

First Day of School
September 1st, 2020!



Vancouver iTech Preparatory

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Back to School!

August 2020

From the Administrative Team

WELCOME TO THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR!

Now in our ninth year of operation, Vancouver iTech Preparatory is gearing up for a great year. Having graduated our fifth 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. While there are many unanswered questions around this school year, you can be assured that the iTech community will approach this as we do all challenges, collaboratively and together as ONE.

Important and yearly reminders for our parents and students:

As teachers prepare engaging and challenging learning opportunities for our students, we will also spend time planning for the unique environment that this year will bring. We will communicate with you often as we navigate this fall and new information comes available.

The first day of school is September 1st. We will send you information soon as to what that first day and weeks will look like. Thank you for your patience as we work through this unprecedented time.

Since we will not have an in-person schedule distribution, we will need all students to access their new schedule via Skyward prior to the first day of school in case there are any minor changes.

Key Dates

ALL students get a new laptop.

Current and new iTech student Laptop Pick-up Dates at iTech (Park in North parking lot. Look for signs.)

VPS students-Please bring your old laptop/iPad and charger with you.

Tuesday, August 18th – 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 19th – 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 20th – 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Please sign up for a time using the following link below:

<https://www.myconferencetime.com/itech>

Before laptop pick-up:

Access and complete the on-line Responsible Use Agreement (RUP) sent to your email from the district. The RUP details the expectations of students receiving/retaining computers. **Complete prior to picking up computer.**

Student Schedules

Student schedules will be ready to view on August 24th on Skyward

Future Dates

Virtual New Student Orientation (Zoom links will be sent next week)
Thursday, August 20 - 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Curriculum Night
Thursday, September 17th - 6:00 p.m.

You will be receiving additional information via email as we move closer to the school year. If you have questions or need any information that is not included in our newsletter, please check 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

School Pictures and ID Badges

School pictures for yearbook and ID badges will be at a later date. More information to come.

School Supply List

Recommended supplies when we return to school. Teachers will let students know what supplies will be needed during remote learning.

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

Some teachers will have supplies for students. We will have scheduled times for students to pick up supplies from teachers after the school year gets started. More information to come.

Administrative Staff

Darby Meade- Principal
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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 four years 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 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 twelve 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

Although school fees will not be collected at this time, below is what is expected once school is in full session. Fees will be adjusted based on in-building entry date.

If you qualify for Free/Reduced lunch, curricular fees will be waived – qualification paperwork must be presented at the time of purchase. Optional fees for ASB cards, club fees and activities will not be waived or reduced.

Required Fees

STEM FEE (all grades)	\$40.00
ART FEE (6 TH AND 9 TH grades only)	\$40.00
STEM Studio Art Fee (if chosen as an elective)	\$40.00
NATIONAL HISTORY DAY FEE (7 TH & 8 TH grade only)	\$10.00

Optional Fees

ASB Card HS	\$35.00
ASB Card MS	\$10.00
Yearbook	\$50.00
HS National Honor Society	\$40.00
HS Robotics Club & Dues	\$55.00
MS Robotics Club & Dues	\$35.00
HS iHistory Club (if qualified for Regionals)	\$50.00
MS iHistory Club (if qualified for Regionals)	\$30.00