

## Principal's Message ~ October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# This Week at Lord Tweedsmuir

**Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Good morning Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary and Happy World Teacher Day!

It is now October, our September start-up is behind us and we are looking forward to the traditions and routines of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the 23/24 school year. The past month has been exceptionally busy as we have established the systems, staffing and timetabling requirements of a large and dynamic Secondary school community. Our school has now settled into the early phase of the new year, our students and staff are highly engaged in all forms of learning, and there is a positive and productive atmosphere across our school. Great thanks to all students and staff for all of your work and support in getting our year started!



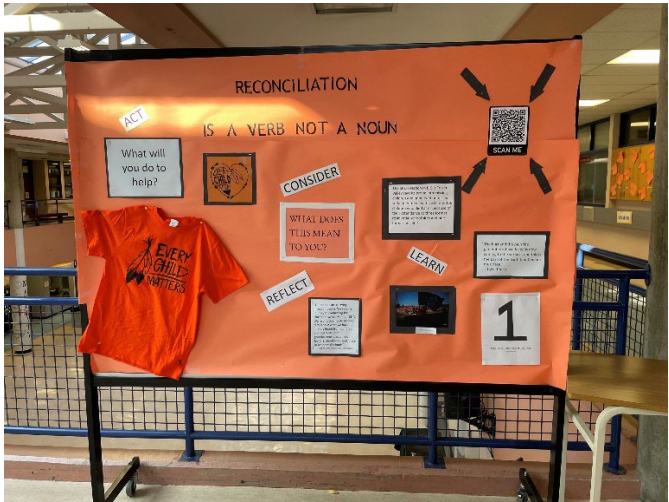
Last Friday evening Mr. Gemmel, our Athletics Department and our Senior Varsity Football team hosted “Friday Night Lights”! This was a very successful event and a wonderful evening of football and celebration of community. The lights were on, the bleachers packed with fans, the field lined with friends and family, music playing, hotdogs cooking and students and parents/guardians and staff celebrating their membership in our LTS family. It was a wonderful evening. Great thanks to Mr. Gemmel and your team of volunteers for making this evening possible. Congratulations to our Varsity Football players on your victory... this will be a game you will always remember. Well done Panthers!







Monday was a statutory holiday for the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. I hope all Lord Tweedsmuir community members were able to reflect on the importance of Truth and Reconciliation within our community and across our nation and participate in this significant day.



This week we have been hosting our annual Grade 8 Retreat. Grade 8 students spent a day at the Cloverdale Agriplex for a day of orientation, team building, friendship, food and fun. Participating in this event is very important for our grade 8 students and for establishing the culture of our school. Our students leave the Grade 8 Retreat as official Panthers! I would like to thank Ms. Smith for your leadership and to the many staff and student volunteers/leaders for your assistance. The Retreat is a very significant time for our school, and we couldn't do this without the support of many people. Way to go Panthers!







And today is World Teacher Day! I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank all the staff at Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary. Your dedication, professionalism and caring support of our students and our school community makes such a positive difference in the lives of our Panthers. You should all be very proud of your influence in supporting and shaping the lives of our future generation. Being an educator is an honour and carries great dignity... thank you and congratulations for all you do!

I wish everyone a happy Friday and a safe and relaxing weekend. We'll be back at school on Tuesday for another interesting and full week of education and celebration at Lord Tweedsmuir.

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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.