

Principal's Message ~ January 15th – 19th, 2024

This Week at Lord Tweedsmuir

Thursday January 18th, 2024

Hello Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary!

It has been another “interesting” week with extreme weather conditions and school closures. I hope all Panthers are well and managed the snowfall and cold, icy conditions without incident. This week, although shortened, has brought our school into the final push for Semester #1. I wish all students the very best as they prepare for their final assessments and complete their courses. All the best Panthers, hard work and dedication will result in success!



Congratulations to the LTSS Music Department on their successful fundraiser. Students and parents assisted with a Bottle Drive and Tree Chipping event over the Winter Break. Way to go team!



Congratulations to our student dancers. On Saturday Ms. Okrainetz hosted 16 Surrey high schools at The Bell Centre for “Breakout”, a district dance competition. Over 1200 dancers and 800 audience members came through the theatre this weekend. It was a very busy, very successful day.

Our school in particular had a successful day, walking away with a First Place (Jazz Team), Platinum standing and Highest Score of the competition (Advanced Class) and 2 Student Choreography Awards going to Ahria M. (grade 11) and Kai D. (grade 12). Our grade 8 class came in 2nd out of 12, and both our Jr and Sr Hip Hop came in 4th out of 15.





Monday was Black Excellence Day with students and staff wearing black to recognize this important day and demonstrate support of diversity, equity and inclusion at our school.



Also on Monday, we hosted Provincial Assessments for students who were required to catch up on missed Literacy 12 exams. All Grade 12 students are reminded that this is a requirement for graduation. Please contact the office if you have not yet completed your Literacy 12 Provincial Assessment.

On Monday afternoon, we gathered Department Heads together to discuss the important work of our BASES Department and their support of our complex learners. Great thanks to Ms. Khara for hosting us and sharing some details of your important work within our school community. We also spent some time reviewing our upcoming new Reporting requirements for the 1st Semester Final Report Card, and the structures now in place for issuing an “Insufficient Evidence” (IE). Teachers are reminded to please consult with Administration as you implement this new assessment process.

And the weather turned from very cold to very “snowy” on Tuesday evening! Schools across our District were closed for Wednesday and Thursday as we dug out from this significant storm. The Admin team was busy with various facility and weather issues. Thank you to all members of our LTSS community for your patience and flexibility as we responded to the storm!





Fortunately, the weather is more moderate on Friday; we can end the week on a normal note with a day of regular classes.

Enjoy your weekend... stay warm... See you on Monday!

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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.