## **Principal's Message** ~ January 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## This Week at Lord Tweedsmuir Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

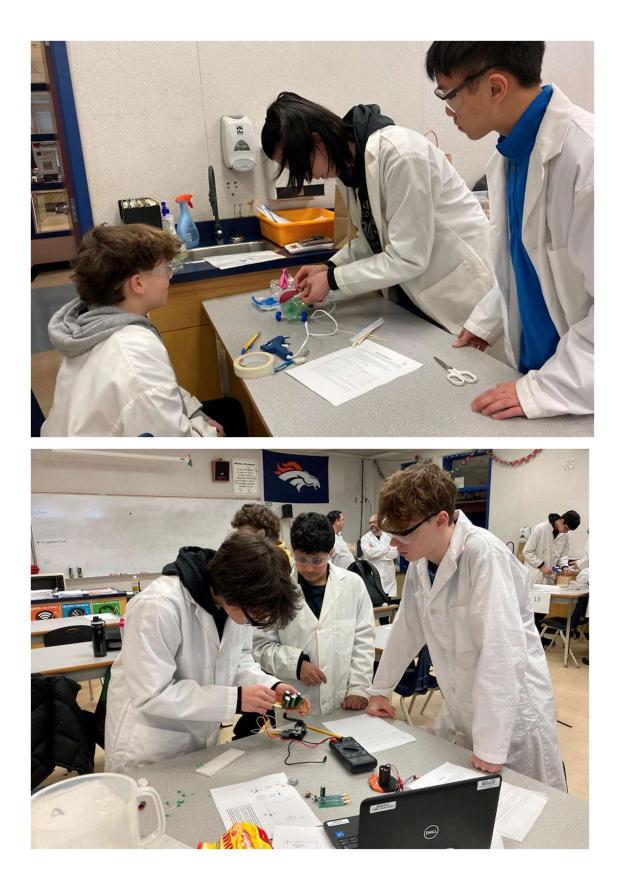
## Good morning Panthers!

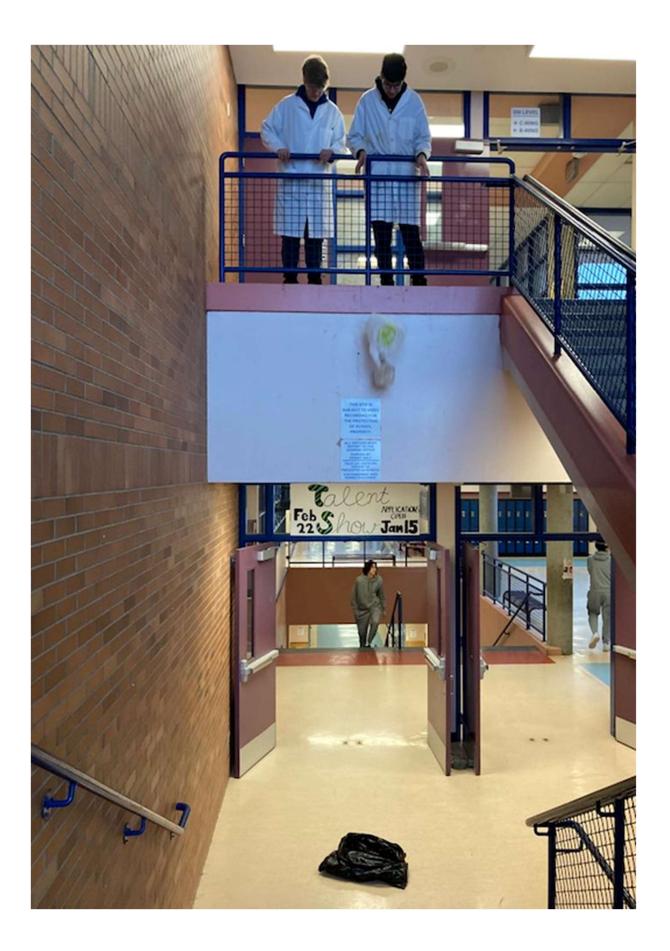
I hope all Panthers enjoyed your week and have appreciated the regular routines of school-life. (Although, last Friday, our students did appreciate the chance to enjoy the final day of snow!)





Last week our Science students were busy and having fun making "Egg Landing Vehicles". We were very impressed with the creative design and careful engineering of our students' creations. ③ Way to go Panthers!





Last week, our Senior Boys Basketball team participated in the RCMP Classic Tournament. The boys had a huge weekend, winning the tournament with a victory over Tamanawis Secondary. The game was hard fought, very evenly matched, and went down to the final seconds of overtime. Congratulations to the team on your success! We are very proud of you.



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Congratulations to <u>@lordtweedsmuir</u> for winning the 32nd annual Surrey RCMP Basketball Classic. Exceptional week of teamwork, camaraderie and sports entertainment. <u>@surrey\_schools@Surrey\_classic</u>





This week our students and staff have been focussed on final assessment. It is the final full week of regular classes. Please note that on Monday we will be in session with our regular bell schedule. <u>Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday January 31<sup>st</sup> are Semester Completion Days</u>. Regular classes will not be in session. These days are designed for students to catch up on missing assignments/assessments and receive additional tutorial support as needed. The school will be open for students. Students are asked to please make an appointment time with your teacher(s) if you would like to come into the school for additional support on Tuesday and/or Wednesday.

This week, I had the chance to meet with a number of school committees. On Monday, our Staff Committee met to discuss a variety of topics. Hallway supervision, attendance and school culture, marks reporting, telephones and more. I would like to thank the members of our Staff Committee for your input and recommendations. Our work together as a team is an important part of our school and ongoing review and reflection are very important.

On Tuesday, our school's Health and Safety Committee met. We are preparing for our upcoming Health and Safety audit and are in the process of reviewing all of our systems to ensure that we are supporting the needs of our school community. Great thanks to all members of this important committee for your work and assistance.

On Thursday, our Technology Advisory Committee met to review the status of our hardware and software and the needs of our educational community. As we all know, technology is an ever-increasing priority, and requires very deliberate and careful implementation. I greatly appreciate the feedback and guidance of our committee members as we wrestle with these resourcing decisions.

Friday will be a special day for our Drama students. Classes will be performing their final projects in front of student audiences. Break a leg Panthers!

Enjoy your Friday, have a wonderful weekend. We will see you back at school on Monday for our final day of regular classes and assessment. Again, Tuesday and Wednesday will be "Semester Completion Days". Our 2<sup>nd</sup> semester will begin on Thursday!

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## Traffic Safety



Traffic safety around Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary is a critical priority for our community. With increased enrollment, the number of vehicles navigating around and within our school grounds also increases. It is essential that all drivers are very cautious while driving near the school and are aware of the many student pedestrians who are nearby.

All students and parents/guardians are requested to consider the following:

- If possible, students please walk and/or bike to school. Fewer vehicles attempting to drop off and/or pick up students will be very helpful.
- Consider dropping off/picking up 2-3 blocks away from the school and avoid the traffic congestion around the school.
- Consider drop-off/pick up earlier and/or later in the morning/afternoons to avoid peak traffic times.

Thank you for your help in protecting the safety of our students.