

## Principal's Message ~ January 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

# This Week at Lord Tweedsmuir

**Thursday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Good morning students, staff, parents/guardians and friends of the Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary community.



Welcome back Panthers! I hope your Winter Break was rejuvenating and filled with happiness. We have returned to school for the final push of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester. There are only about 3 weeks remaining in the term. Students and staff will be working diligently to complete their curriculum and prepare for final assessments. This is a very important time of year for learning and for student success.

I encourage all students to work very hard and remain focussed on your learning goals. Now is the time to seek additional help, ask questions, complete missing assignments, increase study time and preparation for exams and assignments. It is very important for all students, grades 8-12, to do all you can to demonstrate your learning to the very best of your ability.

There will be two semester completion days this term. On January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> the school will be open, and teachers will be available to provide additional support for students needing to complete assignments and assessments in order to be successful in your courses. Although there will not be regularly scheduled classes, students are strongly encouraged to take advantage of these days. Students are reminded that you should schedule appointments with your teachers during these days if you have any remaining work that requires completion, supervision and support.

We will begin Semester 2 on Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Students will need to log into your MyEdBC portal to download your 2<sup>nd</sup> semester timetable of courses. This should not be left too late. Please ensure you have access to your account now, and if necessary, update it in order for you to access your new timetable.

This week, Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary is hosting the Goodwill Games Basketball tournament sponsored by the Surrey Fire Department. This is a wonderful long-term tradition in our District that brings Surrey's Girls Basketball teams together in competition. On Tuesday at lunch, our LTSS Panthers played against Tamanawis Secondary in front of a full crowd of cheering fans. This was such a positive way to start the new year! Next week, Surrey's Boys Basketball teams will be in action in the RCMP Classic tournament. Our Basketball teams have had great success in both tournaments over the past years, and we wish all of our players and coaches the very best!



This week I had the opportunity to attend our District's Indigenous Student success and Reconciliation Meeting. It was very valuable to hear about the programs of support and initiatives that are occurring across our school district. The support of equity, diversity and inclusion within our school and district is so important. We are grateful for the high degree of caring professionalism and guidance that our staff provides and we will continue to do all we can to ensure that all students feel seen, valued, cared for and highly successful at Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary.



Students in Grade 12 who have not yet written your Provincial Literacy and Numeracy Assessments are reminded that we will be scheduling these exam sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Panthers are reminded that completion of the Literacy 10, Numeracy 10 and Literacy 12 Provincial Assessments are a graduation requirement. Students will be notified if they are scheduled for next week's assessment(s).

Again, welcome back everyone! Have a great day tomorrow and enjoy your weekend. See you 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.