

## Irwin Park E-Bulletin – Fri Feb 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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#### Instagram:

[https://www.instagram.com/irwin\\_park\\_elementary/](https://www.instagram.com/irwin_park_elementary/)

**Important Dates: Mon Feb 16<sup>th</sup>** – Family Day in Canada –  
SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION

- **Wed Feb 25<sup>th</sup>** – **Pink Shirt Day @ Irwin Park** – Join us and wear PINK!
- **Wed Feb 25** – Gr 7 Girls Basketball Jamboree @ WVSS 1 pm -4 pm
- **Wed Feb 25<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30 pm IPPG February Meeting – See link below
- **Thurs Feb 26** – Gr 7 Boys Basketball Jamboree @ WVSS 1 pm -4 pm
- **Mon - Fri March 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>** - IP Dance In Schools Week!
- **Fri March 13<sup>th</sup>** - Term 2 Learning Updates Published Online
- **Fri March 13<sup>th</sup>** - Last Day of Term 2 - Prior to Spring Break
- **Mon March 23<sup>rd</sup>** - First Day Back to School - Term 3 Begins!

### Important Links for Parents :

- [Irwin Park School Calendar 25-26](#)
- [Munchalunch](#) Hot lunch orders
- [Winter Term IP After School Extra Curricular Activities – Sign Up](#)



### A Message from the Principal

## Canadian Olympic Men's & Women's Hockey – Winning and Learning

I want to begin by apologizing for the late distribution of this week's E-Bulletin. Like many students and staff at Irwin Park, I found myself swept up in the excitement of Olympic hockey over the past several days. A number of

classrooms took time to cheer on our Canadian men's and women's teams over the course of this past week; and although both teams came up just short of gold in overtime, the **P.R.I.D.E., intensity, and determination they displayed were truly inspiring.**

The Olympics remind us of the values we hold dear as a school community—**hard work, teamwork, resilience, and supporting one another through challenges.** Despite the outcomes, our athletes showed what it means to **"win with class and lose with dignity,"** a phrase often echoed here at Irwin Park. I hope your family was also able to enjoy some of the excitement of the Games; we witnessed incredible performances and have every reason to be proud of how our athletes represented Canada.

I often remind students who struggle with a tough loss at recess that experiencing setbacks is part of understanding what makes success meaningful; that every loss, is an opportunity to learn; but it can still hurt! 😞 Mr. C is hurting a bit this Sunday. 😞

**Go Canada Go!**

— Mr. Campbell

## **E Bulletin Highlights:**

- *Important Parent and Student Safety Reminder! – **STAFF PARKING LOTS OUT OF BOUNDS***
- *Message from the Minister of Education and Families re Tumbler Ridge Tragedy*

- *Pink Shirt Day @ Irwin Park – Activities and K-3 Assembly*
- *Submit your Family Intentions by Feb 17<sup>th</sup> – Click [here](#)*
- *IPPG February Meeting – Pls join us!*
- *Treehouse Spring Break Day Camps*
- *Gr 7 Parent Volunteer Call – for Gr 7 Leaving Ceremony Reception Committee*
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## **STAFF PARKING LOTS ARE NOT FOR PEOPLE**

Please remember that **student drop-off is not permitted in any staff parking lot. In addition, families are asked not to walk through the Staff Parking area. Instead, use the established sidewalk to enter school grounds.** Parents should **never** drive into staff lots for drop-off or pick-up, and pedestrians should **not** walk through them.

Should repeated safety concerns arise, **parents are reminded to conduct themselves respectfully and calmly,** and to notify staff in a timely manner at [irwinpark@wvschools.ca](mailto:irwinpark@wvschools.ca)

### **Minister Beare Message re. Tumbler Ridge Tragedy**

This week, the Ministry of Education and Child Care shared an important message for families across British Columbia in response to the recent tragedy in Tumbler Ridge. The Minister's letter, attached, speaks to the deep impact this event has had on communities throughout the province and outlines the ongoing safety measures, supports, and resources available to students, staff, and families.

Given the understandable concern many parents may be feeling, I encourage you to read the attached letter from Minister Lisa Beare. It provides helpful information about school safety planning, provincial coordination, and ways to support children who may have questions or emotional reactions to the news. The letter also includes links to trauma-informed resources and guidance for families seeking additional support. Please take a moment to review the PDF attached to this bulletin. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

**PINK SHIRT DAY – Join us and wear Pink this Wednesday to celebrate Kindness.**

This Wednesday we will be recognizing **PINK SHIRT DAY at Irwin Park**. Pink Shirt day is a day to recognize the impact of bullying and teaching kids the difference between “**mean moments**” and “**bullying**”. Our Panther P.R.I.D.E. values of **Inclusion, Respect and Empathy** are perfect examples of these themes. On Wed Feb 18<sup>th</sup> we launched our [PINK T-SHIRT Design contest](#) and will be giving away 3 official Irwin Park PINK SHIRTS to the winners who are chosen by our panel of judges. Join us and wear Pink on Wed Feb 25<sup>th</sup> and stand up to bullying everywhere.

**Submit Your Family's Intentions for Sept 2026 – Click [here](#)**

Each year at this time, we ask families to complete a survey to allow us to predict and plan for our student populations and classroom cohorts for the next school year by sharing their intentions for Sept 2026.

[Planning for the 2026-2027 School Year - Irwin Park Elementary – Fill out form](#)

**Pls complete the form above for each of your children** to ensure we can confirm their space at Irwin Park for next school year and ensure we have space for new families who seek to join the Irwin Park community.

**Thank you!**

### **IPPG January Meeting: 6:30 Wed Feb 25<sup>th</sup>**

The **Irwin Park Parents Group** will meet **virtually on Wed Feb 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30**. Join to learn more about how the PAC is supporting our school and how we can grow the community. **New parents and former parents** are welcome to join, even for a portion **as updates from Mr. Campbell and IPPG Chair Mimi Lin will be shared**. Looking forward to the gathering. The meeting will be held on MS Teams at the following link below:

**Join:** <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/28263771791096?p=dZZIQy9G5qrJeRQeDr>

Meeting ID: 282 637 717 910 96

Passcode: 6H7bv2Gq

### **Treehouse Spring Break Camps**

Come join us for day camps from 7:30am to 6:00pm

Fun filled activities including art, field trips, science and more.

Cost: \$75.00 per day

Please get in touch with Diana at [irwinparktreehouse@gmail.com](mailto:irwinparktreehouse@gmail.com) for more information and registration details.

### **Gr 7 Parent Volunteer Call – Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony Parent Reception Committee**

**Our Grade 7 Promotion Ceremony** is fast approaching, and—true to Irwin Park tradition—families have in the past

hosted a brief reception immediately afterward so students can celebrate with classmates, staff, and the loved ones who have shared their elementary journey.

This gathering is intentionally *low-key*: light refreshments, photo ops, and time to mingle. In past years, the IPPG provides a modest budget, and the parent committee decides how best to use it—simple décor, cupcakes, fruit trays, that sort of thing. The goal is to mark the milestone, not to create additional expense or pressure.

Should parents be interested, it is suggested that a small, collaborative committee of Grade 7 parents connect to plan and organize the family reception.

Key tasks include:

- *Choosing and ordering refreshments within budget*
- *Coordinating minimal décor, serving supplies, and set-up/clean-up teams*
- *Communicating any needs or updates to the wider parent group*

If you're willing to help—whether as a lead organizer or a “day-of” helper— Please complete [this survey](#) **by Fri Feb 27th**. Once we have a core group, I am happy to connect you so you can work independently and keep everyone informed of the plan. I can also put committee members in touch with the parents of last year's graduates so that they can perhaps provide some planning tips and scaffolding for this year's group.

Thank you in advance for making this milestone special yet sensible for our students and families.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

**Aron Campbell**

Principal

Irwin Park Elementary