Principal's Message ~ October 16th - 20th, 2023

This Week at Lord Tweedsmuir

Thursday October 19th, 2023

Good morning to all members of the Lord Tweedsmuir family!

Life at Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary is full. We are enjoying the opportunities to come together in the community and students and staff are fully engaged in their learning. Last week, the value of strong school-home partnership was in full display at our Parent-Teacher Interview night. The evening was very well attended as we appreciated the opportunity for introductions, student progress feedback and the establishment of productive communication. Great thanks to all staff, parents/guardians and students who participated in the evening. Well done Panthers!



This week has been Core Competency review and goal-setting for all of our students. This process is now part of the new British Columbia updated Reporting Order. Students will be revisiting their goals each reporting period and reflecting upon their progress in the development of Thinking skills, Communication skills and Personal and Social Responsibility. Thank you to all teachers for your assistance in implementing the goal-setting sessions this week. Parents/guardians are reminded to ask your child about their goals. Goals can be viewed through your child's Surrey School's email account.



Monday was Post-Secondary Day at Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary. Our Counselling Department invited numerous post-secondary institutes into the school to share entrance requirements and their programs with our senior students. There was a very diverse mix of speakers, and our students received much valuable information. Thank you to our Counselling Department for hosting the event, and all teachers of senior classes for your flexibility and support for these sessions.







It has been Emergency Preparedness Week at the school. On Monday we held our first Fire Drill and evacuation of the year, on Tuesday morning we participated in the Great BC Shake Out Earthquake Drill and today we held our Hold and Secure Drill. Practicing these procedures is a very important part of our safety protocol. Throughout the year, we will be holding numerous drills and practicing our response. With each drill, we will analyze our school's systems and adjust and fine tune as necessary. Thank you to all students and staff for your serious attention to detail in following the required procedures. Well done!



On Tuesday evening the Parent Advisory Council met for their second meeting of the year. Guest speaker Ms. Michaela Bisson-Montpetit from FamilySmart was our guest speaker. She provided an informative presentation on mental health support for children. The meeting was well attended in both person and online... parents/guardians are reminded that you are invited to join us at next month's meeting on November 21st at 7:00pm in our library.

On Wednesday, many of our senior students participated in the Trades Expo at the Cloverdale Agriplex. This was another chance for our students to learn more about their post-secondary options and explore the exciting Trades opportunities available to pursue in the future. Thank you to our Career Education Department for organizing this experience for our students.



Our students have been enjoying lunchtime intramurals! This year we have many students participating in this fun and welcoming lunch break activity. This week our Panthers have been playing basketball. Good friends, good exercise and good times at LTS! (3)



Tomorrow is a Non-Instructional Day in our district and province. Our teachers will be attending professional development sessions for courses across the curriculum. Regular classes will not be in session. I wish our staff a day of interesting learning and supportive dialogue.

Have an excellent day tomorrow and an enjoyable weekend. 😂

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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.