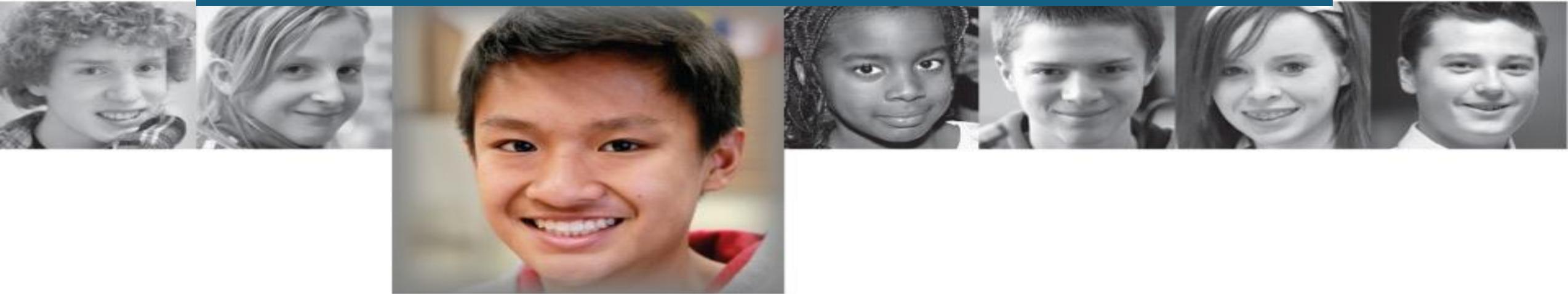


Bienvenue! Welcome!
Georges P. Vanier School
Open House
February 4, 2026



learning | **as unique** | as every student



**Calgary Board
of Education**



Oki, Dadánast'áda, Ába Wathtec, Tânisí, Taanishi, Bonjour, Hello

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This land on which we gather is traditionally known as Moh'kinstsis (Blackfoot), Guts'ists'i (Tsuut'ina), Wichispa (Nakoda), and otôskwanihk (Northern Michif & Cree).

As a learning organization, we are committed to advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action focused on Education for ReconciliACTION.

Georges P. Vanier

Home of the Lynx



Welcome and Bienvenue

- Principal – Mr. Chad Edmonds
- Assistant Principal – Mme. Cindy Chin
- Hello and Bonjour – From our teachers
- Special welcome to our students here this evening to provide guided tours and answer some of your questions about a typical day here at Vanier



School Profile

Our school is named after **Georges P. Vanier**, Canada's first Governor General from Quebec.

At Vanier, we have a **diverse and welcoming school community** with **580 students** in different programs:

- ☀️ **Continuing French Immersion (Grades 6–9) - 45%**
- 🎯 **Late French Immersion (Grades 7–8) - 30%**
- 📖 **Regular Program & Literacy & Learning – 25%**

After Grade 9, our students continue their learning at different high schools:

- **French Immersion students** move on to William Aberhart or the **French IB program** at Western Canada High School, where they earn a **Grade 12 Diploma and a French Certificate**.
- Community program students continue to James Fowler, Diefenbaker, North Trail or Crescent Heights High Schools. Some of our students will attend Jack James Unique setting high school.



Purpose of the Presentation

- An opportunity for you to visit our building and learn about programs and classes
- A day in the life of a GP Vanier student, a typical day and what to expect
- An opportunity for you to hear from students and teachers about our school
- An opportunity for you to ask questions with our teachers and students

School Culture

- One school, Many Communities, Endless Possibilities/Une école, plusieurs communautés, des possibilités infinies
- Create an atmosphere of belonging where students are able to pursue their passions and achieve academic success
- We want students to feel like Vanier is "a place where each person belongs" regardless of program, grade or background
- Students, parents and teachers work collaboratively to make, Vanier a better place

A successful GPV student demonstrates...

- A commitment to making Vanier and its communities a better place.
- A dedication to academics, athletics, the arts and extra-curriculars.
- An ability to find their passion...find what you love and do it well.

Middle School – Junior High

- Many teachers; different classrooms
- Lockers/locker partners
- New peers and friends
- Larger assignments and responsibilities
- Many kids going through lots of changes
- Sports, Clubs, Trips
- Cafeteria
- Nutrition Break in the morning
- Transitions from Elementary and to High School
- At Vanier, you can learn in French!



Option Courses – Student Driven

- Technology, 3D Animation, Film Studies, Robotics, Mechanical Systems
- Foods, Construction, Fashion, Jewelry Design
- Leadership
- Band, General Music which includes Guitar
- Art, Drama, Ceramics
- Yoga, Outdoor Education, Training for Excellence in Sport



Grade 7 students – You get to choose your options!!!

Physical Education

- Focus on Fitness and Active Living
- Teamwork, Participation, and Citizenship
- Team Sports: Cross-Country Running, Soccer, Volleyball, Wrestling, Basketball, Badminton, Track & Field



Clubs and Other Activities

CLUBS:

- Student Voice
- Young Writers' Club
- Chess Club
- Garden Club
- The French Zone
- Diversity Club
- Jewelry Club
- School Newspaper
- Jazz Band
- Drama Production

CLUBS

- Art Club
- GSA
- Anime/ Avatar Clubs
- Crochet Club
- Football Club
- Homework Club
- Library Club
- Doctor Club
- Dungeons and Dragons Club
- Yearbook
- Scribble Society

ACTIVITIES & FIELD TRIPS:

- Band Camp
- French Eastern Canada Trip
- Camp Chief Hector
- Quebec Trip (Explore)
- Edmonton Trip
- Exchanges (France)
- Lynx Dens (homeroom Fridays)
- Semaine de la francophonie



A typical day

Monday – Thursday Schedule

Time	Period
8:55	Outside Warning Bell
9:00 – 9:49	Period One
9:51 – 10:40	Period Two
10:40 – 10:45	Nutrition Break
10:45 – 11:34	Period Three
11:36 – 12:25	Period Four/Grade 6 Lunch
12:25 – 1:04	Lunch
1:04	Warning Bell
1:07 – 13:56	Period Five
2:58 – 2:47	Period Six
2:49 – 3:38	Period Seven

Friday (Early Dismissal) Schedule

Time	Period
8:55	Outside Warning Bell
9:00 – 9:27	Period One
9:29 – 9:56	Period Two
9:58 – 10:25	Period Three
10:27 – 10:54	Period Four
10:54 – 11:04	Nutrition Break
11:04 – 11:31	Period Five
11:33 – 12:00	Period Six
12:02 – 12:30	Period Seven

Transportation

Many students take Calgary Transit to and from school.
Others walk, ride bikes, or get rides from parents.



Those interested in Late Immersion

- Please stay behind for a short information session before you tour the school

Alternative Programs

What is an alternative program?

They provide you with choices!

Programs focus on a particular **language**, culture, subject (**French**, German, Mandarin, Spanish , Arts, Science), or teaching philosophy (ie. TLC)

Let's talk about Late French Immersion

Who can Register?

- Previous French experience **is not** required, and parents do not need to know the language

But really...What is Late French immersion?

- No French experience required.
- Les cours en FRANÇAIS:
 - Les mathématiques
 - Les sciences
 - Les études sociales
 - Les arts langagiers



C'est amusant!

Language of Instruction

- Math, Science, Social Studies, French
Language Arts
- Health & Physical Education, Options,
English Language Arts



What is lottery

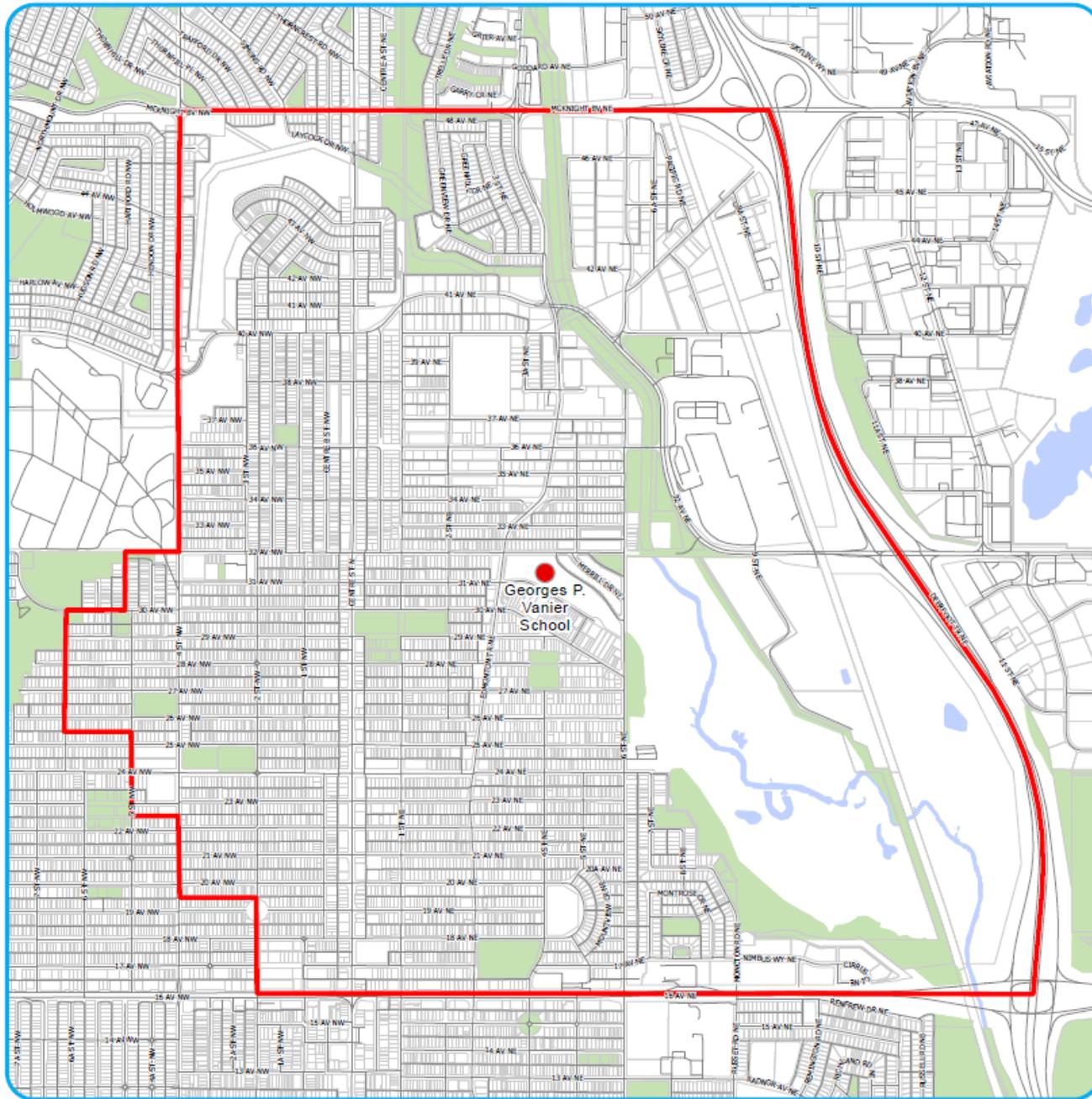
What Is Lottery

A lottery is a way to equitably enrol students when a school, program or grade is identified to be at or over capacity.

As Calgary continues to grow and evolve, so does our student population, which means some schools or programs may reach capacity. Meaning some schools must run lotteries.

Lotteries ensure fair and equitable access to schools, programs (regular or alternative), or grades when student populations are at capacity or over capacity. Schools usually conduct lotteries for the grade of entry (for example, kindergarten or Grade 10), but they may also need to hold lotteries for specific grades or programs.

The lottery happens in February.



Lottery Zone

Georges P. Vanier School

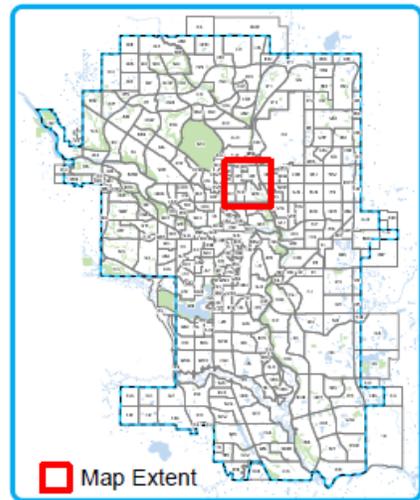
Grades: 7-9

Late French Immersion Program

509 32 AV NE



- School
- Lottery Zone
- CBE Boundary
- Greenspace
- Waterbody



LOTTERY PROCESS

New to CBE (e.g.: Kindergarten)

1. A school, program or grade is identified to be at or over capacity and is moved into lottery status

New To CBE

2. Parents/Legal Guardians or Independent Students complete a registration or expression of interest before the lottery deadline.
3. **School processes registrations and expressions of interest** as they are received. Every submission is assigned a unique number.
4. **Lottery Draws are Completed**
Lottery draws are supervised by more than one person, including the school principal or an administration delegate, a school council member, and an administrative assistant

Schools create a [callback](#)
(<http://www.cbe.ab.ca/registration/registration/lottery/Pages/Lottery-Process.aspx#callback>) list.
5. **Parents or Independent Students are Notified**
Schools inform parents / independent students if they have or have not been accepted into the program.
[What if I was not accepted?](#)
(<http://www.cbe.ab.ca/registration/registration/lottery/Pages/Lottery-Process.aspx#not-accepted>)
6. **Parent or Independent Student Response**
If you applied to multiple schools/programs, wait to be notified by **all** of them.

If You Accept:
You are automatically placed into that school / program. Any other programs you applied for will be notified, and you will be removed from their lists.

If You Decline:
If an acceptance or placed on a callback list is refused, the student is removed from the list.
If the refusal is based on the inability to take all members of a family, the student may remain on the call-back list and be contacted if there is space for all.

LOTTERY PROCESS

Currently Enrolled in CBE (e.g.: grade 1 or higher grades)

1. A school, program or grade is identified to be at or over capacity and is moved into lottery status.

Currently Enrolled With CBE

2. **Students are automatically designated** to their next year's program by their designated school and are included in the lottery.
3. **Lottery Draws are Completed**
Lottery draws are supervised by more than one person, including the school principal or an administration delegate, a school council member, and an administrative assistant.

Schools create a **callback**
(<http://www.cbe.ab.ca/registration/registration/lottery/Pages/Lottery-Process.aspx#callback>) **list**.
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Schools inform parents / independent students whether they have or have not been accepted into the program.
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How We Prioritize Students For Lottery

Priority levels influence your chance of being offered a place at a lottery school. If unsuccessful in the lottery, students are placed on a callback list in order of priority level.

Priority 1

- Students living within the lottery zone who have a sibling (brother/sister [half or step, not cousins]) that will be attending the same program in the same school; concurrently (occurring or existing simultaneously).

Priority 2

- Students living outside the lottery zone but in the designated area for the school, who will have a sibling in the same program at the same school concurrently; or
- Students living within the lottery zone who do not have a sibling in the school.

Priority 3

- All other students living in the designated attendance area.



Name NOT Drawn in the Lottery

If the student's name was not drawn in the lottery process for an alternative program, they will **attend their designated regular program school.**

If you select more than one alternative program, **each school will notify you** whether you have been accepted.

If you were not accepted into any of the lottery schools, you will attend your designated regular program school.



Registrations received after Lottery

Students registering for **an alternative program** after the lottery draw must register for their designated regular program school, as no additional spaces will be available for the next school year.





Communication from the school(s)

- We encourage you to wait until you hear if you were successful in the lottery from every school to which you expressed interest.
- Once you accept a placement, **you may not receive any further offers.**
- All offers of placement or confirmation that you were not successful will **come through SchoolEngage.** Existing CBE students may hear directly from the school.

Thank You & Merci Questions



Merci!
Questions?

If you have any questions, please email us at georgespvanier@cbe.ab.ca
Or call us at 403-777-7460