

Principal's Message ~ November 20th – 24th, 2023

This Week at Lord Tweedsmuir

Thursday November 23rd, 2023

Happy Thursday morning. I hope all Panthers are doing well and enjoying your learning journey this semester. As we move through November, and the weather turns, we are focussed on classroom and school routines, building our community culture and engaging our students in their development. I would like to thank all staff and parents for your support of our students. Our Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary Panthers are very fortunate.

It is Core Competency week. All students have been required to reflect on their development of Thinking, Communication and Personal and Social Responsibility skills and set goals in these areas. This process will occur several times throughout the year as a requirement for graduation. Parents/guardians are highly encouraged to ask your children about their goals.

On Monday our Staff Committee met to begin a conversation about programming needs for our students and culture building within our school community. Thank you to all staff who joined us. This was an important discussion, with many layers of complexity to consider.

On Tuesday, I had the wonderful opportunity to attend our District's Indigenous Student Success meeting. We were able to meet Indigenous students from across the school district and hear directly from them about meaningful structures for support and dialogue and areas for future growth and consideration. I was very impressed with their leadership and engagement in this conversation and their influence within their schools. Great thanks to our own LTS students for your participation.

Our Parent Advisory Council met this week for finalization of their 23/24 budget. Thank you to our staff for your submissions of funding initiatives and to the PAC for your careful deliberation of each request and allocation of this year's Gaming funds. Our PAC, through this support,

makes a direct and positive difference in the extracurricular opportunities for our students. Thank you.

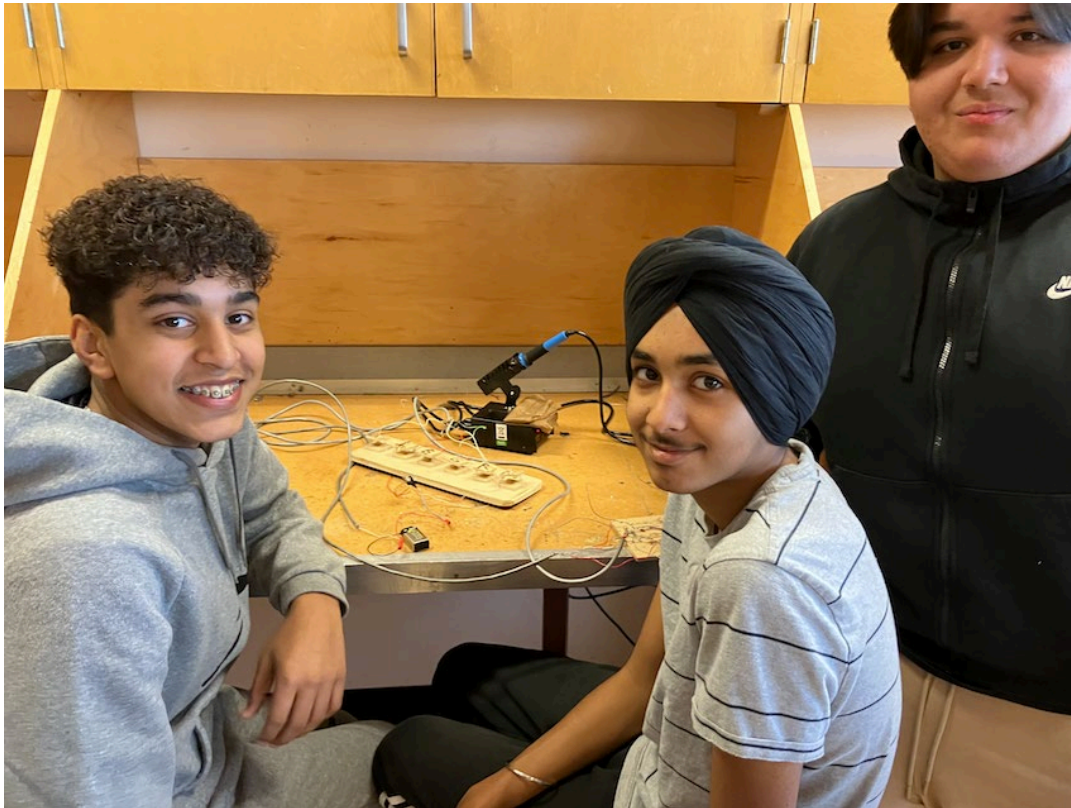
On Wednesday afternoon, our Anti-Racism committee hosted a workshop for staff. Thank you to the committee for organizing this important learning event. Our school's work in fostering reconciliation, equity, diversity and inclusion will continue to develop and support our sense of community.

This week students in our Technology Department have been enjoying a variety of projects and learning important life-long skills. We are very fortunate to be able to provide these programs and resources for our Panthers.











We are all very privileged to be able to work and learn within our Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary community. School life is always interesting and dynamic. I encourage all students to continue to work hard, ask questions, continue to focus on your learning goals and enjoy the next 4 weeks as we move toward the Winter Break.

Have a happy Friday and a safe and enjoyable weekend. 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.
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Thank you for your help in protecting the safety of our students.