

## Irwin Park E-Bulletin - Fri Sept 12, 2025

### Important Dates:

Mon Sept 15th	Full Day KG begins!
Tues Sept 16th	1 <sup>st</sup> District XC Running Meet @ Ambleside Gr 3-7
Wed Sept 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Student Photo Day</b>
Thurs Sept 18th	Inside Irwin Park – Meet the Teacher & IPPG Welcome Event
Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>	Terry Fox Run for the Cure School Wide Run
Sept 26th	Professional Development Day : School Not in Session
Mon Sept 29th	Orange Shirt Day
Tues Sept 30 <sup>th</sup>	National Truth and Reconciliation Day (Stat Holiday) -No School
Oct 8 & 9	IP Parent/Teacher Interviews – Early Dismissal 12:00 pm

### **Important Links for Parents :**

- [Irwin Park School Calendar 25-26](#)
- [Online Policy & Procedures Permission Form – 25/26](#) – MUST BE COMPLETED ASAP
- [Munchalunch](#)
- [Term 1 After School Activities Registration](#)



### **A Message from the Principal**

With class placements finalized on Friday, this week has been focused on **building strong classroom communities**. Teachers and students are working hard to establish connections, expectations, and routines to set the tone for a successful year. Thank you to all parents and guardians for your **patience and flexibility** during this transition. Whether your child felt disappointment about classmates or teacher

assignments, these moments are opportunities to **build resilience**. Our role as parents is not to remove challenges but to **walk alongside our children** so they feel supported and heard as they navigate them.

We look forward to welcoming families on **Thursday, September 18th** for:

- **Inside Irwin Park: Meet the Teacher & School Orientation 2:20 pm (Parent Session) 3:00 – 3:40 (Classroom Sessions)**
- **Welcome Back BBQ**, hosted by our IPPG parent group (3:00 – 5:00 pm)

Be sure to **order BBQ tickets on [MunchALunch.com](https://munchalunch.com)**. We can't wait to see you!



## **Inside Irwin Park Event – Thurs, Sept 18**

### **School Orientation & Meet the Teacher (2:20–3:40 PM)**

- **2:20 PM:** Parent/guardian presentation with Mr. Campbell and Ms. Bleim
- **3:00 PM:** Classroom visits, casual meet & greet, and school tours
- A great chance to reconnect with friends, families, and your child's learning space before **Parent/Teacher Interviews (Oct 8 & 9)**

Following classroom walk-throughs, join the **Welcome Back BBQ** with games, food, and refreshments!

 **Order tickets in advance at [MunchALunch.com](https://munchalunch.com)** or check our [Instagram](#) for details.



## **Cross Country Team – Grades 3–7**

- Practices continue **Monday at 8:15 AM and Thurs at 8:15 AM**
- **1st Meet:** Tues, Sept 16 at Ambleside Park (Pay Parking in effect—[details here](#))  
WV District residences can apply for parking permit!
- Over 70 students joined so far—it's not too late to sign up!
- Complete the **permission form** and pay the **\$10 District Athletics Fee** via **School Cash Online** (covers meet costs, marshalling, teacher release).

Thanks to our amazing coaches: Mr. Hamelin, Mrs. MacDonald, Ms. Kozak, and Ms. G.



## **Revised Code of Conduct**


Our **Irwin Park Code of Conduct** has recently been updated to align with **Ministry of Education** and **West Vancouver Schools** standards. The Code is designed to ensure the **safety and sense of belonging** of all members of our school community. We encourage all parents to **review the revised expectations** for students at Irwin Park to help us foster a **respectful and inclusive environment for everyone**.

 **Review the revised Code of Conduct by clicking [here](#)**



## **Student Photo Day – Wed, Sept 17**

Edge School Photos will be here to capture student portraits for the **2025–26 school year**.

 Mark your calendar, choose outfits, and plan for accessories.  
Re-takes will be available later if needed!

## Hot Lunch Orders Open


Order hot lunches for Fall Term through [MunchALunch](#).

- Order up to **5 days before lunch day**
- **Customize orders** each week (cheese pizza one week, pepperoni the next)
- New users must **register first at [MunchALunch.com](#)**
-  Questions? Email [ippac@wvschools.ca](mailto:ippac@wvschools.ca)

 Please send **cutlery or chopsticks** with your child.

## Term 1 After-School Activities – Online Registration Open Now

Our **after-school and lunch-hour programs** are back! From sports and yoga to art, theatre, and more—there's something for everyone.

 **Details & Registration:** See the attached program guide or click [here](#).

 Contact program providers directly for questions.

## Personal Digital Devices (PDDs) aka Cell Phone & Digital Device Policy

**. All students in Gr 4-7 participated in Mr. Campbell's BYOD and Digital Citizenship Assembly on Thurs Sept 11<sup>th</sup>.** At this assembly students learned about our revised PDD (Personal Digital Device aka Cell Phones and Smart Watches) expectations. In short,

- No cell phone use is permitted on school grounds between 8:20 and 8:50. This includes use of cell phones for social media, internet searches or image sharing.
- During the school day **between 8:50 and 2:50, PDD's are to be in backpacks or lockers, turned off or on silent.**
- Students are not permitted to use cell phones to contact home via text or calls. All contact is to be completed through the office at the elementary level.


**Please avoid calling or texting your child during school time. Remind your child that school time is for learning, and that messages can wait until after school. If urgent communication is needed, please contact the school office.**

## **Parent & Family Opportunities**

### **Special Olympics BC Programs**

Two inclusive programs for children with intellectual disabilities and neurodivergence:

- **Active Start (Ages 2–6):** Fun, family-centred activities that introduce young children to movement and play while building confidence and social skills
- **FUNdamentals (Ages 7–11):** Builds on Active Start by introducing sport skills in a fun, inclusive environment, helping kids develop a lifelong love of sport.

 See attached flyer for details & registration.

### **DPAC Parent Education Night**

**Date:** Tues, Sept 23 | **Location:** Kay Meek Theatre

**Speaker:** Dr. Graeme Mitchell – *Harnessing Hope* - Dr. Mitchell spoke to all of our staff in August, and his message of “Harnessing Hope” is key for all of us who support young people in our community. Superintendent Kennedy looks forward to meeting many of you that night at the Kay Meek Theatre.

 [Register here](#) | Superintendent Kennedy will be attending.

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