

Principal's Message ~ November 25th – 29th

This Week at Lord Tweedsmuir

Thursday November 28th, 2024

Good morning Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary.

Hello Panthers, I hope you are all doing well and enjoying your week. December is almost here and we have 3 weeks of classes remaining until Winter Break. Our time together at school is full of interesting experiences, new learning, school spirit, celebration and friendship. This is an especially busy time of year with many special events taking place over the next few weeks. I wish everyone great success and joy as we move toward our Winter Break and celebrate together.

Yesterday afternoon, we enjoyed a few minutes of sunshine. ☺



Last Saturday evening our Grade 8 and Varsity Football teams had the opportunity to play in the Provincial Championships at BC Place Stadium. It was such a special day for the teams with memories of a lifetime! We are very proud of all of our players for all of your teamwork, commitment and hard work and for the incredible successes you have achieved this season. Congratulations Panthers!





Last week our Physics 12 students in Ms. Sagoo's class were designing, making and testing "egg-landing" vehicles. This was a fun and informative activity with many vehicles safely landing their occupants on the floor below! Very creative designs... well done Panthers! 🤖



Our LTSS Toy Drive continued throughout the week. Congratulations to our new club “Hearts for Humanity” on this new school-wide initiative. Your leadership demonstrates wonderful citizenship and social responsibility and will make a positive difference in the lives of our community members. Thank you.

Next week we will initiate our annual Food Hamper Drive with donations also going to the Cloverdale Community Kitchen. Last year, our Student Council collected thousands of food items for our community... I am confident that this year we can collect even more! I encourage all Panthers to donate to this very worthy cause and thank you for your generosity and community spirit. Let's go Panthers!!

On Monday afternoon, we held our monthly staff meeting. This provided our team an opportunity to discuss and reflect on this year's Extended Day schedule and the numerous implications across our school community. We can expect that we will continue to be on an Extended Schedule next year as our student population continues to climb. This Spring we will be closely considering our Bell schedule for possible revisions for the 25/26 school year. This will again be communicated to our school community in the late Spring. In general, although there have been many adjustments required, the Extended Day schedule has allowed slightly greater capacity for room allocation for our students and staff. We remain open to feedback as we move forward with next year's planning.

Our school's Health and Safety Committee met on Tuesday. A topic of conversation was traffic and parking in and around our school. Staff are reminded to please park on the left side of the lot; students are reminded to park in your designated spot on the right side of the lot. If at all possible, parents/guardians are reminded to avoid entry into our parking lot. Drop-off/Pick-up can occur a couple of blocks away from the school. Lastly, all drivers are reminded to please avoid parking on the street next to our parking lot exit. Please follow city bylaws signage in order to avoid blocking sight lines of vehicles attempting to exit the lot. Thank you to all members of our community for your part in protecting the safety of our students.

On Wednesday evening our Career Education Department hosted the District Career Programs Information Evening for students and parents. We are so fortunate to have access to so many amazing Career Programs in our school district. Great thanks to Ms. Kermode for your leadership in supporting student access to these life-changing opportunities. I always look forward to hearing the incredible stories of success for our students who are pursuing these career designations.

We are very grateful for our school's lunchtime Intramural program run by Mr. Jones and his students. This is especially important as we move into our inclement Winter weather. Students are invited to participate at lunchtime and/or come down to the gym to cheer your favourite team to victory. 😊



Today we hosted our “New Staff” luncheon meeting. We were able to gather with our new staff, hear how their term is going so far, help provide additional orientation information and support, and let them know how much we value their contribution to our community. We have many new staff this year at the school – and they play such an important role in helping to shape the culture of our school. Thank you!

On Thursday evening at 7:00pm in our Library, our Dry Grad 2024/2025 Committee will be meeting. All parents/guardians are invited to join this important group of parent volunteers. Fundraising for Dry Grad 2025 is already underway, and the school is very supportive of hosting a safe, fun and very special Dry Grad Celebration for our graduating class. Great thanks to all volunteers. Your support of our students is a wonderful gift.

Have a great day tomorrow and enjoy your weekend. We will see you back at school on Monday morning for our final push to the break.

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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.