

**Principal's Message** ~ March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 4<sup>th</sup>

## **This Week at Lord Tweedsmuir**

### **Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

Good morning Panthers and welcome back to the final term of the 24/25 school year!



I hope you enjoyed a restful and happy Spring Break and have returned to school with a sense of rejuvenation and purpose. The last 3 months of the school year are always very full of learning, evaluation, year-end traditions and celebrations, and much planning for 25/26. I know that life at Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary will be very meaningful with interesting challenges and full of special activities over the coming months. I wish all students and staff the very best in the days ahead!

On Monday morning, at the beginning of the day, we were greeted with a beautiful "Welcome Back" double rainbow over the school! 😊



Our Art Club has been busy with their Boba Tea fundraiser this week. Our students loved the tea!



“Wednesday was [World Autism Awareness Day](#) and April is [World Autism Month](#), and as both observances aim to raise awareness about autism spectrum disorder (ASD), they also serve as opportunities to further a conversation around autism acceptance.

World Autism Awareness Day was established by the United Nations in 2007 to shine a spotlight on the issues faced by people with ASD, and was officially recognized by the Canadian federal government in 2012 with the passing of the [World Autism Awareness Day Act](#). April is also commonly referred to as World Autism Month, though Canada officially recognizes October as [Autism Awareness Month](#).”



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Our school district recently published their Accessibility Video Series, which promotes a common understanding of the terms disability, barriers, accessibility and inclusion, set out in the [Surrey Schools accessibility plan](#).

Thank you to all Panthers for your caring sense of community and inclusion! We are very proud of our Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary sense of social responsibility.

On Wednesday, we had three students write the 2.5 hour Euclid contest from the University of Waterloo. Written annually by over 25 000 participants worldwide, the Euclid Contest gives senior-level secondary school students the opportunity to solve innovative problems using their creativity and all of the knowledge they have gained in secondary school mathematics. We know our students will make us proud!

Our school's Extended Day Advisory Committee met again on Thursday to continue our conversation about next year's Extended Day Bell Schedule. Our school's expected enrollment will be over 1880 students, and so we will need to continue with our Extended schedule. The committee is reviewing the numerous variables within our Bell schedule, and will be bringing our recommendation to the staff, district and community over the next two months. Great thanks to all members of the committee for your feedback.

On Thursday morning, we held an important "Grad" assembly for our Grade 12 students. At this time of year, our thoughts turn to this exciting tradition that recognizes and celebrates the

conclusion of our graduating students' membership within the public education system, their graduation, and all that they have accomplished. It is a privilege to be able to participate alongside our graduating class. I know that this year's Dinner-Dance, Dry Grad and Commencement Ceremony will all be very special and memorable events for our Grade 12 students and their families. I would like to recognize and thank the many staff and parent volunteers for your countless hours of leadership and work that is required to make these events possible. The final term of the year will be especially important for our senior students and I am confident that they will meet our very high expectations for academic focus and citizenship until the very last day of June!

## Agenda

- Principal's Message
- Scholarships
- Valedictorian
- Grad Dinner/Dance
- Dry Grad
- Commencement Ceremony



Have an excellent Friday and a happy weekend. We'll see you back at school on Monday. 😊

Ken



### **Traffic and Student Parking**

All Panthers are reminded that traffic around the school and parking on school property will be very busy with our increased enrollment and Extended Day schedule. All student drivers are reminded that it is very important to drive with care and attention while on or near school property. Safety is our first priority. Please drive safely and responsibly, be aware of pedestrians, and follow all traffic regulations.

If possible, all families are asked to consider alternative transportation options. Please walk or bike to school if possible. It would also be helpful if students are dropped off a couple of blocks away from the school and vehicles do not enter our school's parking lot.

Please note that this year, students are only permitted to park in the Student Lot on the right side of our parking lot near our Portable classrooms. Students are not permitted to park in the Staff Lot.

All students wishing to park on school property must apply for a Parking pass. Application forms may be picked up at the office. Students must park in their designated stall.

Parking passes must be displayed on your car's windshield at all times while on school property. Parking privileges will be revoked for any students not following our parking regulations or for unsafe driving.

Thank you for your help and cooperation in responding to our increased traffic challenges and protecting the safety of our community members.