

Irwin Park E-Bulletin - Fri Oct 3rd 2025

Important Dates:

Wed / Thurs - Oct 8 & 9	IP Parent/Teacher Interviews – Early Dismissal 12:00 pm
Mon Oct 13 th	Thanksgiving Holiday – School not in Session
Tues/Wed Oct 14 & 15	Victory Gardens at Irwin Park working with Students
Wed – Fri Oct 15 – 17	Outdoor School Experience – Gr 7 cohort only

Important Links for Parents :

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



A Message from the Principal

A big thank you to those families that joined us Friday afternoon for the Irwin Park **English Language Learning Parent Information Session**, presented by our superstar ELL team. It was an informative session that allowed parents to learn more how students who are English Language Learners are supported at Irwin Park and beyond. Please feel free to reach out to one of our ELL Team Teachers to learn more; Ms. Yu (K-3), Ms. O'Connor (Gr 4-5, Ms. Barr (Gr 6/7).

On Friday, our District celebrated the outstanding teachers at Irwin Park in recognition of **National Teacher Day in Canada**. Each of us can remember the lasting impact a teacher has had on our lives and the meaningful connections that come from those experiences. At Irwin Park, we are fortunate to have a team of educators who are dedicated to our students each and every day. Thank you, Irwin Park Teachers!

As the seasons shift and we begin to experience **heavier rain and cooler temperatures**, we want to **remind parents to ensure their children are dressed appropriately** for the weather each day. Proper clothing, including jackets and boots when necessary, helps keep students comfortable and ready for learning. At Irwin Park, all recesses are held outdoors, and we rarely cancel outside play due to weather. Thank you for your cooperation in making sure students are prepared for the elements.

 **Panther P.R.I.D.E. Spirit Wear is here!**

Online Ordering Now Open!

Our **2025 Spirit Wear** has returned with new items: **T-shirts, hoodies, beanies and baseball caps!**

Sale runs until **October 19th - go to →**


<https://irwinparkspiritwearstore.itemorder.com/shop/home/> **(if link is disabled, please paste the link into your browser)**


- Samples are on display in the **Grade 4/5 hallway in the coming week!**
- QR Codes are available there to order directly

Show your **Panther P.R.I.D.E.** and wear your school colours with P.R.I.D.E.! Hurry while supplies last – Makes a great holiday gift!

 **Join the Intermediate Choir! Starts next Fri Oct 10th – Sign up Online!**

We are excited to invite all **Grade 4–7 students** to join our **Irwin Park Intermediate Choir** this year! Under the direction of **Ms. King, Ms. Elwyn, and Ms. Barr**, our choir will be featured at several concerts and school events throughout the year.

 **Practice Time:** Friday mornings, 8:00 – 8:45 am (starting next week)

 **A great opportunity** for students to build confidence, collaborate, and be part of something beautiful together.

Parents can register their child by completing the online form here:

 [Intermediate Choir Registration Form](#)

We hope to see many of our Panthers lending their voices to this wonderful group! 🐾

 **Parent Teacher Conferences – Wed Oct 8 & Thurs Oct 9**

APPOINTMENT BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN ONLINE!

- Conferences will be held **in person** (10 minutes each) unless otherwise specified
- Students dismissed at **12:00 pm (noon)** on both days

 Book here: School Interviews Booking Link – click [here](#)

? Problems? Contact your child's teacher **or** go to

<https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code> and enter code:
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Cross Country Team –Last District Race Tues Oct 7th

Our **Grade 3–7 Cross Country Team** heads into its 3rd week but no race this week due to Stat Holiday.

- Next practice: **Monday Oct 6th at 8:15 am**
- District Meet: **Tues Oct 7th at Ambleside Park (after school)**
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PARENT NOTE: The Importance of Being On Time at Irwin Park

At Irwin Park, we want every child to start their day in the best way possible. **Arriving on time each morning** is key to helping students settle into important classroom routines, build self-regulation skills, and maximize their learning.

When students are late, not only do they miss valuable instructional time, but the disruption also affects the entire class. Over time, this can create academic and social-emotional challenges that are difficult to overcome.


We **ask families to make a consistent effort to ensure children arrive at school on time each day.**

Punctuality is more than just about the school schedule—it is an invaluable life skill that sets the foundation for future success. Let's work together to give our Panthers the best start to their day, every day!

Personal Digital Devices (PDD) – Policy Reminder for Parents (Cell Phone and Smart Watch Use)

Key expectations:

- **8:20–8:50 am:** No student cell phone /smart watch use on school grounds (no texting, social media, searches, or image sharing)
- **8:50 am–2:50 pm:** PDDs must remain off/in lockers or backpacks
- Students may not text/call home directly — all communication must go through the office with teacher permission

 **Parents:** Please avoid calling or texting during school hours. For urgent matters, contact the school office. in addition, please be mindful of your smartphone use inside the building as well as on our school grounds during pick up and drop off. Let's try to set an example for our kids to ***Disconnect to Reconnect!***

Thank you for your continued support.

Aron Campbell

Principal

Irwin Park Elementary