

August 2025

“Back to School” at Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary

Welcome back to the 2025-2026 school year at Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary! I am honoured to return for my 3rd year as Principal of our school and I look forward to our learning journey together. Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary has such a rich and successful history and positive culture within our community and school district; it is a privilege to be a member of the LTSS team and help support the students, parents/guardians and staff. On behalf of the entire staff, I am happy to welcome everyone back to school. I know that we will create another year of excellence in all forms of learning and caring support of our students.

This newsletter contains much information regarding opening day routines, optional fees, the school calendar, medical information, extracurricular opportunities, school photographs and more. Please review carefully in order to make your return to school as smooth as possible. You may also contact the school between now and September 2nd for additional information.

At Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary we will continue to build upon our rich traditions of excellence and student support. The upcoming school year will provide all of us many learning opportunities and will produce incredible stories of success. We know that our students will make us very proud. To ensure a successful start to the new school year, there are a number of important things students should do.

- Read this newsletter and accompanying information carefully,
- Pay attention to the orientation information provided in homeroom and in your classes during the first week,
- Use our “Panther Time” App, or other electronic methods to keep yourself organized,
- Check our school website regularly for school updates,
- Be on time and ready to learn in all classes,
- Become involved and connected to a club, team, and/or extra-curricular activity,
- Ask questions!

All students are encouraged to become involved in school life and become part of the Panther traditions that have made Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary such a wonderful place to work and learn. There are many ways to enrich your life within our community through academics, electives, extra-curricular clubs and athletics.

I would like to extend a special welcome to our new Grade 8 students, the class of 2030. Our school has much to offer and we are excited to have you join our family. We know that you will add to our rich traditions of excellence and become proud members of Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary.

I would also like to recognize this year’s incoming Grade 12 students, our graduating class of 2026. This will be a very special and important year for our senior students. As the graduating class, you will provide leadership and purpose in all aspects of student life. Your role as leaders within our community is a significant responsibility and directly contributes to Lord Tweedsmuir’s outstanding levels of excellence. We are confident you will meet our expectations as student leaders, and we know that with hard work and dedication you will enjoy a year of success and reward and build

many life-long memories. 2025-2026 will be a year of service and leadership and role modeling. Our Graduating class will be required to lead with care, compassion and positivity.

Parents, we invite you to become involved as partners in all aspects of the school. The first Parent Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm September 18th in the library. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to become involved in the school and all parents/ guardians are highly encouraged to join us. We look forward to parent partnership within this important committee.

Our Counsellors and Administration have worked very hard to create a timetable based upon the course requests that were submitted in the Spring. The creation of courses, and our corresponding staffing, are structured to meet these requests. With this, course change requests will be extremely limited and may not be possible in most circumstances. Students are reminded that student schedules may be found on your MyEdBC account. Please note that hard copies will not be provided. Please contact the office if you require assistance accessing your account.

Students, parents/guardians are also reminded that we will continue with our Extended Day Bell schedule for the 2025-2026 school year. Our day will have 5 blocks with the first class starting at 8:00am and the last class ending at 3:40pm. Please note that students will continue to have 4 classes/day.

We are hopeful that parents and students will utilize all our communication tools to stay informed about news at Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary and the School District. The school and district will provide updates through the following platforms:

- www.surreyschools.ca/tweeds Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary website
- **Panther Time** free Lord Tweedsmuir app
- **@Surrey_Schools** District account

Principal's Blog: <https://www.surreyschools.ca/tweeds/page/156464/principal-s-message>

Our school calendar is located on the school website (under Calendar) and lists many important dates. This calendar is also accessible through the **Panther Time** app.

I strongly encourage all students to take advantage of the wonderful curricular and extracurricular opportunities that are available at Lord Tweedsmuir. Get involved in all aspects of school life and enjoy your time as a Panther. With this, all students are encouraged to be in class every day, on time and with all necessary learning materials. We know that your commitment and engagement in your learning will result in success. Thank you to all parents/guardians for your help in reinforcing this important expectation. Please reach out to us whenever you have questions.

Enjoy the last days of summer! We hope it has been a season of relaxation and time spent with family and friends. See you on September 2nd.

Mr. K. Hignell
Principal