

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

Goodness speaks in a whisper, evil shouts.

-Tibetan proverb

IMPORTANT DATES

October is Women's History Month

October 30: Deadline to register for the Dec. 16 English Exit Exam on your Omnivox.

November 2: Program Change Request Deadline for Winter 2010

November 3: Pedagogical Day (No classes)

December 9: Last Day of Classes

December 10-18: Evaluation and Examination Period

December 16: English Exit Exam

WORD OF THE DAY: PUGNACIOUS

a) renowned b) peaceful c) confrontational
That man at the club was a pugnacious person.

BRAIN BUSTER:

A sultan has 14 daughters. He decides to tell four of his daughters a fairy tale every night, but in such a way that every night, there will always be a different combination of four daughters. How many nights will keep the sultan busy telling fairy tales?
Last week's answer: A hole.

STUDY HINTS:

When taking notes for a research paper, do not merely transfer information from the text to your notes. Write notes in your own words except for passages you intend to quote exactly.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"A book is like a garden carried in the pocket." - Chinese Proverb

ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR – Our annual Holiday Craft Fair is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 2nd** from 11am-3pm in the Student Mall. Vanier students who are interested in participating will need to reserve a table by Nov. 13th. The participant **MUST** be a member (*faculty, staff or current 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 table reservations or any further information, please call Nora Soukiasian at (514)744-7500 ext. 7572 or come to room A-286A

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.

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

FOR A MAJOR IN WOMEN'S STUDIES – You can graduate with a Major in Women's Studies, in addition to completing your program and any other majors, if you have taken five courses listed in the Women's Studies Program brochure. For a copy of this brochure, more information, and/or an application form, contact Maureen Jones in N546 or at jonesm@vaniercollege.qc.ca.

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

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

OCTOBER IS AN APPLE A DAY MONTH – Are you tired and feeling a little low on energy? Did you forget breakfast this morning? Interested in an afternoon snack? Drop by Student Services (C-203) for the month of October and enjoy a free, delicious apple. We don't guarantee that it will keep the doctor away, but you'll be giving your body a healthy nutritional boost!

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CHESSTOURNAMENT – A chess tournament will be held in the Math and Science Centre (F-540) this Wednesday, October 28th. All registered participants are asked to arrive by 12:20pm.

PROGRAM CHANGE REQUEST FOR WINTER 2010

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND is the **DEADLINE** for **currently registered Vanier College day students** to request a Program Change for the Winter 2010 semester. The Program Change Request form is available under "Current Students/Academic Information". **DO NOT reapply through SRAM for a Program Change request.** ONLY the following programs are open for H10: Building Systems, Commerce, Communications, Computer Science, Explorations 7, Explorations Transition, General Social Science, Health Science, Industrial Electronics, Modern Languages, Music, Pure & Applied Science, Social Science 3-Math.

Program Change Request decisions are made on an on-going basis. Some decisions may depend on current semester results. You will be notified of our decision through your MIO account in Omnivox.

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.cartopus.info/>.



EDUCATION FOR ALL AWARENESS WEEK

The International Education Office, through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), will host the Education for All Awareness Week from October 26 to October 30. During this time, Vanier students, staff and faculty can donate books, learn about volunteer opportunities abroad, obtain some facts regarding universal primary education and attend our **Education for All conference on Wednesday, October 28**. 4 speakers will talk about their fight to achieve Universal Primary Education.

Conference Schedule

9:30am: *Wanda Bedard – Sixty Million Girls* in the Amphitheatre (B223) www.60millionsdefilles.org

11am: *Michelle Manks - World University Service of Canada (WUSC)* in the Amphitheatre (B223) www.wusc.ca

12:30pm: *Glynis Williams – Action Refugiés Montréal* in the Amphitheatre (B223). This talk is presented by the IB program in collaboration with the International Education Office and the Social Justice Committee

2pm: *Sharon Peters – Teachers Without Borders* in A342 <http://teacherswithoutborders.org>

If you would like to bring your class to attend one of these presentations and would like to reserve a certain number of seats, please contact Alex Borja at ext. 7858 or borjaa@vaniercollege.qc.ca. Everyone is welcome to participate in this initiative. For more details, visit B228-B or our website: www.vaniercollege.qc.ca/international-education.

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST – Ever wanted to put your public speaking skills to the test? Here's your chance! Compete with your peers for *cash prizes* (1st place: \$75, 2nd: \$50, 3rd: \$25) on **Wednesday, October 28th at 12:30pm (UB)**. Don't delay, *spaces are limited*. See Marya or Josh in The Learning Centre (B-205) for more details.

WANT TO SPEND A WEEK IN OTTAWA? Are you between 15-19 years old and interested in spending 1 week in Ottawa learning about parliamentary democracy, the government, and how students can make a difference? Visit www.forum.ca or Marya Grant in The Learning Centre (B205E) to find out more and to pick up an application.

DISCOVER YOUR CAREER IN SCIENCE: Pre-Med Information Session will be held on Friday, November 16th from 4-5:30pm in the Math & Science Centre (F-540).

GREAT PART-TIME JOBS FOR STUDENTS – Looking for work? Bring your CV! **Couche-Tard Inc.** is hiring and will be here Wednesday November 4, 10am-3pm, in the F-building **CARREFOUR**. -*Employment Development Office*

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).

WOMEN'S STUDIES RESOURCE CENTRE – Looking for a quiet place to study or meet? Become a monitor in The Women's Studies Resource Centre (A573). All students are welcome. For more information, please contact Maureen Jones in N546 or at jonesm@vaniercollege.qc.ca.

LBGT STUDENT GROUP – If you are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or just curious, would you like to be part of a student group, a place where you will be able to meet people on campus who are part of the LGBT community? Come give your opinion as to what activities we should do with the group, whether it will be more a social group or more a support one, how often we should meet, etc. The first meeting is on October 28th during Universal Break, starting at 12:30pm in room A329. Hope to see you there!

POETRY READING – The English Department Guest Speaker Committee is pleased to announce an upcoming poetry reading, co-sponsored by the Canada Council. Dr. John Asfour will be joining us on Wednesday, November 4th during Universal Break (12:30-2:00) in the Amphitheatre (B-223). Born in Lebanon, Dr. John Asfour was blinded at the age of fourteen by a grenade that exploded in his face outside his village, during the Civil War of 1958. His life and poetry have been profoundly shaped by both the rich cultural heritage and the sectarian violence of his homeland. For more information, please contact Stephen Dinsmore at dinsmors@vaniercollege.qc.ca or at ext. 7910.

FREE MUSIC CONCERT – The music department resumes its weekly free concert series this Wednesday in the Auditorium (A-103) with some wonderful jazz, brought to us by combos from the studios of Josh Rager (piano) and Dave Watts (bass). Some soft, some upbeat and maybe even some wild, you are sure to enjoy the variety these students have to offer. Join us at UB on Wednesday – as always it's free and it's fabulous! – *Glen Ethier, Music Dept.*

HALLOWEEN HOWL - Are you sick of midterms? Want to have some nightmares? Come join CORE for a ghoulish good time in Student Services (C-203) on Wednesday, October 28th at UB. There will be face painting, cookie decorating, tarot card reading, colouring, prize for best costume, a "creepy face" contest, eyeball punch and best of all, **FREE CANDY!** Beware!

TAROT CARD READER - CORE is looking for a tarot card reader ASAP. Please come see Dany Brown in Student Services (C-203). Free candy and lots of fun guaranteed!

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).

BRIDGE BUILDING COMPETITION – Vanier's annual Bridge Building competition will take place on Wednesday, November 4th at 12:30pm in the Marketplace. Cash prizes to be won! Rules and regulations are available on our website: www.vaniercollege.qc.ca/msc/bridge-building.html. Register online at www.vaniercollege.qc.ca/msc (click on Registration for Activities) or see Stephanie in the Math & Science Centre (F-540B) by Wednesday, October 28th. All building supplies are provided.

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)

MATH COMPETITION – The 2009 Sun Life Financial Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge will be held on Wednesday, November 25th from 9am-11:30am. Register online at www.vaniercollege.qc.ca/msc (click on Registration for Activities) or see Stephanie at the Math & Science Centre (F-540B) by Friday, October 30th. Math Club Prep Session will be held on Wednesday, November 11th at 12:30pm in D506.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Graduating Vanier students who are leaders in their community might be eligible for the **TD CANADA TRUST SCHOLARSHIP** (<http://www.tdcanadatrust.com/scholarship/>). Deadline to apply is October 30th.

Vanier Students who are graduating and have a minimum overall academic average of 70% and who are highly committed to their community should consider the **WENDY'S CLASSIC ACHIEVER SCHOLARSHIP** (<http://www.wendysclassicachiever.ca>). Deadline to apply is November 2nd.

VCSA

BREAST CANCER RESEARCH – Join the VCSA in supporting Breast Cancer Research on October 27th from 2-3pm in the Student Mall. Come watch your VCSA Treasurer get his head shaved.

HAUNTED HOUSE - Come get spooked in the VCSA Office (C-214) on Wednesday, October 28.

WANT TO GET YOUR FORTUNE TOLD? We will have a psychic available in Jake's Mall on Friday, October 30. Come see what your future holds!

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!

THE VCSA PRESENTS MOVIE MADNESS! Every Tuesday, join us in the Auditorium (A-103) for a great movie. Tuesday, October 27th we will be showing **THE HANGOVER**. Show times: 10am, 12pm, 2pm, and 4pm. Don't miss out, prizes to be won!

UPCOMING TRIPS

I LOVE NEWYORK!! Want to go the city that never sleeps? Want to go to the top of the Empire State Building? Want to have the best shopping experience ever? Then come to New York City with us from Nov. 13th-15th for only \$315 (Occupancy of 4).

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).

Come by our office (room C214) or check out our website at 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