building is quickly becoming home to both teachers and students, with final touches being completed after hours and more to come this weekend. The property is looking fresh with new pavement and some new fencing. Soon we will have basketball nets, and foursquare back in the yard.

Congratulations on a successful first week of school!

Tim Simony
Principal, Georges P. Vanier Junior High

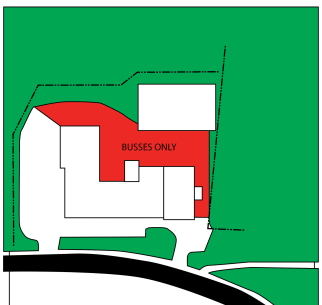
Picture Day: Picture day is coming up on **Tuesday September 13th** !!! There will be a retake day on Friday September 23rd.

Cafeteria: **Cafeteria service is not available at this time due to staffing pressures.** The service provider continues to seek employees. Information was sent out with our school newsletter by email on September 2nd if you are interested to know more about opportunities that are available.

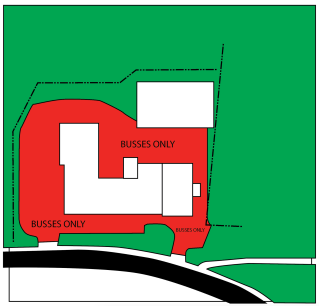
Grade 7 Immunization: Forms have been sent home. We ask that they be completed and returned to the school as soon as possible.

School Website: Please visit our website for current and upcoming events as well as our monthly newsletters. We can be found at https://gpv.hrce.ca/

Parking Lot Restrictions AM and PM: Thank you for observing the new rules for our parking lot at the end of the day. It has been a very successful change allowing us to have 25 buses on site for dismissal. Safety is improved with everyone being kept in place until they leave at approximately 3:12 PM.



From 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM private vehicles will be able to use our front parking lot and side parking lot. Parents and Guardians can use it for drop off and pick up until 2:30.



From 2:30 PM to 3:25 PM only buses will be allowed to move in our parking lot. Student pick up by parents or guardians will have to be done off-site. If a student has mobility issues that need to be considered please contact their Vice-Principal and they will support a safe solution.

Curriculum Night: Join us on Thursday, September 22 from 6:00-8:00 for an opportunity to meet your child's teachers and learn about the expected learning outcomes, assessment and evaluation strategies for each subject.

Doors will open at 6:00 for a 6:10 start. The evening will begin in the gymnasium. This is an information session only and individual students will not be discussed. Further information will be sent out next week.

Student Transportation: We are very pleased with the new dismissal process. Buses have been arriving at fairly predictable times so they are in the same place at the end of the day for dismissal. 5 on the front, 3 beside the gym, single file through the back, and double lined along the side by the church. They are scheduled to start leaving the property at 3:12, and this is the time they left today!!!

School Hours: Students will be admitted to the school at 8:40 am. Please do not drop your child off early as there is no supervision prior to 8:40.

Lunch Monitors: We are looking for lunch monitors. If you or someone you know is interested, please call the office at (902)860-4182.

SAC: The school advisory committee will be meeting on Thursday, September 15th from 6-7:30. We will be looking for a parent/guardian from the Waverly Memorial community. If you are interested, please contact the school at (902)860-4182.

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Athletics: Welcome to another year of extra-curricular sports at Vanier. Fall sports are coming up soon: Soccer, Cross Country, and Volleyball. For updates/information, students are

encouraged to read the whiteboard outside the gym, listen to announcements or see Mr. Hanlon. Once the leagues are up and running, your child will receive a schedule, permission forms and information on athletic fees.

Parents can follow Mr. Hanlon on Twitter @VanierSports or follow Pat Healey (@Laker_PatHealey) of the Laker, who is great at re-tweeting any information he receives.

If you are interested in coaching/volunteering a sport team this year please contact Mr. Hanlon shanlon@hrce.ca

https://www.hrce.ca/about-our-schools/students/junior-high-sports

Georges P. Vanier 2022-2023 Calendar

September 13	School pictures
September 15	SAC meeting 6-8pm
September 22	Curriculum Night 6-8pm
September 23	Photo Master Retakes
September 30	Truth and Reconciliation Day – No School
October 10	Thanksgiving Day (no school)
October 20	School Dance 7-9pm ; SAC meeting 6-7pm
October 24	Grade 7 Immunizations
October 28	Provincial Conference day P-12 (no school)
November 9	Remembrance Day Set Up
November 10	Remembrance Day Ceremony
November 11	Remembrance Day observed (no school)
November 17	School dance 7-9pm; SAC meeting 6-7pm
November 21	Assessment & Evaluation Day (no classes)
November 28-30	Report Cards go home
December 1	AM- PD Day; PM Parent Teacher Meetings
December 2	PD Day PP-12 (no classes)
December 13	Band Holiday Concert 6-8pm
December 14	Snow date for the Holiday Band Concert
December 20	Last day of school for Christmas break
January 3	School re-opens
February 9	Parent Information Session regarding Registration 6-9pm
February 20	Heritage Day – (no school)