

Irwin Park E-Bulletin – Thurs Oct 1st, 2026

Important Dates:

Wed / Thurs Oct 7 & 8	IP Parent/Teacher Interviews – Early Dismissal 12:30 pm
Wed – Fri Oct 14-16 th	Gr 7 Outdoor School – Cheakamus Center
Fri Oct 23 rd	Provincial Professional Development Day – School Not in Session
Wed Nov 11 th	Remembrance Day – Stat Holiday

Important Links for Parents :

[Irwin Park School Calendar 26-27](#)

[Online Policy & Procedures Permission Form – 26-27](#) – **MUST BE COMPLETED ASAP**

[Munchalunch](#) – Registration will open soon! Stay tuned!

[Term 1 After School Activities Registration](#)



A Message from the Principal

As we step into October, our classrooms and hallways are filled with a strong sense of purpose, community, and energy. Autumn is always a dynamic time at Irwin Park, with fall routines well established and engaging learning underway across all grade levels.

Honouring Truth and Reconciliation

Over the past week, our K–7 students engaged in deeply meaningful learning for Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Through age-appropriate lessons, stories, and reflection, students explored Phyllis Webstad’s story, listened to Indigenous voices, and reflected on our shared history. To turn our learning into action, every student contributed a leaf—designed by Indigenous artist Michelle Stoney—to our school-wide *ReconciliACTION Tree*. From primary pledges to include others on the playground to intermediate commitments to learn about local First Nations, these leaves remind us that reconciliation is an ongoing responsibility we carry all year long. Please check out or [Instagram handle](#) for some images from the day.

Focus on Literacy & Growth

Over the next few weeks, our teachers and non-enrolling support team are conducting our Term 1 Beginning-of-Year Literacy Screening Assessments. These one-on-one check-ins allow us to assess foundational reading skills, tailor classroom instruction, and ensure every child receives the targeted support they need to thrive. As Literacy is the focal point of our current Framework for Enhancing Student Learning, this is a key component of the work we are doing to improve literacy achievement for every student in our school, K-7. You can check out past year's FESL efforts [here](#).

PARENT/ TEACHER CONFERENCES

I encourage our Parents to ensure that they sign up online for a Parent/Teacher Conference opportunity next week on Wed Oct 7th or Thurs Oct 8th. School will be dismissed at 12:30 so teachers are released to take part in these important meetings. See information below on how to sign up!

Thank you for your continued support.

~ Mr. Campbell

IPPG MEETING – Monday Oct 5th @ 6:30 pm – ONLINE – Join us!

A quick reminder that our next IPPG Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, October 5th @ 6:30 and will be held on MS Teams.**

We value our strong partnership with parents and look forward to discussing upcoming school initiatives, including our Victory Garden programming, Young Actors Program, as well as event planning for this coming school year.

Click on the link below to join!

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/275075607785414?p=nLAZApNtBnko8hlfBJ>

Meeting ID: 275 075 607 785 414

Passcode: ww7RQ64n

Thank you for your continued support, collaboration, and enthusiasm in making Irwin Park such a vibrant place to learn and grow.

 SHOW YOUR PANTHER P.R.I.D.E.! **Online Ordering is NOW OPEN!**

Our **2026 Spirit Wear** has returned with new items: **newly designed IP Athlete specific items**, along with our menu of items from past years!

 What's available:

- Hoodies & Crewnecks
- Classic T-Shirts (Navy & Grey)
- Athletic Knit Wear
- Beanies & Caps

Samples are on display in the **Grade 4/5 hallway this week with the QR Code available for ordering online.**

<https://irwinparkstorefa26.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

QR Codes will be available around the school to order directly from your smartphone!

Pls note – Online Orders close Oct 25th and delivery will take place in late November!

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!

 Parent Teacher Conferences – Wed Oct 7th & Thurs Oct 8th

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: **jhg44**

 Grade 7 Volleyball Teams Kick Off the Season!

Our Grade 7 Boys and Girls Volleyball teams are officially hitting the court! Practices are launching this week and next as our players gear up for game action starting **October 20th.** 

A massive thank you to our dedicated coaches, teachers, and supportive families for helping our student-athletes represent Irwin Park with Panther P.R.I.D.E. on the court! We can't wait to cheer them on! 🏀💧

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!

Parent & Family Opportunities

Support for you and your family as you navigate the Canadian school system

Impact North Shore's Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) host a variety of workshops for newcomers and community events. Newcomer workshops explore topics such as Canadian culture and systems, employment options, English language, parenting, health and so much more. The community events explore themes of immigrant inclusion, belonging, and anti-racism.

Check out the upcoming workshops and events:

<https://impactnorthshore.ca/immigrant-service-centre/settlement-workers-in-schools/>

Feeding Futures – Food Support For Families

As part of the Ministry of Education and Child Care [Feeding Futures](#) initiative, the West Vancouver School District has established a food security structure to confidentially assist students and families. The West Vancouver School District Food Security Plan will help students and families by providing confidential financial support for families facing food insecurity. Families are encouraged to reach out directly to their school principal or to feedingfutures@wvschools.ca if they need support with food-related

costs. Please be assured that all requests will be addressed with sensitivity, respect, and confidentiality.

Thank you for your continued support.

Aron Campbell

Principal

Irwin Park Elementary