

Principal's Message ~ April 8th – 12th, 2024

This Week at Lord Tweedsmuir

Thursday April 11th, 2024

Eid Mubarak! May this Eid-ul-Fitr bring you joy, love, success, and prosperity.



Good afternoon Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary!

Hello Panthers, I hope your week is going well. We are all now highly engaged in the business of learning and celebration for the 2nd semester. It is a very important time of year. Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary offers so many different opportunities for our students. Every day we see amazing learning happening within the curriculum and in extracurricular endeavours. Great thanks to our highly caring and professional staff for supporting, guiding and teaching our students with compassion and purpose. Our Panthers are very fortunate.



This week, as always, much on the go. On Monday we met with our Department Heads to discuss Accounting/ Budget procedures and a variety of Year-end structures and activities. I always appreciate the chance to meet with our school's leaders to discuss the issues of the day, and the successes and challenges of our school. I am very appreciative of the service our Department Heads provide to our community. Thank you.

On Tuesday, our Modern Languages Department invited a special guest performer, Mr. Fana Soro into the school for an African Drumming workshop en francais! Our French students had a wonderful time learning how to play the drum while practicing their French language skills. A great time was had by all!



Also on Tuesday, we held our first Extended Day timetable Advisory group meeting. Thank you to all staff who attended and thank you for your excellent questions. The feedback we receive is very important as is your opportunity for feedback. We are reviewing a couple of possible models for the incorporation of 5 blocks into next year's timetable. We will have a finalized Bell Schedule available for our community at the beginning of May.

On Wednesday, I had the chance to participate in this year's Metro Principal's Forum. The day provided an opportunity to exchange ideas with Secondary Principals from across the Lower Mainland. The issues, challenges, innovations and opportunities that we are engaged in are often very similar across metro school districts. It was very helpful to hear new ideas and perspectives.

Today our South Asian students and allies club is celebrating Vaisakhi with samosas on sale in our cafeteria and a special lunch time presentation. Happy Vaisakhi everyone!

On Thursday, our Valedictorian Committee met to begin to plan for the identification of this year's Valedictorian. This is a very important distinction for one of this year's graduating students. Grade

12's... please stay tuned for more information on the application process. We look forward to recognizing this very special representative of our Graduating class.

On Thursday afternoon, we will have the opportunity for a lengthier conversation about Extended Day Bell Schedule options. As mentioned, this is a requirement for our school next year... and we will implement with care and deliberation. Please stay tuned over the next few weeks as we develop a final schedule.

We are also hosting a couple of wonderful events this afternoon and evening. Our Indigenous students and families celebration will be happening this afternoon in our Theatre with a very special performance from the Vancouver Opera. They will be performing *Flight of the Hummingbird* for our students and families. It will be an amazing evening of community building and celebration.

Our Music Department will also be hosting their Spring Music Concert in the large Gymnasium on Thursday evening. Students and families are invited to join us to enjoy the musical talents of our students and celebrate their hard work, creativity and dedication. The evening promises to provide an amazing showcase of our Lord Tweedsmuir Panthers! We hope to see you there.

Staff are reminded that our Book Club will be meeting again on Friday at lunch. New members are welcome to join us in our discussion of the book "Is everyone really equal?"

Lastly, we wish our Senior Ultimate Team all the best for their Friday afternoon game. It is now Ultimate season, and our students are enjoying the chance to compete, socialize and have fun!

Have a great day tomorrow and enjoy your weekend.

Note: Grade 10 students are reminded that Provincial Assessments will be occurring on April 15th and 16th next week.

Happy Vaisakhi Panthers!



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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.