



First Day of School
August 30, 2022!

Vancouver iTech Preparatory

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Back to School!

August 2022

From the Administrative Team

WELCOME TO THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR!

Now in our eleventh year of operation, Vancouver iTech Preparatory is gearing up for a great year. Having graduated our seventh 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 9:35 am. The school day ends at 4:05 PM. Our office closes at 4:30 pm. All students need to be picked up by 4:30 pm.**

Parents and students will have the opportunity to attend 2 check-in dates to pick up schedules, off-campus and C-Tran paperwork, pay fees and tour the building. The days and times are: August 17th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and August 18th from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Please park in the upper north parking lot and enter the building via the student bridge.

We encourage parents to pay required fees at this time. We rely upon these fees to provide materials for art and STEM classes.

If you have questions or need any information that is not included in our newsletter, please check our

Key Dates

Student Check-in Days 8/17 & 8/18

Parents and students can pick up schedules, off campus paperwork, pay fees, and tour the building on their own on 8/17 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm and 8/18 from 2:00 pm-6:00 pm. 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 9:35 am – 4:05 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. 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.

Prior to 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.

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 10th.

Curriculum Night 9/20

iTech Curriculum Night will be held September 20th 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 20th and 21st.

Thanksgiving break is November 23rd through November 25th

Winter Break is December 19th through January 2nd.

Spring Break is April 3rd through April 7th.

iTech graduation will be June 9th, 7:00 pm at iTech.

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 be available to all VPS students learning in-person at school this year thanks to the passing of HB 1878. 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 Family Income Survey (FIS). Families qualifying for free/reduced lunches will have school fees waived.

Bus information will be available on the school district website August 22nd. Routes will be mostly the same as last year.

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
One package colored pencils	One package of markers
Two pocket folders	

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 6 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 14 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

You can pay fees in person on student check-in days, August 17th and 18th or still have the option of paying on-line. We rely upon these fees to provide materials for class projects for art and STEM classes.

If you qualify for Free/Reduced lunch, curricular and ASB fees will be waived – qualification paperwork must be presented at the time of purchase and a Consent Form to Share Information must be filled out for each student.

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	\$10.00
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)	