# Irwin Park E-Bulletin – Thurs Oct 29th, 2026

## Important Dates:

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| Friday Oct 30th | IP Halloween Assembly – 11:30 – 12:00 pm |
| Friday Oct 30th | IPPG Halloween Dance – 5 pm – 7 pm – Online Ticket Sales Closed |
| Wed Nov 5th | Photo Retake Day at Irwin Park – Bring your smile if you forgot it last time |
| Tues Nov 11th | IP Remembrance Day Assembly – 11:20 am |
| 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

It's getting spooky around here these days as kids and our staff get set for the big day. It never ceases to impress me how seamlessly seasonal themes are woven into daily learning across all grade levels: from Grade 1s subitizing ghosts and goblins, to Grade 5s crafting creative haunted house stories, to math challenges calculating Little Albert's

trick-or-treating haul. Halloween excitement and rich learning are certainly alive and well in our hallways!

Parents are asked to please note that online ticket sales for **Friday's IPPG Halloween Dance Fundraiser** are now closed. There will be a limited number of cash/card sales at the door so arrive early if you missed out. Due to fire regulations, **wecannot exceed venue capacity at 300**. We also ask that families review and abide by the Halloween costume expectations outlined below to ensure a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable celebration for all. Looking forward to a fun and enjoyable evening!

And finally, a big reminder to parents to ensure that **children are leaving the house/car each morning with the proper outdoor clothing for the cold and wet weather** that has arrived. It is important that students are protected from the elements appropriately, as all our recess breaks at Irwin Park are outside recesses. Students should be prepared with rain jackets, boots, and hats to stay warm and dry. Thank you for your support.

~ Mr. Campbell

## E Bulletin Highlights This Week

1. Daylight Savings Time? – Not This Year!!

2. Winter Musical – Save The Date!
3. *IPPG Halloween Dance Ticket and Event Info*
4. *AI Cyber Security Student Opportunity w/ West Van Schools*
5. *Halloween Costume and Treat expectations*
6. *DPAC Parent Education Opportunity – Tickets available online!*

**Reminder Re. Daylight Savings Time This Weekend**

With B.C. remaining on permanent daylight saving time, clocks will not turn back this Sunday, November 1, and winter sunrises will be later.

We would like to remind families to take extra care travelling to school during these darker mornings and support consistent sleep routines at home as the days grow shorter.

On Sunday, please take a moment to check your digital calendars, alarms and devices. Ensure you have the latest updates installed and confirm that upcoming calendar entries and scheduled times are displaying correctly.

**Save the Date – Irwin Park Winter Musical – ELF – Performance Dates Set!**

The cast is rehearsing and the stage is being set for Irwin Park's highly anticipated Winter Musical.. → ELF!!! We ask that families please save the dates below so you can join us in celebrating the incredible talents of all our K–7 students. This wonderful production is being brought to life through the guidance and creativity of Ms. King, our amazing music teacher, and Ms. Kozak, our school theatre guru!

Stay tuned for ticket information. Please note: Each family will be limited to 2 tickets based on gym capacity.

**Evening Show: Wed Dec 9th – Time to be determined**

**Afternoon Matinee: Thurs Dec 10th – 1:15 pm**

🎃 **Irwin Park Halloween Dance! – Limited Tickets Available at the Door**

🗓️ **Friday, October 30th - 5-7 pm**
📍 **Irwin Park Gym**
👻 **Grades K–7 Families Welcome!**

**Online ticket sales have now closed. A limited number of tickets are available for cash sale at the door.**

***Please note that all K-3 students must be accompanied by an adult. Accompanying parent is required to purchase an entry ticket as well.

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! 🕺 🐎 Dance, play, vote, and celebrate with friends and friendly monsters of all sizes!

🎶 **What's Happening:**

- 🕺 ***Live DJ spinning Halloween hits***
- 🎭 ***Costume Contest for students & families***
- 🎃 ***Pumpkin Decorating and Carving Contest***
- 🍔 ***Food & Drinks available for pre-order -*** *$6 pre-order for 1 slice pizza and bottle of H2O; $10 for 2 slices!*

💥 **Only 300 tickets available due to capacity limits – Limited tix available at the door.**

Food and drink will be available at the event in cash sales. All online food orders are now closed.

***Please note that all students in K-3 require a parent to accompany them at the dance and the. Thank you for your understanding.

## ❌ Costumes must NOT include:

- Masks (for safety reasons)
- Weapons or props that resemble weapons (no swords, axes, or toy guns)
- Culturally insensitive or stereotypical outfits
- 🎭 Adults and kids alike are welcome to dress up — or not!
- Everyone is welcome, however they feel most comfortable.

### 🎃 HALLOWEEN : Costume Expectations at Irwin Park this Oct 30th

With Halloween fun right around the corner, we are looking forward to celebrating together on **Friday, October 30th**. Below are the details for our school assembly, along with clear costume guidelines to ensure a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable day for all.

## Halloween Assembly & Parade Details

- **Date & Time:** Friday, October 30th at approximately 11:30 AM
- **Location:** Gymnasium
- **Activities:** Classes will gather for a quick dance party followed by a costume parade around the gym.

- **Parent Visitors:** Parents are welcome to join us in the gym and along the hallways as our Primary classes return to their rooms, space permitting. Please note that gym space is limited, so thank you in advance for your patience and flexibility! Bring your earplugs!

### Costume Expectations (Grades K–7)

Participating in dress-up is completely optional. For students who choose to wear a costume, please ensure it fits within the following boundaries:

- **Entirely Optional:** Students and staff are equally welcome to dress up or wear regular clothes.
- **Age-Appropriate & Inclusive:** Costumes must be appropriate for a K–7 elementary school environment and respectful of others.
- **Avoid Cultural Stereotypes:** Please refrain from costumes that promote cultural stereotypes. *(Families can review an article here for context.)*
- **Non-Violent & No Weapon Props:** Costumes must be non-violent in nature. No fake weapons of any kind (guns, axes, swords, etc.) are allowed at school—please save these for trick-or-treating at home!

- **No Masks:** For safety, clear visibility, and classroom instruction, masks are **not permitted** during the school day or in class.
- **Functional for Learning:** Students must be able to sit, move, and participate in learning activities comfortably. If a costume interferes with learning or safety, the student will be asked to change or remove it.

## Respecting Our Diverse Community

There is no pressure or expectation to participate in costume dress-up. We recognize and respect that families in our community have varied perspectives, cultural connections, and traditions surrounding Halloween, and all choices will be supported. Thank you for your cooperation and partnership in making this a positive celebration for everyone!

### 3 TREAT MAXIMUM IN EFFECT @ IP Post Halloween

o help curb post-Halloween sugar highs and keep learning environments focused, Irwin Park is continuing our traditional post-Halloween treat policy:

1. **Daily Limit:** Maximum of 3 treats per student per day.

2. **Duration:** Allowed for a maximum of 3 school days following Halloween till Wed Nov 4th .
3. **Final Cut-Off:** As of **Wednesday, November 4th**, all Halloween treats must be left and enjoyed at home.

*(Unless, of course, those treats include Kit Kats—which must be turned in to the Principal immediately for mandatory "quality control"! 😉)*

We kindly ask parents to help monitor what comes in backpacks so students stick to the 3-treat limit. Thank you for supporting our efforts toward moderation!

### IYP Program - Cyber-Security and AI Explorers – Gr 7 & 8 students

West Vancouver Schools is excited to be running a new IYP program called "Cyber-Security and AI Explorers". Our pilot offering of this program is for West Vancouver School students who are currently in Grade 7 or 8. The program will begin on November 19th and will run on Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:45 until March 11th, 2027. There will be no sessions during Winter Break. The cost for this is $300.00.

Sessions will take place in one of the computer labs at West Van Secondary. Students will be taught by West Vancouver Schools teaching staff and mentored by senior students in the district's CS/QC/AI class. Students will explore concepts in **Artificial Intelligence, Cyber-Safety and Security** through activities, labs and games. There may be an opportunity for an optional hackathon that students can choose to participate in.

For more information or questions, contact Ms. Wilson at cwilson@wvschools.ca To register, please fill out this form. If interest is very high, a Tuesday afternoon session may be offered as well.

### Future Ready: Growing Up in a Digital World – West Vancouver DPAC Parent Education Opportunity

West Vancouver Schools and DPAC invite parents to ***"Future Ready: Growing Up in a Digital World,"*** a comprehensive three-part presentation series focused on navigating the opportunities and challenges of raising children in a technology-driven landscape. See attached promotional poster.

Led by health, educational, and public safety experts, these sessions cover essential topics including establishing healthy screen-time balance, fostering critical thinking

alongside artificial intelligence, and encouraging positive online gaming and social media habits. Attending parents will gain practical, evidence-based strategies to support their child's sleep, emotional well-being, and responsible digital citizenship at home. Tickets for these insightful evenings can be purchased directly through your School Cash Online account.

### ⏰ 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/

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