

Principal's Message ~ November 13th – 17th, 2023

This Week at Lord Tweedsmuir

Thursday November 16th, 2023

Hello Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary family,

Our week at Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary has been enriched with athletic championships, student leadership, assessment of student learning and the care, support and hard work of our professional staff. As always, our school is a dynamic, interesting and lively place to work, learn and play!



Our Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary Athletic program is thriving. Our students are very fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in many sports through our school. The coaching,

mentorship and life-long lessons learned through athletics are invaluable. We are very grateful to all of our teachers, coaches, managers and volunteers that make our LTS Athletics program possible. Thank you for your gifts of time, passion and expertise in supporting our young student athletes.

I'd like to begin by congratulating our Grade 8/9 Boys Soccer Team. Last week our team emerged victorious in overtime after a riveting final match against Sullivan Heights Secondary. With this, our Panthers finished 1st place in the league! Congratulations Panthers – we are very proud of you!!



The Football program is on a roll. The Grade 8 Boys team played to a semi-final victory over Saint Thomas Moore Secondary and will play for the Grade 8 Football Championship on November 25 at BC Place. Our Junior Varsity Football team earned a quarter final victory over Notre Dame Secondary and will play in the Semi Finals next week. The Varsity team also played against Notre Dame, won their game, and will move on to the Quarter Finals. Congratulations to all players and coaches... good luck in the playoffs!



Our Lord Tweedsmuir Volleyball players are also in peak form. Our Jr. Girls team won a very exciting match against Elgin Park yesterday in front of hundreds of cheering fans to win 1st place in Surrey. Our Sr. Girls team won against Semiahmoo Secondary last night in the South Fraser quarter final playoff and will now move to the Provincials. Congratulations Panthers and good luck in the Championships. Way to go!



Our Lord Tweedsmuir Swim team is also thriving. Four of our student athletes will be competing at the Provincial Championships this weekend. Good luck to Haruka, Hayley, Chloe and Hayley! Go team!

Our Lord Tweedsmuir Cross Country team has also had great success. Our athletes finished their season with several podium and top 10 finishes and many personal bests! Our LTS runners showed us huge commitment, talent and discipline. This season, one of our student athletes qualified for the Provincial Finals. Special congratulations to Shae on this very special achievement. Congratulations Panthers!

We returned after the Remembrance Day statutory holiday to a shortened but exciting week. Tuesday was early dismissal as our teachers prepared for our upcoming Report Cards. Parents/guardians and students are reminded that this Learning Update will be available for download on your MyEdBC family portal. Great thanks to all of our teachers for your hard work and professionalism in providing this important feedback for our students.

This week I had the chance to drop by to meet with our Student Council Executive. The team was discussing their plans for celebrating the upcoming holiday season and making a difference in our community. The work of our student leaders is such an important part of our school culture. The service, leadership and role modelling that our student leaders provide directly contributes to the sense of community and family that Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary enjoys. Thank you for all you do in support of our school.

November is International Games month! All students are encouraged to visit our Library and spend some time learning and playing some new Board Games.

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Students, parents and staff are reminded that next week is Core Competency Week. Students will be reflecting on their development of Communication, Thinking, and Personal and Social Responsibility and setting some personal goals in these areas. Goal setting is now a formalized graduation requirement. Parents are encouraged to ask your children about their goals.

Lastly, parents are reminded that our next Parent Advisory Committee Meeting is on November 21st at 7:00pm on Zoom. Please see login details:

Presentation of 2023/24 Gaming Budget and Approval Vote!

This important meeting will be held only on ZOOM, do not attend in the library.

LTSS PAC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: LTSS PAC's Zoom Meeting - Gaming Budget Vote

Time: Nov 21, 2023 07:00 PM PST

Click link or copy/paste into browser of choice.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86718438555?pwd=OVUwc0lVRmowSEFhcTNZTTR6MXIyZz09>

Meeting ID: 867 1843 8555

Passcode: 819952

Enjoy your Friday and have a safe and happy weekend.

Ken

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.