

Vanier this week

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 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
A half truth is a whole lie.

- Jewish proverb

IMPORTANT DATES

September 22-28: Confirmation of College Attendance
October 12: Thanksgiving Day, College Closed
October 14: Students will follow their Monday Schedule
November 2: Program Change Request Deadline for Winter 2010

H1N1 – Be Informed! New H1N1 Update on the Vanier College homepage. This information is especially relevant to pregnant women.

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.

OPEN HOUSE – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2009: If you would like to volunteer to work at Open House as a tour guide, please come to F229 to sign up. This event runs from 1:00-5:00pm. Volunteers will be requested to arrive at noon and stay until 6:00pm to help with clean up. Tour instructions and directions will be given out.

VANIER WEBSITE NOW MOBILE-FRIENDLY! Users accessing our website via a mobile device will be automatically redirected to a mobile-friendly version. Our new mobile site features: contact information for the college & for our academic programs, Omnivox access, class cancellations, and more. Keep up to date on Vanier events and announcements with your mobile device! – *Steven Spadotto & Zsafia Orszagh, Vanier Communications*

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 Soukiassian at (514)744-7500 ext. 7572 or come to room A-286A



Roll up your sleeves, Hema Quebec is coming to town!
Monday & Tuesday, September 28 & 29
9:00am to 4:30pm in the Student Mall
GIVE BLOOD GIVE LIFE

ACADEMIC

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 – Concordia University will have representatives at Vanier on Tuesday, October 20th from 10am-2pm in the Carrefour. This is the best time to ask any questions you may have concerning their programs and admission requirements.

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: DESICCATED

a) washed up b) dried c) crushed
The wanderer found some desiccated bones in the sand.

BRAIN BUSTER:

How old would a person born in 50 BC be on their birthday in 50 AD?
Last week's answer: Your name.

STUDY HINTS:

Be strategic on tests - answer the easiest questions first. Return to the more difficult ones later. Try to answer all the questions unless you are told that there will be a penalty for guessing.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"The key is not to prioritize what's on your schedule, but to schedule your priorities." - Stephen Covey



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!**

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.**

NATIVE LUNCH: Watchyia, Shé:kon. Please join us for a scrumptious lunch on Wednesday, September 30, at 12:30pm in The Learning Centre (B205).

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.

STUDENT SERVICES

THE LEARNING CENTRE BOOK LAUNCH: The Learning Centre is having a book launch for *Soundings 2009*, *Voices 2009*, and *Vanier's Native Circle* on October 7th at 12:30pm in B221. All are invited to attend, meet the talented authors, and check out these new publications!

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/>.

SIT, READ, & CHILLAX – Need a break? Do you like to chill, read magazines, and relax? We invite you to join CORE for a fun break in Student Services (C-203) on Wednesday, September 30, during UB. We have an interesting array of magazines - The Source, Cosmopolitan, Scientific American, and Elle, just to name a few. We'll be serving a light snack - so give yourself a treat and drop on by. We look forward to chillaxing with you!!!

EDUCATION FOR ALL – FACT OF THE WEEK



In Africa, South Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), children who are out of school will most likely never attend – although the phenomena of late entry or early dropout should not be ignored. The picture is different in East Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the industrialized countries. Here out-of-school children can typically be expected to enter school late. Less than ¼ of these children are completely excluded from education.

Source: UNICEF & UNESCO, Children Out Of School: Measuring Exclusion From Primary Education, Montreal, Quebec, 2005

SCIENCE LECTURE SERIES

The Mathematics and Science Centre is hosting an exciting series of lectures featuring scientists and engineers who will share their knowledge and findings in current fields of research. All are welcome to attend.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, UB 12:30-2:00PM, IN B-429 MUSIC AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Doug Eck, Department of Computer Science, Université de Montréal
What can machines learn from music performance? Current research on machine learning focuses on the challenge of building computer models able to simulate human performance in the domains of music. This presentation will demonstrate a machine learning algorithm that can apply terms like “jazzy” or “good for jogging” to an MP3 based solely on audio content. Such a model can form the core of a music recommendation engine. Another model will be presented, showcasing the ability to perform a musical score in a human-realistic way by learning from a set of real performances.

DESIGN OF MECHANICAL MICROSCOPIC DEVICES INSPIRED BY THE HUMAN BODY

Daniel Therriault, Department of Mechanical Engineering, École Polytechnique
Friday, October 16th, 1:00-2:30pm, in Math and Science Centre (F-540)

THE CHALLENGE OF DEVELOPING VIDEO GAMES FOR NEW GAME CONSOLES

Michel Dagenais, Department of Computer and Software Engineering, École Polytechnique
Friday, November 13th, 1:00-2:30pm, Math and Science Centre (F-540)

FREE MUSIC CONCERT – At 12:30pm in the Auditorium (A-103) this Wednesday, September 30, we are proud to present Vanier's own third-year improvisation ensembles, directed by the illustrious Jacques Labelle. These students are some of our best, and will perform a wide array of jazz tunes that will delight the auditory senses with a tasteful blend of harmony and melody. Don't miss it. It's at UB and it's absolutely free – *Glen Ethier, Dept. of Music*

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).

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

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION OFFICE would like to invite you to visit our website this week to read about the unique and exciting experiences from this past summer's Malawi Study Trip. In addition, you will be able to view many of the photographs taken on the trip by the student participants as well as the beautiful pictures taken by the Photography Department's very own Dale Robinson! <http://www.vaniercollege.qc.ca/international-education/>

DISCOVER YOUR CAREER IN SCIENCE

Not sure what you want to do as a career? Have questions you would like to ask professionals in the field? The Mathematics and Science Centre 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 may pursue in the future. All are welcome to attend. All events take place in the Math and Science Centre (F-540).

Electrical Engineering
Friday, October 2nd, 1:00-2:30pm

Architecture
Friday, October 9th, 4:00-5:30pm

Pre-med Information Session
Friday, November 6th, 4:00-5:30pm

Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy
Friday, November 20th, 1:00-2:30pm

Chemistry
Friday, November 27th, 1:00-2:30pm

ROBOTICS CLUB – OPENTO ALL STUDENTS! We need your talent, creativity, filming, writing, graphic design and technical skills for the 2010 Robotics Challenge! You don't even need to know how to build a robot! Join the team and find out how you can contribute to one of the elements of the competition: Video Documentary, Journal, Website, Kiosk and Robot. Don't miss the chance to join this life-changing and fun-filled team competition! Sign-up online at www.vaniercollege.qc.ca/msc or see Stephanie in the Math and Science Centre (F-540B).

DEPRESSION SCREENING DAY



The Vanier Counselling Centre, as part of Depression Screening Day, is offering a depression and anxiety screening inventory on **Wednesday, October 7th**, from 10am-2pm in the F-Building **Carrefour** (near the ATM). It's confidential, free and quick! Third year Special Care Counselling students will also be in the Student Mall with lots of information on mental health as well as some treats. Don't miss it!

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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. The deadline is September 30th.

Graduating Vanier students with a minimum overall academic average of 85% who have great leadership skills and strong moral character should consider applying for the **LORAN AWARD** (www.loranaward.ca). Please submit your application to Joshua Berman in B-205F on or before October 14th.

VCSA

VCSA PRESENTS MOVIE MADDNESSSSS: Tuesday, September 29th at 10am, 12 pm, 2pm, and 4pm. The featured movie is **YEAR ONE**, starring Jack Black and Michael Cera. Catch it for FREE in the Auditorium!

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

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).

WANT TO GO 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).

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

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