Irwin Park E-Bulletin – Monday Oct 12th

Important Dates:

Wed – Fri Oct 14-16th	Gr 7 Outdoor School – Cheakamus Center
Tues/Thurs Oct 13-15	Young Actors Workshops K-7
Thurs Oct 15th	Admission Open for new Sept 2027 KG students & Gr 1-7 In Catchment
Fri Oct 23rd	Provincial Professional Development Day – School Not in Session
Wed Nov 11th	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

Thank you to everyone who attended our first IPPG meeting of the school year. It was fantastic to see such strong parent turnout. Planning is officially underway for the annual **IPPG Halloween Dance on Friday, October 30th, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM**. Featuring a live DJ, food, a pumpkin carving competition, and a costume contest, it promises to be a fun evening for our school community. Tickets will be limited so once on sale, please

act quickly. All funds raised by the IPPG go directly back into enhancing learning programs for our students.

Speaking of enhanced programming, our students have spent the past two weeks engaging with the **Young Actors Project**, generously funded by the IPPG. Led by professional acting instructor Mr. Montana, each class is participating in three interactive workshops focused on movement, expression, emotion, and drama games. As we enter the final week of sessions, feedback from both students and teachers has been exceptionally positive. Thank you again to the IPPG for making this opportunity possible.

Finally, don't miss out on ordering your **IP Spirit Wear**. This year's lineup includes a brand-new "IP Athlete" design. All options are available in both youth and adult sizes for parents keen to show their Panther P.R.I.D.E.!

~ Mr. Campbell

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!

🚨 IMPORTANT PARKING NOTICE FOR IP PARENTS – $300 Fines

BE AWARE THAT PARKING IS ILLEGAL IN THE PICK UP/DROP OFF LOCATIONS along HAYWOOD AVE. on the NORTH SIDE OF IRWIN PARK ELEM.

- This area is a designated **Pick Up/Drop Off only**; meaning that drivers can stop momentarily but not park, wait or leave their car behind while inside the school.
- **THE WV DISTRICT MUNICIPAL BY LAW / WVPD Fine is $300.00** – Several parents have been ticketed here for illegally leaving their car to drop off their child
- Ample parking is found near by; on the other side of the street and in the 2300 and 2500 blocks of Haywood Ave. and Kings Ave.

📌 let's all do our part to keep everyone safe and traffic flowing – Please do not park or leave your vehicle in this area.

🎃 **Save the Date – Irwin Park Halloween Dance!**

📅 **Friday, October 30th - 5-7 pm**

📍 **Irwin Park Gym**

👻 **Grades K–7 Families Welcome!**

Our amazing IPPG Event Planning Committee is busy organizing a spook-tacular early evening filled with fun for all Panthers! 💗 Get ready for a frightfully fun night with your Irwin Park community!

🎶 **What's Happening:**

- 🕺 *Live DJ spinning Halloween hits*
- 🎭 *Costume Contest for students & families*
- 🎃 *Pumpkin Carving Contest*
- 🍔 *Food & Drinks available for pre-order*

💥 **Important Reminder:**

This event will be limited to ticket holders only due to gym capacity. Stay tuned for more details and the online ticket purchase link — don't miss out

West Vancouver Schools Admissions – 27/28 School Year

🎒 **2027-28 School Year** (Kindergarten & In-Catchment Grades 1–12)

🗓️ **Opens**: Thurs, Oct 15, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

🌐 Out-of-Catchment & Out-of-District

🗓️ **Opens**: Jan 15, 2027 at 8:00 a.m.

🔗 **More info**: Please review admission processes, key dates, guidelines, and required documentation here: https://westvancouverschools.ca/admissions/

☑️ **Tip**: Carefully read the documentation requirements before starting your application.

⏰ **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