

Vanier this week

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 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.

VANIER THIS WEEK is published on Mondays by Student Services. Submissions must be received at C203 (Student Services) by 3:00 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding publication day. Email bulletin@vaniercollege.qc.ca • Max. 40 words, or it will be edited.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CULTURAL BYWORD

A lean agreement is better than a fat lawsuit.
- German proverb

IMPORTANT DATES

December 9: Last Day of Classes
December 10-18: Evaluation and Examination Period
December 12: Children's Holiday Party
December 16: English Exit Exam

H1N1 – Be 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.

THE VANIER CHILDCARE CENTER is looking for Early Childhood Education students who are available to work on an on call basis as substitute educators. Requirements are knowing First Aid/CPR and being in the E.C.E program. Please forward your CV to the attention of Athena Xenos at: daycare@vaniercollege.qc.ca.

STUDENT RESOURCES

Brand new on the Vanier College website is a compiled list of Student Study Centres in the College. If you need any extra help to succeed in your courses, you should always consult with your teacher, but also avail yourself of one of the many academic resources at your disposal. These resources are on both the Student Services and The Learning Centre webpages. Follow the link on the lefthand side entitled Links & Resources or type in the link provided here: <http://www.vaniercollege.qc.ca/tlc/links-and-resources.html>. We welcome you to take advantage of these free academic support systems. Let's end the Winter Semester on a great note!

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ACADEMIC

FIRST SEMESTER SOCIAL SCIENCE AND COMMERCE STUDENTS – If you are a first semester student in Social Science or Commerce and think you will have an average of 80% or higher this semester, you are invited to apply to the HONOURS program. Applications are available in Dean Nancy Wargny's office (A286).

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY – On Friday, December 4, 2009 at 1:30pm, the Departments of Communication Studies and Journalism will be holding an information session to introduce students to the different programs and review the various entry requirements. The session will take place at the Loyola Campus, in the Communication and Journalism Building, located at 7141 Sherbrooke Street.

LA TOURNÉE UNIVERSITAIRE – Academic Advising will be hosting representatives from the following universities on **Thursday, February 11, 2010** from 9:30am-11:30pm in the Student Mall: Bishop's, Concordia, École de technologie supérieure, École Polytechnique, HEC Montréal, Laval (Quebec City), McGill, Ottawa, Royal Military College, Sherbrooke, Université de Montréal, Université de Québec à Montréal, Université de Québec à Trois-Rivières. Come and get answers to your questions about admission to these universities for Fall 2010.

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

WORD OF THE DAY: DENIGRATE

a) praised b) distracted c) belittle
The critics have denigrated our efforts.

BRAIN BUSTER:

When asked about his children, a man replied, "They are all redheads but two, all brunettes but two, and all blondes but two." How many children did he have?

Last week's answer: It was a bright, sunny day.

STUDY HINTS:

A thesis must have an argument or a special angle on a topic. It should be limited enough so your paper can cover it, but broad enough to make a worthwhile point.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it" - Aristotle

WHAT IS ISLAM? Join us on Wednesday, November 25th in the Metro area (between Jake's Mall and the Cafeteria) to ask any questions you may have about Islam! **FREE FOOD WILL BE SERVED!!!**

FREE MUSIC CONCERT – This Wednesday, November 25, the Music department presents not one but two excellent concerts during UB. Downstairs in the Auditorium, you will be able to hear jazz and pop voice singers from the studios of Johanne Desforges and Sharada Banman. Upstairs in room A250 will be a classical concert featuring the voice students of Tamara Vickard Armstrong and the ensembles of flute teacher Heather Howes. Which one, which one...? You may have to flip a coin! – Glen Ethier, Dept. of Music

MATH CLUB TALK – Stephen Newbigging, Department of Mathematics, will be giving a talk called "Real Numbers are Irrational" on Wednesday, December 2nd at 12:30pm in Room D506. Despite the fact that almost all of the numbers we encounter every day can be written as common fractions, it turns out that numbers can be written this way are very rare. We'll make the idea of 'very rare' more precise as we prove this amazing fact. Along the way, we will encounter some surprising results about infinities, both large and small.

CALCULUS I EXAM PREP SESSIONS – There will be two Calculus I review and question sessions with Mike Besner: December 2nd and 9th at 12:30pm in Room D508. Sign up online by November 30th for both sessions: www.vaniercollege.qc.ca/msc/ (Click on Registration for Activities).

RENEWAL OF REDUCED FARE PRIVILEGE (OPUS CARD)

Forms can be validated* in STUDENT SERVICES (C203) at the Reception Desk during Universal Break from 12-2pm, on the following Wednesdays ONLY:



November 25, December 2, and December 9

**You must have a validated Student ID Card with you.*



FREE DROP-IN TUTORING for Social Science, Commerce & Methodology courses on Mondays to Thursdays (10am-4pm) and Fridays (10am-1pm) in the Social Science Resource Centre (A301). You can't miss the peer tutors: Look for the yellow "TUTOR ON DUTY" sign on the table and spot them by their name tag. See you there soon!

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).

MODERN LANGUAGES PEER TUTORING – Keep on track with your Language class work and assignments! Our team of Modern Languages peer tutors is ready to help you with any Italian, German, Mandarin, Russian, and/or Spanish course. And the best part – it's FREE! Students must speak to their teachers first, who may then initiate the process. For more information, please see *Enza* in C-405.

LBGT STUDENT GROUP – The new group for students who are lesbian, gay, transsexual, transgender, two-spirited, intersex, queer, AND their friends and allies is called U.M.B.R.E.L.L.A. We're meeting every week during Universal Break in room A329. Come join us, get involved, and have some fun! Feel free to check us out on Facebook too!

ENGLISH EXIT EXAM WORKSHOP – If you are planning on writing the English Exit Exam, you should attend at least one English Exit Exam workshop, designed to give you tips, tricks and information to help you pass. These workshops are held every Wednesday at 12:30pm in A342.

CONVERSATION CLUB – Talk! Talk! Talk! Come practise and improve your speaking skills in a relaxed and fun way. Join us Fridays at 2:30pm in The Learning Centre (B205).

DISCOVER YOUR CAREER IN SCIENCE

Not sure what you want to do as a career? Want to explore different career options? Have questions you would like to ask professionals in the career field? The Mathematics and Science Centre (F540) is hosting a series of guest speakers from a variety of science related careers. Come and find out more about a career you are interested in exploring and maybe pursuing in the future. All are welcome to attend.

Chemistry

Réjean Forand, Vanier College, Department of Chemistry
Friday, November 27th, 1:00-2:30pm, in the Math & Science Centre (F540)

GIFT OF SIGHT - MAKE A DIFFERENCE by bringing any used glasses to Student Services (C203) from November 23 - December 3, 2009.

MATH COMPETITION – The 2009 Sun Life Financial Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge will be held on Wednesday, November 25, 2009 from 9am -11:30am in the Math and Science Centre (F540). Please make sure to show up at least 10 minutes before the start of the competition. No calculators are permitted. All competitors must advise their teachers in advance if they will be missing a class.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Full-time CEGEP students with a great record of innovation and leadership who have made a difference in their school or community should consider the new **TOP 20 UNDER 20 SCHOLARSHIP**. Candidates must be under the age of 20 as of December 31st, 2009. <http://www.top20under20.ca/engHome.htm>

Full-time female students in financial need who earned their high school diploma before September 2000 might be eligible for the **TALBOTS SCHOLARSHIP FOR WOMEN**. <https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/talbotswomen/>

Full-time CEGEP students who are serious about their future goals just need to write a 250-word paragraph outlining their educational plan and could obtain a \$1000 scholarship as part of the **MENSA CANADA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**. <http://www.mensacanada.ca/home.htm>

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...

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

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

VANIER COLLEGE SKI WEEK 2010 *Where?* Mont-Sainte-Anne. *When?* January 3-8, 2010. *What Does the Trip Include?* 4-Day Ski Pass, Bus Transportation (round trip), 5-Night Accommodation, Trip to Quebec City (optional, but included), and Ski Instruction for all Beginners. *How Much?* \$439 (ALL TAXES INCLUDED).

NEED A SUNNY BREAK??? Well, then come to Varadero, Cuba with us for Spring Break from March 13th to the 20th, 2010. The cost is only \$968 (double occupancy) and \$948 (triple occupancy) for an ALL INCLUSIVE vacation!!! Get a \$50 discount if you book your spot before November 27th, 2009! SO HURRY! (There is a required deposit of \$100 at time of payment.)

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

Multicultural Children's Holiday Party

For the children (aged 3-12) of staff and students

Saturday, December 12th from 11am - 3pm in the Vanier Auditorium (A-103) & Student Mall.

Entry cost: Non-perishable food items

Come join us for a fun movie, a visit from Santa Claus, a light lunch and so much more! Reserve your spot in Student Services (C-203). **Sign up soon as SPACE IS LIMITED.**

