

## Irwin Park E-Bulletin – Fri Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### Stay Connected with Us!

Check out what's happening at our school on social media:

#### Instagram:

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

#### Important Dates:

- **Tues March 3<sup>rd</sup>** – SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY! Dress in your Panther Best!
- **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](#)

### Gr 7 Boys and Girls Basketball – District Tournament Action **Winning and Learning**

If last week we found ourselves inspired by the grit and heart of our Canadian men's and women's Olympic hockey teams, this week Irwin Park had its own version of that story play out much closer to home. Our Grade 7 boys and girls basketball teams both competed in the District Tournament, and—much like our Olympic athletes—they rose to the occasion with determination, teamwork, and tremendous Panther P.R.I.D.E.

Our girls' team battled their way to a strong **3rd-place finish**, a result they should feel incredibly proud of. Their

growth, confidence, and relentless effort over the season were on full display, and the smiles at the end told the story of a team that knew it had accomplished something meaningful.

The boys entered the tournament on a flawless run, carrying a undefeated record straight into the championship game. In a thrilling, tightly contested final, they came up just short—much like our Olympic teams last week—but they walked away with heads held high. It was a game that showcased everything we hope to see in student athletics: courage, skill, teamwork, and respect.

While neither team returned with a championship banner, what they *did* bring home was even more significant: **proof that winning with class and losing with dignity is alive and well at Irwin Park.** Their sportsmanship throughout the tournament was noticed and appreciated by coaches, parents, officials, and other schools. A heartfelt **thank you and congratulations** goes out to all coaches and families who supported our players along the way. And a special shout-out to **Matt Hiah and Ms. Carroll**, whose time, energy, and leadership were instrumental in helping our girls reach the District semifinal.

To our athletes: **we are proud of you—not simply for how well you played, but for how you represented Irwin Park. You showed what Panther PRIDE truly looks like in action.**

Well done, Panthers!

— Mr. Campbell

## **E Bulletin Highlights:**

- *Spirit Day this Tuesday!*
- *Nowruz Recognition this year at Irwin Park – a message for our community*
- *School Lock Down Drill – Thurs March 5<sup>th</sup>*
- *Submit your Family Intentions by Feb 17<sup>th</sup> – Click [here](#)*
- *Important Parent and Student Safety Reminder! – **STAFF PARKING LOTS OUT OF BOUNDS***
- *Gr 7 Parent Volunteer Call – for Gr 7 Leaving Ceremony Reception Committee*
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### **Wear Your PANTHER Spirit Wear this Tues March 3<sup>rd</sup> –**

We have the privilege of welcoming our District Photographer who will be coming to the school this Tuesday to take some pictures of our staff and students in action. We wanted to look our best so are asking our students to wear their Panther Spirit Wear to put their Panther P.R.I.D.E. on display to be captured in images to decorate our hallways this spring.

### **School Lock Down Drill – Thurs March 5<sup>th</sup> @ IP**

We will be holding our annual School Lockdown Drill on Thursday, March 5. As this drill has been on our calendar since the spring of 2025, this practice is part of our District's Emergency Preparedness Protocol and is completed in partnership with the West Vancouver Police Department.

The purpose of this drill is to ensure students and staff are familiar with what to do should a real safety concern ever arise. Teachers will prepare students ahead of time in calm, age-appropriate ways so that everyone understands this is a practice only.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher or the school principal.

### **Nowruz Recognition at Irwin Park**

On Thursday of this past week, Mr. Campbell shared an email with our Irwin Park community sharing the decisions that have been made around our recognition of this important time of year for many of our Irwin Park families. Given the geopolitical tensions in many parts of the world—and most immediately, the current situation in Iran and the surrounding region— and the range of emotions and perspectives amongst Irwin Park families, we have chosen to shift our recognition of Nowruz from a celebratory approach to one that focuses on recognition and learning.

While we have held larger celebrations in previous years, we feel it is important this year to keep things thoughtful and measured. As a public school, we must remain objective while prioritizing the well-being of students and respecting the wishes of families who may be experiencing strong emotions at this time. We will acknowledge Nowruz this year through meaningful educational experiences, including a Haft-Seen table, classroom learning opportunities, student-centered learning displays, and informational announcements throughout our school.

Thank you for the understanding, patience, and support of our parent community as we support our students and families currently. Our thoughts and support are with those families impacted by these world events.

### **PINK SHIRT DAY – A Day of Kindness – Check it out on Instagram**

On Wednesday of this past week we celebrated **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. We had over 60 entries for the [PINK T-SHIRT Design contest](#) and gave away 4 different winning shirts and runner up prizes. Check out the highlights in our [Instagram site by clicking here](#).

### **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

**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!**

**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)

[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.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

**Aron Campbell**

Principal

Irwin Park Elementary