

# Vanier this week

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**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

*He who wants a rose must respect the thorn.*

- Persian 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](mailto:daycare@vaniercollege.qc.ca).

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR** – Our annual Holiday Craft Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, December 2nd from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you are interested in participating, please reserve your table with Nora Soukiassian by Nov. 13th. The participant **MUST** be a member (faculty, staff, retiree or student NOT a family member or friend) of the Vanier community. All items to be sold **MUST BE HANDMADE** by the participant. Each participant will pay \$15 which will be donated to the Vanier College Foundation. For any further information, please call me at ext. 7572.

**SCIENCE LABORATORIES GRAND OPENING!** Over the past year, the College has invested 1.5 million dollars in upgrading its Science lab facilities and equipment. The organic chemistry lab (A570) has been completely overhauled to include modern fume hoods, new work benches and cabinetry, and many other new features. Two physics labs (B403 & B426) have been renovated and equipped with new work benches and computer equipment. One of the Biology labs (A443) has been outfitted with new computers and all the equipment needed to analyze DNA. To celebrate all of this, the Science Program would like to invite all members of the Vanier community to visit these lab spaces during Universal Break (12:30-2pm) on Wednesday, November 11. Come visit one lab or take a tour of all of them while you enjoy some free coffee and cookies. If you have any questions, there will be Science teachers ready to answer them. - Don Hetherington, Dean of Science and General Studies

**CLAY SCULPTURE** – If you had a clay sculpture of your hand in the display case, please pick it up in the sculpture room (B324) by November 20 or it will not be kept. - Claire Salzberg

## ACADEMIC

### UNIVERSITY VISITS

Several universities will be visiting Vanier over the next couple of months. Keep your eye on the schedule below, as their visits present you with a great opportunity to ask questions about their programs and admission requirements.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO:** *Wednesday, November 11th* from 12:30-2pm in the Carrefour

**PEER TEACHING COURSE** – Do you need a Block B (603-HS) English course next semester? Apply for the PEER TEACHING course! You can gain valuable experience for your CV, a 603-HS English grade, and personal satisfaction from tutoring another Vanier student! Open to students in all programs. Application forms available in B-208 and in N-554. Deadline to apply: November 20, 2009. For additional information, please contact Spiridoula Photopoulos at 514-744-7500 ext. 7271 or email [photopos@vaniercollege.qc.ca](mailto:photopos@vaniercollege.qc.ca)

**JANUARY INTERSESSION - MODERN LANGUAGES COURSE** - Do you need a complementary course? Do you want to lighten your course load or make up a course? Take advantage of the Winter Break 2010 and register in an Intersession Language Course. The Modern Languages Department is pleased to offer Beginners' Spanish II (prerequisite: Beginners' Spanish I or one year high school Spanish) in the mornings from January 4 to January 19 inclusively, from 9am to 12:40pm, with a final class/exam on January 20 during Universal Break. This course is open to all students as part of their regular course load and entails no extra fees. Registration for this course will take place in Room C-402 on Wednesday, November 18 at 12:30pm (Universal Break). For more information, see Gisela Mutter in C-411, call (514)744-7500, ext 7841 or email her at [mutterg@vaniercollege.qc.ca](mailto:mutterg@vaniercollege.qc.ca).

**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).

## SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

**CULTURAL FOOD FAIR** – Hey, Vanier! Are you ready to give your taste buds a cultural treat!?! Come to the Cultural Food Fair on Wednesday, November 18th during Universal Break (12:30-2pm) and taste the fabulous cultural cuisine that our wonderfully diverse Vanier population has to offer. All food will be sold at low and reasonable student prices. Anyone interested in booking a table must sign up with Dany in Student Services (C203) before Friday, November 13th at noon.

**CONVERSATION CLUB** – Talk! Talk! Talk! Come practise and improve your speaking skills in a relaxed and fun way. Fridays at 2:30pm in B225.

**MULTICULTURAL MONTREAL WRITING AND PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST** – Celebrate Montreal's diversity by writing **250 words** (article, essay, graphic novel, poem, or short story) or taking **one photograph** that captures your experience of Montreal's multiculturalism. Deadline: 4pm, Friday November 13th. See Marya Grant in B205E for more information.



## TOONIE TUESDAY BAKE-A-THON!

On Tuesday, November 10th (10am – 3pm), come to the Cafeteria to tape your toonie to the toonie line! Donations will get you cupcakes and cookies and will help students who are in desperate financial need. For more information, see Jim Atkinson in Student Services (C-203).

**WORD OF THE DAY: EXPOSTULATE**

a) argue b) denounce c) believe

The professor expostulated points regarding why math is fun.

**BRAIN BUSTER:**

If a pig weighs 30kg plus half its own weight, how much does it weigh?

*Last week's answer: The letter s.***STUDY HINTS:**

To improve your memory, organize your ideas into categories to help you recall all the points that come under a particular category. Don't simply memorize bits and pieces of information!

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**

"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony." - Mahatma Gandhi

**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!**TO ALL STUDENT BUS PASS CARRIERS (STM, STL, AMT, RTL, CIT):** If there is a 2010 expiration date on your OPUS card, you must renew it for it to be valid after October 31st, 2009. You will keep the same card, but you must confirm your full-time studies for the 2009-2010 school year and pay a fee in order to maintain your reduced fare privilege. You can get the form attesting to your full-time student status signed in Student Services (C-203) upon showing a valid Vanier ID Card. For this form, a list of locations to renew to your card, and any other information, please visit: <http://www.carteopus.info/>.**MATH COMPETITION** - The 2009 Sun Life Financial Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge will be held on Wednesday, November 25, 2009, from 9am-11:30am. No calculators are permitted. All competitors must advise their teachers in advance if they will be missing a class. The next Math Club prep session is on Wednesday, November 11th, 12:30pm, in D506.**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.**HAVING TROUBLE MANAGING YOUR MONEY?** Are credit cards dragging you down? Do you want help saving money? We want to know what you think about all things dealing with money! Attend the financial skills focus group so we can ask you what you need to know about money! November 18th, 12:30pm, lunch included! To register, please see Jim Atkinson in C203.**SCIENCE LECTURE SERIES  
THE CHALLENGE OF DEVELOPING  
VIDEO GAMES FOR NEW GAME CONSOLES**Michel Dagenais, École Polytechnique, Department of Computer and Software Engineering  
Friday, November 13th, 1-2:30pm, in the Math & Science Centre (F-540)**INTERESTED IN WORKING ABROAD? VOYAGES CAMPUS** will be visiting to provide information about the SWAP Working Holidays program. Get all the info you need on Wednesday November 18, 10am-3pm, in the F-building CARREFOUR. -Employment Development Office**ANIMAL HEALTH CAREER DAY 2009** will be held on Wednesday, November 18, from 11:30am-2:30pm in Room N131. Animal Health students: Do not miss this excellent opportunity to meet veterinary hospital and research laboratory recruiters from: Charles River, LAB Recherche Inc., Centre Vétérinaire DMV, Animal 911 Veterinary Hospital, Hôpital Vétérinaire Rive-Sud, ITR Laboratories Canada Inc. and Hôpital Vétérinaire de Pierrefonds. This event is presented by the Animal Health Technology Department and the Student Employment Centre.**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!**BRIDGE BUILDING CONTEST 2009 WINNERS**

- 1st Place for Most Efficient Bridge (ratio of 80.0): Tommy Reddad
- 2nd Place for Most Efficient Bridge (ratio of 73.7): Taylor Aubry, Diana Yang, Mu En Yang
- 3rd Place for Most Efficient Bridge (ratio of 71.1): Dan Dobrescu, Mihai Sticea
- Winners for the bridge holding the greatest load (14 kg): This prize was shared amongst all 3 winning teams.
- Award for Craftsmanship and Aesthetics: Dai Duong Lao, Quan Li, Kevin Perez

**WINNER OF CHESS TOURNAMENT** - Congratulations to our latest chess champion: Martin Deyanov Dobrev.**DISCOVER YOUR CAREER IN SCIENCE****Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy**

Alaina Benoit, Sophie Durocher-Noel and Helena Doulgier from Summit School for special needs students

Friday, November 20th, from 1:00-2:30pm

**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****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).**GO HABS GO...** Canadiens vs. Islanders in NEWYORK 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](http://www.vcsa.ca) for more info.**LOST & FOUND****BLACKBERRY LOST ON CAMPUS** - If found, please contact Michael Hockenstein in N254 or at (514) 744-7500 ext.7228**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 itemsCome 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.**