

## Principal's Message ~ October 30<sup>th</sup> – Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

# This Week at Lord Tweedsmuir

**Thursday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

Hello Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary!

Good morning and welcome to November. It is a time of excellence in learning and celebration of Halloween fun and friendship. Our week at the school has been full of special events and high levels of engagement for both students and staff.

At the end of last week, our Urban Studies 11/12 students visited Granville Island, the Senakw development and the Museum of Vancouver. Our students were fantastic. They all arrived on time, were highly involved and respectful in every regard. We are very proud of our Panthers and grateful that they had this wonderful learning opportunity. Lord Tweedsmuir students are awesome! Great thanks to our Social Studies teachers for making this trip possible.



Last Thursday evening, we enjoyed the first Music Concert of the year. Our student-musicians performed in front of a full house of proud family and friends. I was so impressed with their talent and poise. Congratulations to our LTS Music Department. Way to go Panthers!



On Monday, we held our monthly Staff Meeting. This was an important opportunity to review several very significant topics with our staff including fostering an anti-sexist community, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, and supporting our Indigenous students. Thank you to all staff for your flexibility in accommodating our alternate meeting space, and for providing your thoughtful feedback. We will be continuing these conversations over the year and supporting education and awareness initiatives across our school community.

It was a busy Monday afternoon and evening with our Theatre students hosting our Lord Tweedsmuir Halloween Haunted House. In the evening we also hosted a Halloween Dance. The dance was well attended with many students in costume. Our students were excellent, and demonstrated responsible citizenship, fun and friendship. Special thanks to Mr. Mitro and our Girls Basketball team for your leadership in hosting the event. Also, great thanks to our staff who helped supervise and ensure that everyone enjoyed a safe and happy evening.



Many students and staff arrived at school on Tuesday morning dressed in Halloween costume!

☺ There was a positive and vibrant energy within the building and we enjoyed a great sense of school spirit. Our Student Council organized a Costume contest at lunchtime and we appreciated the creativity and fun that students and staff devoted to their costumes. Happy Halloween Panthers!



Wednesday was an important day for our school with both the Grade 9 “Take Your Kid to Work Day” and the Grade 12 Provincial Literacy Assessment. We strongly encouraged all grade 9 students to participate in this meaningful, and often initial, opportunity to experience the world of work. I would like to thank all Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary families and friends who sponsored a grade 9 student at your place of employment. This is always a highlight for our students... and an excellent day of learning for them.







We also hosted the Grade 12 Provincial Assessments on Wednesday. With this, students wrote their Provincial assessment instead of attending regularly scheduled classes. All students, parents/guardians are reminded that completion of the Literacy 12 Provincial Assessment is a requirement for graduation. All students must write this exam. Thank you to all teachers of senior students for your flexibility in adjusting your instruction and helping to supervise the exam. Also, thank you to all teachers who were required to change rooms for the day. This was a large and complicated initiative... we appreciate your help and support.

On Thursday, I had the opportunity to attend the Metro Vancouver Principal's Conference. Some of the discussion topics included Universal Design for Learning, Inclusive Education, Descriptive Feedback, and Leadership Efficacy in Times of Change. I appreciated the chance to learn from principals across Metro Vancouver and hear about initiatives and strategies in other schools and districts.

Tomorrow, our Varsity Football team travels to Chilliwack. They will be playing the G. W. Graham Grizzlies. The winner will enter the BC High School Football playoffs as Conference champion. Kick off is at 7pm at Exhibition Stadium. Good luck Panthers!



Have a happy Friday and a safe and enjoyable weekend. See you on Monday!

Ken



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.