

First Day of School  
August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017!



Vancouver *i*Tech Preparatory  
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# Back to School!

August 2017

## From the Administrative Team Welcome to the 2017-2018 School Year!

Now in our sixth year of operation, Vancouver *i*Tech Preparatory is gearing up for a momentous year. Having graduated our second 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 *i*Tech 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 *i*Tech Preparatory.

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> 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 & Returning Students/Parents-

- Middle School Check-in - **August 23<sup>rd</sup>**
- High School Check-in - **August 24<sup>th</sup>**
- Students and parents can check in any time between 9 AM-1 PM. All check-ins are at the **Middle School Site - JPCC.**

#### New Students/Parents Orientation -

- New Students/Parents Orientation will be held **August 24<sup>th</sup>** from 6-8 PM at the **Middle School Site - JPCC**

#### All Students- Future Dates-

- Middle School Open House-  
**September 19<sup>th</sup>**, 6:00 PM  
Middle School Site- JPCC
- High School Open House-  
**September 26<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30 PM  
High School Site/WSUV

### TO DO before your 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 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.

Please remind students NOT to bring scented items to school. We have teachers and students that are extremely sensitive. Thank you.

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. You may also look for updates on the website 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

Darby Meade, Principal  
Zachary Taufest, 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
- 1 Box of Kleenex

### Administrative Staff-

#### Zach Taufest- Associate Principal-

My name is Zach Taufest and I am your Associate Principal. I am a Washington State University Alum and have worked within Vancouver Public Schools for the past 9 years as a math teacher, an AVID instructor a Dean of Students, and an associate principal. I am a lifelong learner and I am excited about continuing to build positive relationships with the community of educators, students and families. I look forward to having another great year.

#### Darby Meade- Principal

I am extremely excited for another new year at iTech! I have had the opportunity to work with iTech students and community the first two years of operation as well as last year and am looking forward to being part of the continued growth that is taking place. Most of all I am looking forward to continued work 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
<b>STEM FEE</b> (all grades)	<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>ART FEE</b> (6 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> grade only)	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	
<b>Photography Fee</b> (If chosen as elective)	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	

### OPTIONAL FEES:

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

Fees & fines can also be paid on-line at <http://iTech.vansd.org/business-office/>

How-to instructions will be sent home via email.

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 AM- 1 PM for new & returning middle school students and August 24<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM- 1 PM for new & returning 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 Friday, October 6th. Student ID badges will be provided to students. ASB cards are required for students who will be participating in clubs or leadership roles and can be purchased on student check in days. 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. A replacement fee for an ID badge or ASB card is \$3.00.