

First Day of School
August 31st, 2016!



Vancouver iTech Preparatory

Back to School

August 2016

From the Administrative Team

Welcome to the 2016-2017 School Year!

Now in our fifth year of operation, Vancouver iTech Preparatory is gearing up for a momentous year. Having graduated our first senior class in June, we are so excited to see our students continue to blaze their individual paths in this academically vigorous school of choice. The expectation of excellence continues for what it means to be part of the iTech family. Our students and staff continue, on a daily basis, to define the commitment level it takes to prepare oneself for the variety of opportunities that exist in our program.

Important and yearly reminders for our parents and students:

While teachers prepare engaging and challenging learning opportunities for our students, your **student will not benefit from those opportunities if they are tardy or absent. It is vitally important your student come to school on time and be prepared to learn each day.** As a school of choice, daily punctual attendance is mandatory for students to continue with their placement at Vancouver iTech Preparatory.

The first day of school is August 31st with first period beginning at 9:35 AM. The school day ends at 4:05 PM.

Although we have students check in prior to the start of school we need all students to pick up a new schedule on the first day of school in case there are any minor changes.

Key Dates:

New Students/Parents-

- New Student/Parent Orientation-
August 22nd 6-8 PM
Middle School Site

Returning Students/Parents-

- Students and parents can check in any time between 9 AM-1 PM. All check-ins are at the middle school site.
- Middle School Check-in - **August 24th**
- High School Check-in -**August 25th**

All Students- Future Dates-

- Middle School Open House-
September 22nd, 6:30 PM
Middle School Site- JPCC
- High School Open House-
September 20th, 7:30 PM
High School Site/WSUV
- 1 hr. Early Release Dates-
September 12th & September 26th

TO DO before your orientation/check-in-

Attached to this newsletter is the VPS 1:1 technology responsible use and safety agreement. This details the expectations of students receiving computers. Please read, sign and bring with you to your orientation or check-in. Thank you!

Schedules will be available in the common area at the high school and in the fabrication area at the middle school. It is recommended that students pick up their schedule as soon as they enter the building so they are not late to their first period class. Schedules will be handed out starting at 9:05 AM.

Lastly, traffic in and out of our parking lots the first week of school is very congested. For those driving their child to school it is recommended that you plan extra time for dropping off and picking up your child. Please use extreme caution when entering our lots as there are many people walking in the parking lot area.

You will be receiving additional information during the student check-in. If you have questions or need any information that is not included in our newsletter, please check our website or contact us at 313-5200. Note- the website is under construction. We will try to keep it updated as we move forward but please call with any questions or if you are having trouble navigating the website.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Vancouver iTech Preparatory Administrative Team

Christina Iremonger, Principal
 Darby Meade, Associate Principal/Principal
 Zachary Tautfest, Associate Principal

School Supply List

- Back Pack
- #2 Pencils Sharpened
- Box of 12 count colored pencils
- 2-3 Pens
- 1 Pack multi-colored highlighters
- Pencil sharpener w/ container
- 12 inch ruler
- Pink Pearl eraser

New Administrative Staff- Zach Tautfest- Associate Principal-

My name is Zach Tautfest and I will be your Associate Principal this year. I am a Washington State University Alum and have worked within Vancouver Public Schools for the past 8 years as a math teacher, an AVID instructor and a Dean of Students. I am a lifelong learner and I am excited about building positive relationships with the community of educators, students and families. I look forward to meeting you and having a great year.

Darby Meade- Associate Principal/Principal

I am extremely excited to return to iTech! I had the opportunity to work with iTech students the first two years of operation and am now looking forward to seeing the growth that has taken place over the last two years. Most of all I am looking forward to working with the wonderful, innovative students that have allowed iTech to earn such prestigious honors as Washington STEM Lighthouse school and OSPI Innovation School. I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to share in the commitment to excellence that is Vancouver iTech Preparatory.

FEES:

	Full price	Reduced lunch	Free lunch
STEM FEE (all grades)	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$10.00
ART FEE (6 th & 9 th grade only)	\$20.00	\$10.00	
Photography Fee (If chosen as elective)	\$20.00	\$10.00	

OPTIONAL FEES:

ASB card must be purchased if in student leadership or an after school club		
ASB Card H.S	\$30.00	no reduction
ASB Card M.S	\$10.00	no reduction
YEARBOOK	\$40.00	no reduction

School Pictures and ID Badges

All students must have their picture taken for school purposes. Photos will be taken on the Student Check-In days - which are August 22nd 6-8 PM for New Student Orientation, August 24th from 9 AM- 1 PM for middle school students and August 25th from 9 AM- 1 PM for high school students. Students who do not check-in on these days will have the opportunity to have their picture taken on a "Make-up" picture day scheduled for **October 5th**. Student ID badges will be provided to students. All students must have their ID badge available while at school or at a school function and be able to produce it when asked. Students are welcome to use a school appropriate lanyard for their ID badges. PTSA is once again generously providing all students with a lanyard. A replacement fee for an ID badge or a borrowed temporary badge is \$3.00.

