

Vanier College Parents' Association
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name(s) of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) : _____

Last, First : _____

Last, First : _____

Address : _____

Postal Code : _____

Telephone : _____

Email : _____

Name(s) of student(s) attending Vanier

1. _____

2. _____

Date _____

Please enclose a check or money order In the amount of \$10.00 made out to:

The Vanier College Parents' Association (VCPA) and send to:

VCPA
VANIER COLLEGE
821 Ste-Croix Avenue
Saint-Laurent, Québec H4L 3X9
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

September 23	Parents' Night
September 21	Course Delete & College Withdrawal Deadline; Fall 2009
September 22 - 28	Confirmation of Attendance; Fall 2009
October 12	Thanksgiving – College Closed
October 18	Open House
November 1	Deadline for day studies; Winter 2009
November 2	Deadline for Program Change; Winter 2009
December 9	Last Day of Classes
December 10 – 18	Examination Period
Dec 25 - Jan 1	Christmas Break – College Closed
January 2 – 10	Telephone Registration; Spring 2010
January 20	First day of classes
February 2	Information Evening
March 15 -19	Mid-Term Break

A Message from the VCPA President

Welcome back to another promising year, filled with worthwhile pursuits and stimulating new challenges. We at the VCPA take special pride in being able to contribute and make a difference to the lives of our children.

The Parents' Association meets once a month to discuss all matters concerning school life. Our members consist of Staff, Teachers and Parents. Anyone can attend the meetings and you decide on your degree of involvement. Throughout the year there are workshops and/or activities, which are offered for all who wish to participate.

On a personal note, being the VCPA President, and most importantly a parent, I have found that no matter how much time or energy you devote to helping your children discover their place in the world, the rewards far outweigh the effort. **Come and be part of the discovery!**

Kan Zhang – President, Vanier College Parents' Association

A Message from the Director General

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to all the parents who have joined the Vanier Community. We are very proud of our students' success, the work of all our personnel and the dedication of our teachers.

Vanier College is the only English College with a Parents' Association. Your presence, input and contribution are always greatly appreciated. Our commitment to the success of our students is at the heart of our Mission Statement.

Please accept my personal welcome to Vanier College with our unique tradition of excellence.

Gilbert Héroux - Director General, Vanier College

Counseling Services for Parents

Free, confidential, professional counseling services are available to the parents of full-time, Vanier students (day programs only). The counselor provides consultation to concerned parents, about how best to help their children succeed in College. This may be done through; a brief telephone discussion, an email exchange or a confidential meeting at the office.

Please contact: Mr. Carmine Rossignoli, M.Ed, c.o.

514-744-7500 x 7894

Email: rossignc@vaniercollege.qc.ca

About VCPA

- VCPA was founded in November 1991

- VCPA is a member of La Fédération de L'Association des Parents du Québec (FAP)

- VCPA is the only Parents' Association at an English CEGEP

- VCPA meets monthly to address concerns and provide support for parents

- VCPA talks with parents on how to stay connected with their child and keep them motivated

- VCPA provides information on college resources through a liaison

- VCPA represents parents' interests on the Vanier Board of Directors through a parent representative

- VCPA works together with the college to ensure the safety and improve the quality of life for the students

- VCPA organizes workshops, together with the college, on topics of interest to the parents

- VCPA discusses challenges that students face and shares possible solutions

Welcome to VCPA

I extend a warm welcome to all the Vanier parents.

It has been an honour and a privilege to represent the parents on the Board of Directors and to act as liaison between them and the VCPA these past two years.

The VCPA gives a unique opportunity for us to participate and contribute to our children's success. Parents and parental involvement are known to have an important impact on student success and development and I have personally experienced it.

I invite you to share in the Vanier experience with your son or daughter and to get engaged!

Talin Sabbaghian

Member VCPA; Board of Directors, Vanier College

Parents and Student Success

A Warm Welcome to our New Vanier Parents

I am pleased that your son or daughter has chosen to study at Vanier College.

Since I am new to Student Services, let me tell you a little about myself. I have worked for many years at Vanier, mainly in The Learning Centre where I worked closely with students, helping them develop their communication and study skills. More recently, I was given the responsibility for developing other services for students, namely, the Math and Science Centre, the Language School, and International Education. My main goal has always been to help students succeed and fulfill their potential. At the same time, I have always tried to provide opportunities for students to learn and grow.

You can play an important role in encouraging the success of your child. You can find out more about his or her program of studies on Vanier's website so that you can ask about topics being learned. You can offer your encouragement, especially around exam time. You can promote good eating and sleep habits. You can ensure that your child does not work more than ten hours per week. If possible, you can ensure that your child has a quiet place to study. Check out our website to find out about the many activities your child could become involved in. Finally, you can participate in the Vanier College Parents' Association's activities as a way of learning more about your child's transition to college life.

On behalf of the College, I wish your child success in his or her studies at Vanier College.

Judy Macdonald

Coordinator, Student Services (Interim)

Liaison to the VCPA

Participating in the VCPA

I am honored and proud to be a part of the VCPA. Being a member of such a dedicated group of parents is a great experience. I encourage all parents to contribute and participate in any way they can and as often as possible. Our monthly meetings focus on Vanier College activities and basic parental questions as well as offer an opportunity for parents to "mingle", while sharing their unique perspectives and ideas.

This Fall, I am looking forward to seeing all the familiar faces and many new ones too.

Civita Di Filippo

Secretary/Treasurer VCPA

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