

Irwin Park E-Bulletin - Fri 18th, 2026

Important Dates:

Mon Sept 21 st	Full Day KG begins!
Mon Sept 21 st	Student Photo Day!
Mon Sept 21 st	Gr 7 Outdoor School Parent Info Session - online
Tues Sept 22 nd	1 st District XC Running Meet @ Ambleside Gr 3-7
Wed Sept 23 rd	Inside Irwin Park – Meet the Teacher & IPPG Welcome Event
Wed Sept 23 rd	Parent Teacher Conference Bookings Open Online – Stay tuned!
Thurs Sept 24 th	Terry Fox Run for the Cure School-Wide Run – 2 pm in the Gym
Sept 25 th	Professional Development Day: School Not in Session
Tues Sept 29 th	Orange Shirt Day
Wed Sept 30 th	National Truth and Reconciliation Day (Stat Holiday) -No School
Oct 7 & 8	IP Parent/Teacher Interviews – Early Dismissal 12:30 pm

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

With class placements finalized last 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 **Wednesday Sept 23rd at the Inside Irwin Park Welcome Back Event**. We will kick things off with an **English Language Learning Parent Orientation at 1:30** in the IP Library; with our **Inside IP Open House and Meet the Teacher commencing at 3:00 pm** after the 2:50 pm dismissal on Wednesday. **At 3:30 Ms. Bleim and I will be welcoming parents into the gym** to share some important information about the year ahead. Staff Supervisors will be on duty outside at this time so

students can enjoy some fresh and sunshine (fingers crossed). Our session will conclude at **3:50 pm at which time the IPPG has organized a Welcome Back BBQ** to reconnect and relax during this busy back to school month. We look forward to seeing you.

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

~ Mr. Campbell

West Van Schools Parent Conduct Expectations – NEW!

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

Additionally, West Vancouver Schools has shared its [Parent Conduct Expectations](#) to support a safe, respectful, and welcoming environment across our district. We kindly ask all parents and guardians to review these guidelines as we interact within our Irwin Park community.

Demonstrating **respect, patience, and kindness** in our daily interactions with staff, students, and other families **is one of the most powerful examples we can set for our children**. Thank you for your continued partnership, care, and support!

WVPD E-Mobility Laws Released – Enforced at IP During School Hours

The **West Vancouver Police Department** (WVPD) has issued clear **legal requirements for E-Scooters and E-Bikes**. [Click here to review](#). Due to the new laws, **particularly regarding age requirements**, school administration **no longer permits any of the specified E Mobility modes of transportation to be on school grounds when in the possession of students** in Gr 1-7.

Students bringing these items to school will have them removed and parents will be required to come to school to retrieve. Thank you for following these new community expectations.

Student Photo Day – Monday, Sept 21st – Don't Forget

Edge School Photos will be here to capture student portraits for the **2026-2027 school year**.

 Mark your calendar, choose outfits, and plan for

accessories. Check out our [IG reminder!](#)
Re-takes will be available later if needed!

Inside Irwin Park Event – Wed Sept 23rd

ELL Orientation (1:30 – 2:15 PM)

- Where? Held in our IP Library @ 1:30 pm
- Parents of English Language Learners are welcome to join us at our to meet the Irwin Park ELL teaching team who will share important information regarding the year ahead

Inside Irwin Park Open House & Meet the Teacher (3:00 pm – 3:30)

- **3:00 PM:** Classroom visits, casual meet & greet, and school tours
- **3:30 PM :** We invite parents to join Mr. Campbell and Ms. Bleim in the gym for a presentation on some important need to knows.
- **3:45 pm** – IPPG Welcome Back BBQ/Picnic – Be sure to pre-order your food choices from our two on site vendors

Following the Parent/Guardian information session in the gym @ 3:30 pm join the **Welcome Back BBQ** with 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**
- **2nd Meet:** Tues, Sept 22nd 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. King

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

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

Term 1 After-School Activities – Online Registration Open Now

Our **after-school 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.

***Pls note we are no longer offering lunch hour extra curricular programs due to a shift in West Vancouver Schools policy and procedures.

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 Wed Sept 16th. At this assembly students were reminded of our PDD (Personal Digital Device aka Cell Phones and Smart Watches) expectations.

- 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

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

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