



First Day of School
August 30, 2023!

Vancouver iTech Preparatory

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Back to School!

August 2023

From the Administrative Team

WELCOME TO THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR!

Now in our twelfth year of operation, Vancouver iTech Preparatory is gearing up for a great year. Having graduated our eighth 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. You can be assured that the iTech community will approach this year as we always do, collaboratively and together as ONE.

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 30th with first period beginning at 9:20 am. The school day ends at 3:50 PM. Our office closes at 4:30 pm. All students need to be picked up by 4:15 pm.**

Parents and students will have the opportunity to attend two check-in dates to pick up schedules, off-campus passes and other pertinent paperwork, pay fees and tour the building. The days and times are: August 21st & 22nd from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please park in the upper north parking lot and enter the building via the student bridge.

All required student fees have been pre-loaded to the website and can be paid on-line as well as, paying for optional items such as ASB cards, Yearbooks and Club fees. We encourage parents to pay required fees by 9/30/23. We rely upon these fees to provide materials for art and STEM classes.

Key Dates

Student Check-in Days 8/21 & 8/22

Parents and students can pick up schedules, off-campus paperwork, pay fees, and tour the building on their own on 8/21 and 8/22 from 9:00 am-1:00. Please park in the upper north parking lot. Laptops will be issued on the first day of school and school pictures will be taken that day as well.

All 6th Graders Optional School Day/Orientation 8/29

All 6th graders will have the option to attend a new student school day/orientation on August 29th from 9:20 am – 3:50 pm to familiarize themselves with the iTech school schedule and community. Please bring a back pack to take home your laptop. Bus transportation will be provided for in-district students only and we encourage students to ride the bus on this day to familiarize themselves with the process. Lunch will also be provided. More information will be sent via email prior to August 29th.

Laptop Pick-Up 8/30

Laptop pick-up will be the 1st day of school.

School pictures & ID badges 8/30

School pictures will be the 1st day of school. ID and ASB badges will be made the same day. Picture retakes will be Oct 9th.

Curriculum Night 9/14

iTech Curriculum Night will be held September 14th at 6:00 pm for all students. Come meet the teachers and see what your students are doing in their classes.

Future Dates

Parent/teacher conferences are October 19th & 20th
Thanksgiving break is November 22nd through November 24th
Winter Break is December 18th through January 1st.
Spring Break is April 1st through April 5th.
iTech graduation will be June 12th, 7:00 pm at Skyview

Immunizations & Medications

Students are required to have up to date immunizations BEFORE the first day of school. Check with your primary care provider to ensure your child is up to date. Students with life threatening conditions must have medications, doctors' orders and signed health plan BEFORE the first day.

The nurse will be in the building on August 22nd from 9-12:00. If your student has medications or a health plan please plan to come during that time.

If you have questions or need any information that is not included in our Newsletter, please visit our website, itech.vansd.org, or contact us at 360-313-5200. 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
Zach Tautfest, Associate Principal

Free breakfasts and lunches will continue to be provided for all students during the 2023-24 school year. Meal payments online or by cash or check will not be collected by schools. Families who meet certain income guidelines are still encouraged to complete the Education Benefits form. Families qualifying for free/reduced lunches will have school fees waived.

Bus information will be available on the school district website August 21st. All AM routes are changing to the closest HS location to your address. Shuttle buses to iTech will be at the high schools this year. Bus routes are based on the 1st home address in Skyward/Synergy and students will only be allowed 1 stop location.

School Supply List

Recommended basic school supplies are listed below. Teachers will let students know what extra supplies will be needed for their individual classes.

Backpack	Pencils
Blue pens	Spiral Notebooks, College Ruled
Two pocket folders	One package of markers
1 pkg colored pencils	

Administrative Staff

Darby Meade- Principal
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I am extremely excited for another new year at iTech! I had the opportunity to work with iTech students and community the first two years of operation as well as last 7 years as principal and am looking forward to being part of the continued growth that is taking place. Most of all I am looking forward to the continued work with the wonderful, innovative students and staff! I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve the iTech community and share in the commitment to excellence that is Vancouver iTech Preparatory.

Zach Tautfest - Associate Principal
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My name is Zach Tautfest and I am your Associate Principal. I am a Washington State University Alum and have worked within Vancouver Public Schools for the past 15 years as a math teacher 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 a great year.

SCHOOL FEES

All student required fees have been pre-loaded to the [student on-line fees/ fines](#) website. You can pay optional fees at that time as well, i.e., ASB card, yearbook and club fees. If you qualify for free/reduced lunches and have filled out an Education Benefits form and the accompanying consents forms, your fees will be waived. We rely upon these fees to provide materials for class projects for art and STEM classes and ask that they be paid by 9/30/23.

If you would rather pay in-person, you may do so on August 21st & 22nd from 9:00-1:00.

Required Fees

STEM Fee (all grades)	\$40.00
Art Fee (6 TH AND 9 TH grades)	\$40.00
STEM Studio Art Fee (if chosen elective)	\$40.00
National History Day Fee (7 th & 8 th grade)	\$10.00

To pay fees on-line:

Go to fines.vansd.org
User name = 3 "0's" + ID #
Password = last name all CAPS

Optional Fees

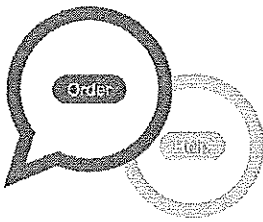
ASB Card HS	\$35.00
ASB Card MS	\$15.00
Yearbook	\$50.00
HS National Honor Society	\$40.00
HS Robotics Club & Dues	\$55.00
MS Robotics Club & Dues	\$35.00
HS HiPstory Club*	\$50.00
MS HiPstory Club*	\$30.00
(*if qualified for Regionals)	



Picture Day is Coming To Your School!

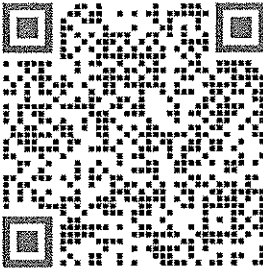
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Easy Access at your Fingertips!

Picture day information, online ordering, and our customer advocate team are all at your fingertips. **Scan the QR code** or visit mydorian.com, search for your school, and click on the green **Order** button or yellow **Help** button associated with your picture day.



You can order online now and for up to four (4) days after picture day.

Here are some helpful tips to make picture day great!

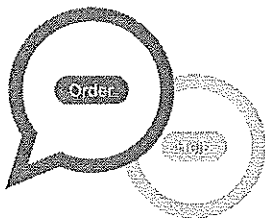
-  **Schedule haircuts** 7-10 days prior to picture day!
-  **Wear simple clothing.** Solid shirts or small patterns, along with sleeves, photograph best. A simple collared shirt is a timeless classic.
-  **Avoid logos and text on clothing.** Graphics or wording may not photograph completely and can become partially cropped out of your picture.



¡El día de la foto llegará pronto a su escuela!

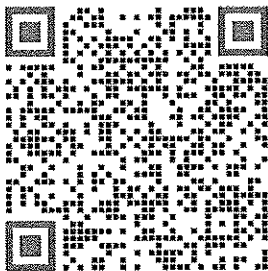
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Fácil acceso a su alcance!

La información del día de la fotografía, los pedidos en línea y nuestro equipo de atención al cliente están al alcance de su mano. Escanee el código QR o visite mydorian.com, busque su escuela y haga clic en el botón verde **Ordenar** o en el botón amarillo **Ayuda** asociado con su día de fotos.



Su pedido en línea se puede realizar antes y hasta cuatro (4) días después del día de la foto.

¡Aquí hay algunos consejos para que el día de las fotos sea genial!



¡Programe cortes de cabello de 7 a 10 días antes del día de la foto!



Usa ropa sencilla. Las camisetas sólidas o los estampados pequeños, junto con las mangas, son las mejores fotos. Una simple camisa con cuello es un clásico atemporal.



Evite los logotipos y el texto en la ropa. Los gráficos o las palabras pueden no estar completamente fotografiados y pueden estar parcialmente recortados de la imagen.