



# LORD TWEEDSMUIR SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

I am writing to share some important safety guidance as we head into what is an exciting, and sometimes risky, time of year for young people. Grad season is a wonderful occasion, and the decisions our students make can shape their graduation experience.

Surrey Schools is aware students are organizing their own activities outside of school-sanctioned events. We do ask, however, that grads remain mindful of our school's code of conduct in everything they do, even outside school settings. Choices made during this season can have lasting consequences, including an impact on post-secondary acceptances and future career opportunities. If activities result in harm, Safe Schools or Surrey Police Service may be involved.

We look forward to your partnership to keep our kids safe and have created the following guidelines to speak with your grads and keep them safe.

## **Ask Questions – lots of them**

Parents and guardians should never worry about coming across as overbearing. Your goal is not to interrogate, it's to open a dialogue rooted in trust and understanding, and to make it clear that your teen can always call you if a celebration takes an uncomfortable turn. Before your grad heads out, consider asking some straightforward questions:

- Who's going to be there?
- Will there be adults present?
- What kind of party or trip is this?
- Will there be drugs or alcohol?

## **Plan for Safe Experiences**

Whether celebrations are close to home or further afield, we encourage all students to think through the practical details before they go:

- Make sure someone knows where you are going and when to expect you back.
- Check whether there is cell reception at your destination, and have a backup plan if there isn't.
- Arrange a safe ride home in advance and know who you can call if plans change.
- Never get into a vehicle with a driver who has been drinking or using substances.

## **Know Who to Call**

If a celebration goes sideways, students should not hesitate to reach out for help. Contact local authorities if there is an immediate safety concern and remember that your school and district are here to support you. Unsafe activity related to grad trips, parties, or other events can also be reported confidentially through the [Protecting Surrey Schools Together \(PSST.ca\) website](http://ProtectingSurreySchoolsTogether.ca).

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## And remember

Our grads have worked hard to get here and they deserve to celebrate loudly, joyfully, and safely. We are here to support that in every way we can, and we are grateful for your partnership in making this season a great one for everyone.

## Lastly

We are in the process of planning our Graduation Dinner-Dance, Dry Grad Celebration and the Commencement Ceremony. All graduates are highly encouraged to join your classmates and celebrate your achievements with us!

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Take care,

Mr. K. Hignell  
Principal

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