

Vanier this Week

MONDAY AUGUST 31, 2009

IDENTIFICATION (I.D.) CARDS
Random spot checks will be taking place, make sure you have your valid Vanier I.D. with you at all times.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CULTURAL BYWORD

Confessed faults are half mended.

- Scottish proverb

IMPORTANT DATES

September 7: College Closed for Labour Day
September 14 & 15: STM onsite for OPUS Cards
September 21: Course Delete & College Withdrawal Deadline
September 22-28: Confirmation of College Attendance
September 23: Parents' Night

WELCOME AND WELCOME BACK TO OUR NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS – On behalf of all the staff at Vanier College, Student Services wishes you a great semester. Remember to read the VanierThisWeek bulletin each week and your Student Agenda every day. If you have any questions, drop by the Student Services office (room C203).

NO EATING POLICY – Please be advised, **The Vanier College Library & The Math and Science Centre** will be enforcing their No Eating Policy this semester. Students found eating there will be subject to fines (\$25 for a first offence - \$50 for any subsequent offence). Only bottled water will be permitted. This policy is designed to protect the library's collection and equipment from damage.

H1N1 – Keep yourself informed! Check out H1N1 Update on the Vanier College homepage. This site will be kept up-to-date as changes occur. Please consult it regularly.

STM STUDENT BUS PASS DAY



September 14 & 15 only – 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Auditorium – A103
All full-time students (16-25 years of age, resident of Montreal) may be eligible for the reduced fare bus pass (OPUS). The new cards will be in effect as of October 31, 2009. For more information regarding eligibility and requirements to apply, please come to Student Services, Room C203.

ACADEMIC

LAST SEMESTER'S SCULPTURE & CLAY WORKSHOP STUDENTS – All work from last term's workshop given by Jeanne Masterson must be picked up by Friday, September 11 or it will be thrown out.

UNIVERSITY VISIT – McGill University will be visiting Vanier on Wednesday, October 14th from 12-2pm in the Carrefour. This is a great opportunity to ask questions about their programs and admission requirements.

UNIVERSITY VISIT – Several Ontario Universities and the University of British Columbia will be at Vanier on Wednesday, October 21st from 12-2pm in the Student Mall. This is their only visit this year.

UNIVERSITY VISIT – The University of Toronto will be coming to Vanier on Wednesday, November 11th from 12:30-2pm in the Carrefour.

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

WORD OF THE DAY: INELUCTABLE

a) unavoidable b) disastrous c) important
The student believed he faced an ineluctable fate.

BRAIN BUSTER:

Bill and Ben's combined age is 91. Bill is now twice as old as Ben was when Bill was as old as Ben is now. How old are they?
Last week's answer: The letter m.

STUDY HINTS:

Find a place to study which is all yours. Keep everything you need in that place, and don't let anyone invade it. This will help you focus on your work.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"If you're walking down the right path and you're willing to keep walking, eventually you'll make progress." - Barack Obama

WELCOME WEEK



Student Services would like all students to come and enjoy our Welcome Week festivities. The fun kicks off on Monday, August 31st and wraps up on Friday, September 4th. See below for a list of scheduled activities:

MONDAY, AUGUST 31: Want to learn about the services available to you? How to enhance your college transcript before applying for university? How to get involved in college life? How to get some counselling when you need it? Come learn about the STAR Program, Counselling Services, and C.O.R.E. in the Metro area from 1-3pm.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1: International Education and Student Services present a multicultural event where you can learn about opportunities to experience life abroad, showcase your translation skills, and view a slideshow of a recent trip to Malawi. Come join us in the Metro from 12-2pm.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2: Join us on the college's front lawn at 12:30pm during Universal Break for our annual Corn Roast! Drop by for some free corn, music, and meet up with some new and old friends!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3: Want a portrait of you and your friends? How about a temporary tattoo? We'll have a caricature artist and a temporary tattoo artist available for students in the Student Mall from 11am-2pm. Join in on the fun!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4: After your classes are done. Have a great weekend.

C.O.R.E. – Are you an energetic student with great ideas for improving student life on campus? Do you enjoy helping others? Do you want to make new friends? If you answered yes to all of these questions, then CORE is the club for you! We invite you to join this dynamic team of students that contribute to student life at Vanier. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 9 during Universal Break (12:30-2:00pm) in Room C202. Sign up in Student Services (C203) today!

STUDENT AGENDA – All students can pick up an A09/H10 student agenda from Student Services (C-203). For returning students, the cost of the agenda is \$8. Please bring exact change! CASH ONLY.

STUDENT ID CARDS – All students MUST have a validated Student ID Card in order to be permitted on campus and to use college resources such as the Library, IT Centre, and the like. Please go to the IT Centre (D-301) to either get the photo taken or to get the A09 sticker put on your card.



THE COUNSELLING CENTRE would like to welcome all new and returning students. Appointments for **personal** and **career counselling** can be made in C-203 or by calling 514-744-7885. **DROP-IN** hours (posted on C-203 door) are also available daily for quick questions, scheduling first appointments or urgent matters. No appointment is necessary during these hours.

STUDENTS WITH A PHYSICAL DISABILITY and/or health-related condition who would like to obtain accommodations during the semester should contact Irma at (514)744-7500, ext. 7943 or at mazzonni@vaniercollege.qc.ca. Appropriate documentation must be provided.

FREE MUSIC CONCERT – The Music department proudly presents its first free concert of the year on Wednesday, September 2 at 12:30pm in room A250. Featuring jazz pianists Josh (Vanier faculty) and Minna Rager, the concert also presents the Josh Rager sextet – professional performers who are sure to put on a great show for everyone. So come on over to the A-Building and get your year started right with what promises to be a wonderful concert! *Glen Ethier, Dept. of Music.*

WANT TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE? Then come to the next meeting of the Vanier Social Justice Committee at 12:30pm on Wednesday, September 2nd in room A-302. We raise awareness about global poverty, fair trade, human rights, discrimination, war and the environment and offer ways for people to act to solve these problems. All Vanier students and staff are welcome. For more information, contact Eric Lamoureux at socialjustice@vaniercollege.qc.ca or drop by A-345.

WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING ABORIGINAL STUDENTS: Please join us for our first native lunch on Wednesday, September 2, at 12:30pm in The Learning Centre, B205. Hope to see you there!

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? The Learning Centre is looking for dedicated, enthusiastic students who want to help out and learn more about the college. See Marya in TLC, Room B205E.

MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE CENTRE (Room F540)

The Centre is open to all students for group study, use of computers and textbooks. We offer free peer tutoring services and teachers are also available to help answer math and science questions. Come out and join us for the many informative and exciting math and science events and competitions held throughout the year.

- Sign-up ONLINE for the Math Club, Science & Technology Club or Robotics Club
- Try out the Puzzle of the Week and get the chance to win a prize at the end of the semester
- Check out the "Discover Your Career in Science" board for info on a new career every week
- Find out how you can help protect our planet by visiting the Environment board at the back of the Centre

For more information, check out our website www.vaniercollege.qc.ca/msc or see Stephanie in F540B.

FREE ENGLISH PEER TUTORING is available for students who have concerns about writing an essay, reading a textbook and/or making oral presentations. If you would like more information about the peer tutoring program, please see Joanne in The Learning Centre, B205.



EDUCATION FOR ALL – FACT OF THE WEEK

Universal primary education is in sight, though sub-Saharan Africa lags behind. Net enrolment ratios in primary education have increased to 86% in the developing world, ranging from 95% in Latin America and the Caribbean to 64% in sub-Saharan Africa. Although the sub-Saharan region has made significant progress since 1990/1991, in Burkina Faso, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Mali and Niger, fewer than half the children of primary-school age are enrolled in school. Faster progress will also be needed if Oceania and Western Asia are to achieve universal education. Southern Asia, in contrast, has made great strides, especially over the period 1999-2004, when enrolment rose from 72 to 89% — largely as a result of progress in India.

Source: UN DESA, *The Millennium Development Goals Report 2006*, New York, June 2006.

INTRAMURALS – Interested in being active while having fun? Sign up to play Intramural Cosom Hockey, 4 on 4 Volleyball, Badminton, Table Tennis, Racquetball. Sign up deadline is Friday, September 4th. See Helena in the Sports Complex (room G-134) for more information or to pick up a sign-up sheet.

SPORTS CLUBS – Interested in joining the Swim Club, Cheerleading Club or competing Cross-Country Running? Drop by the Sports Complex (room G-134) to see Helena Bastos.

WHITE TIGER SELF DEFENSE FOR WOMEN

Sept. 29 & Oct. 6 & 13 *6:00pm-8:00pm* G157

\$35.00/Students*\$60.00/Staff, Friends & Family



Attention Ladies!! Sign up for these classes and learn physical & non-physical techniques to protect yourself. The White Tiger group is a world renowned organization that has empowered thousands of girls and women across the world to recognize a potential assault and how to protect themselves in the event of an assault. These three sessions, culminating with a defense against a padded aggressor, are sure to empower you, your friends and family. For more information or to register, please come to C203 and see Dany. Space is limited, so please register early. **THIS COURSE COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!**

ALVYN POWELL & THE SAVING STATION FOUNDATION – Student Services invite you to meet a truly inspirational speaker on September 23rd in the Auditorium during UB. Mr. Powell was a former NFL lineman (Miami Dolphins & Seattle Seahawks) who had fallen prey to the disease of addiction. Now recovered, he tells the story of how drugs ruined his NFL career, his life and brought him to the brink of death. He has turned his life around and is now working to help others quit the habit and prevent others from ever beginning the downward spiral. **THIS FREE EVENT IS NOT TO BE MISSED!**

D.E.A.R. DAY! Monday, September 8th, is International Literacy Day, and The Learning Centre is having its annual Drop Everything and Read Day. Come to The Learning Centre, B205, choose one of our many novels, read it for one hour, and keep the book forever.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES & VOLUNTEER FAIR – This event will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 16th during UB in the Student Mall. Are you looking to complete your service education (volunteer) hours for a course requirement or for your university application? Do you enjoy helping those in your community? Would you like a chance to volunteer in a profession that you may want to enter in the future? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then this fair is definitely for you! Come by and meet the various organizations (external & internal) who can help you fulfill yourself and aid your community.

LOCKERS – After requesting and paying the \$10 lock rental fee via Omnivox, you can be assigned your locker in room C-204 from 9:30am-4pm until Friday, September 4. **NO CASH OR IN-PERSON PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

PREPARING FOR THE SAT: Are you planning on writing the SAT? Would you like some more information? Prepare yourself by visiting the Learning Centre! We can give you techniques and methods to help you get a better score. Please see Kim in The Learning Centre, B205-D.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Vanier students who live in Point St. Charles or have lived there at some point since 2004 may be eligible for the **POINT ST. CHARLES SCHOLARSHIP**. See Joshua Berman in B-205F for an application or more info.

Vanier students of Lebanese decent in financial need and who have good grades should consider applying for the **LEBANESE CANADIAN HERITAGE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**. See Joshua Berman in B-205F for an application or more info.

VCSA

SPC CARD – Are you ready to shop???? Don't do it before you pass by the VCSA Office (Room C214) and pick up your SPC Card for \$8.50. This card will get you loads of deals...

VIRGIN MOVIE IN THE PARK – VCSA welcomes you back with a Virgin Movie in the Park on Wednesday, September 2nd at the Sports Complex. Bring your lawn chairs & blankets and get ready for X-MEN: Wolverine. The free food starts at 6pm and the movie will get going when it gets dark...

GET INVOLVED!!! Looking to get involved with your student government? Come by C214 and get some info. We're always looking for new people.

CLUBS - Want to start a club on campus? Pick up your info package in C-214.

NEED TO MAKE A PHONE CALL? If you've lost your cell phone or don't have one, you can use a free phone located in the VCSA Office (C214) to make short, local calls. Feel free to come by!

UPCOMING TRIPS

ARE YOU A SPORTS FAN? Have you ever been to an NFL game? Want to go with the VCSA? We are on our way to see the Houston Texans vs. Bills in Buffalo from October 31st-November 1st. \$269 per person, occupancy of 4 per room.

GO HABS GO... Canadiens vs. Islanders in NEWYORK from December 18th-20th (2 nights). \$360 per person. Occupancy of 4 per room.

BASKETBALL ANYONE? How about a hoop of a time in TO while the Orlando Magic take on the Raptors from Nov 21st-22nd? Prices starting at \$250 per person, occupancy of 4 per room.

Come by our office (room C214) or check out our website at www.vcsa.ca for more info.

GREAT PART-TIME JOBS FOR STUDENTS

Looking for work? **Volt Information Sciences** is hiring and will be here Wednesday, September 2, from 10am-3pm in the F-building CARREFOUR. -*Employment Development Office.*

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Looking for work? **Future Shop** is hiring and will be here Wednesday September 9, 10am-2pm, in the F-building CARREFOUR. -*Employment Development Office.*