

Principal's Message ~ January 27th – 31st

This Week at Lord Tweedsmuir

Thursday January 30th, 2025

Good morning Panthers,

Welcome to the 2nd semester of the 2024-2025 school year at Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary! I wish all students and staff a very successful time of new learning, friendship and celebration. Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary is a very special community and we are very fortunate to be Panthers. I encourage everyone to take advantage of all the opportunities that are available within our school, set your goals very high, and enjoy a highly meaningful and productive Spring semester. I know that the next 5 months will be filled with amazing accomplishments and great pride! Let's go Panthers!!



Happy Lunar New Year! This week our school has been decorated for Lunar New Year and our Multicultural Club organized a special event on Wednesday at lunch. Thank you to all the students who helped decorate and organize this celebration.



January 29

HAPPY Lunar NEW YEAR

- ☀️ Lunar New Year is one of the most important Asian holidays celebrated each year.
- ☀️ The holiday marks the first new moon of the lunisolar calendar, a calendar that is used in countries like Singapore, China, South Korea, Vietnam and other Asian countries.
- ☀️ Lunar New Year falls on different days each year as the lunisolar calendar tracks the different phases of the moon and sun.
- ☀️ The zodiac animal this year is the snake.
- ☀️ It is a time to reflect and celebrate a year of hard work as well as wish for a prosperous and luck-filled future in the year ahead.
- ☀️ Depending on what culture is celebrating it, the holiday can be celebrated for up to 15 days.
- ☀️ While celebratory customs vary between Asian cultures, one of the most popular traditions is to give children money.
- ☀️ Lunar New Year is an inclusive term that recognizes the cultural uniqueness and differences of Asian identities. Saying “Chinese New Year” does not.

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We started the week with the Semester Completion days. Students were given the opportunity to meet with their teachers to work on assignments and assessments to finish their requirements for successful course completion. I hope all students utilized these days to your advantage.

The first day of Semester 2 classes began on Wednesday morning. There is always an air of excitement and new beginnings in the building on Semester start days. Thank you to students for previously downloading your Sem. #2 timetable from MyEdBC and arriving “ready” on Wednesday morning. I am pleased to be able to say that our timetable for the semester is fully staffed, courses are set, the building and grounds are cleaned, and we are good to go! 😊

On Monday afternoon, we met as a staff to discuss our Semester-end and Semester start-up processes. We also had a chance to hear from our staff about the numerous student clubs and leadership initiatives that support “Equity, Diversity and Inclusion” at our school. This is very

important work and we are pleased to help support awareness, understanding, community-building and education across our community. Thank you to all students and staff for your leadership and participation in this work.



Students and parents/guardians are reminded that 1st semester final Learning Summaries (Report Cards) will be available for download on your MyEdBC portal on February 3rd. Great thanks to all teachers for your time, energy and professionalism in writing this important evaluation/feedback for your students.

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.