

## Principal's Message ~ October 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# This Week at Lord Tweedsmuir

**Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Good morning Panthers!

I hope everyone has enjoyed a week of success and interesting challenges. It is a beautiful Thursday morning, we are enjoying the cooler, crisp air of the autumn season and there is a productive and focussed tone across our Lord Tweedsmuir community. Our students and staff are now settled into their first semester courses and routines and our school rhythm is now established for the 23/24 year. 😊



I wanted to again recognize and thank the many staff and students who organized, led and participated in last week's Grade 8 Retreat. I had the chance to drop by and watch our grade 8's in action... they had a great day of team building and friendship and orientation. Well done Panthers and welcome to the LTS family!



It has been a shortened week with the Thanksgiving long weekend and as always school-life is full. Students are highly engaged in both curricular and extracurricular activities. It is "early intervention" week and our teachers have been focused on providing guidance and early assessment of student progress. Next week, we will follow up with goal-setting for all of our students and self-reflection of their progress in developing Core Competencies related to Thinking skills, Communication skills and Personal and Social Development. All students are highly encouraged to think deeply about your progress in these important areas of personal development. Parents/guardians are also encouraged to ask your children about their goals. Note: student goals can be viewed through student's District email account.

This week the Artona Grad Photo trailer arrived to take Graduation Photos for our grade 12 students. All graduating students are asked to make an appointment and get your grad photo taken! This is one of the first graduation activities of the year and is always a meaningful occasion for our students.



On Wednesday evening we welcomed the District's Welcome Centre to Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary to host their Newcomer's Networking Night. Families from across our Cloverdale community, and new to Canada, attended and learned more about the British Columbia education system. Special thanks to our staff and students from our International Club and Anti-Racism Club for your assistance in setting up, greeting and presenting at the event. This was an important opportunity to welcome newcomers to our community and provide information on strategies for success.

This afternoon we are hosting Parent-Teacher Interviews. Great thanks to all teachers for your time, energy and expertise in preparing for these important meetings. The feedback you provide to parents/guardians is very helpful for our students growth and development. With this, the creation of an open and supportive partnership between school and home is critical. Together, we create the conditions for our students to thrive! Thank you Panthers.

In closing, I'd like to thank all students for your efforts and for your attention to your study habits and commitment to your success. Arriving to class on time, regular attendance in school, participating in class, asking questions and seeking help as necessary will directly support your learning goals. We also appreciate your cooperation in keeping our hallways clear during instructional time and maintaining the productive, focused tone of our school. We are very proud of our Panthers, and know that your citizenship, conduct and work ethic will continue to support your learning and our school community! 😊



Have a happy Friday and a safe and enjoyable weekend. See you on Monday!

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.