

**Principal's Message** ~ October 7 – 11, 2024

## **This Week at Lord Tweedsmuir**

**Thursday Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Good morning to all members of our Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary community.



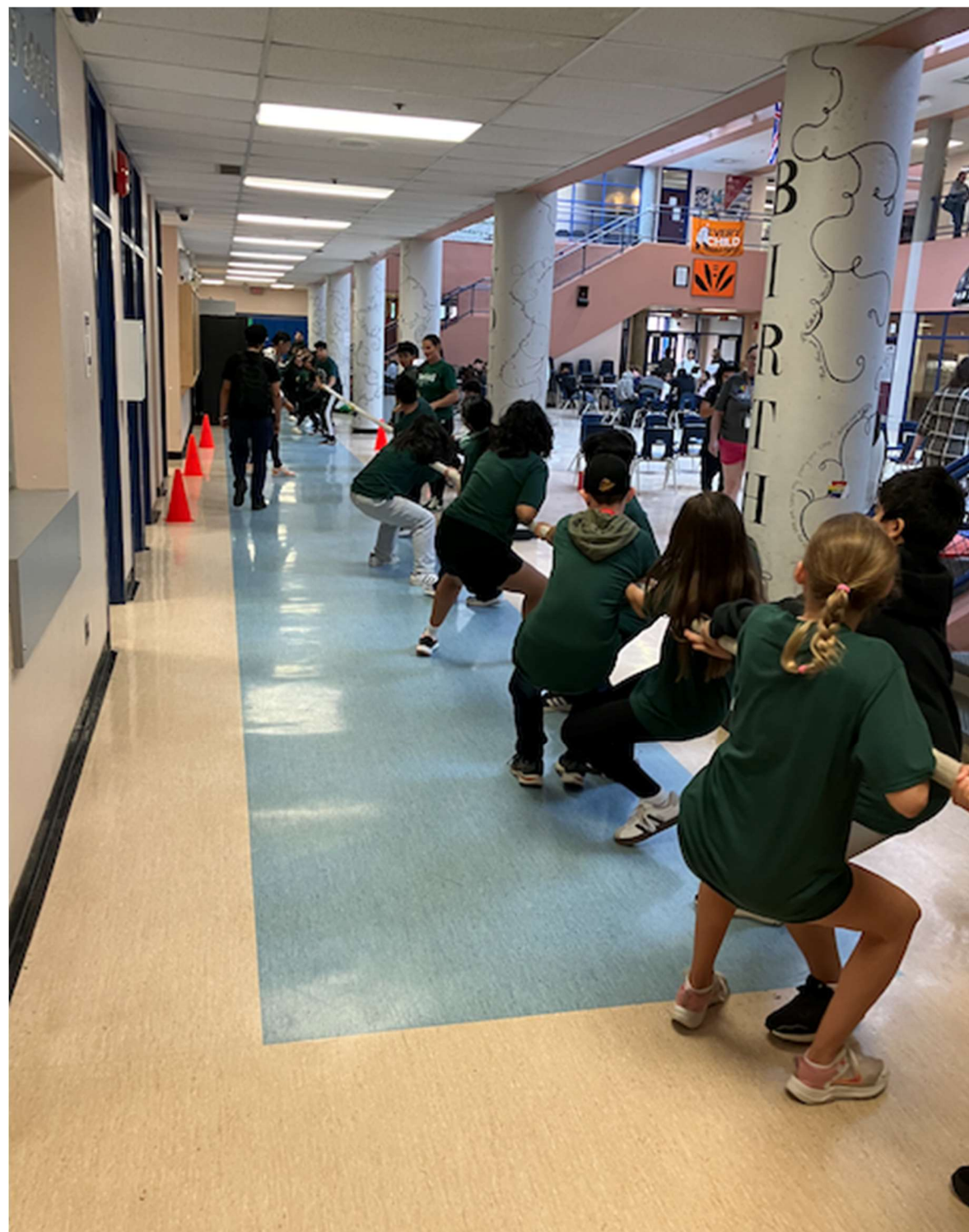
I would like to begin this week's message by again recognizing the excellent work of our team of teachers and student leaders who hosted this year's Grade 8 Retreat! Way to go Panthers!! This is such an important tradition for our school. It provides us an opportunity to welcome our Grade 8 students into our caring community of excellence. The Retreat provides us additional time with our newest Panthers to highlight the strengths of our community and to establish expectations for their membership in our school.

Our grade 8's heard many important messages of our support for equity, diversity and inclusion and the creation of a safe, welcoming and caring school for every student and staff member. They were challenged to make our school even stronger with their service and leadership and were encouraged to become deeply involved in the life of our school. We are very proud of our Panthers, our work together, and the school we have created. I am absolutely confident that this year's group of grade 8 students will be highly successful and will contribute to the rich diversity of Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary.









It is “Early Intervention” Week at LTSS. **All families should be receiving some form of communication about their child** (e.g. phone call, student self-assessment signed by the teacher, email, conference, Insufficient Evidence form, or some other form of progress reporting). Parents/guardians are requested to please ask your child about this assessment feedback.

Parents/guardians are also reminded that Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> is Parent-Teacher Interview Day. We will be hosting two sessions from 2:30pm – 4:00pm and from 5:00pm – 6:30pm. Please make an appointment using our online Appointment software.

**You can book your appointment online at: [School Appointments - Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary \(teacherconferences.net\)](https://www.schoolappointments.net). If you are unable to attend, please make alternative arrangements with your child's teachers directly. Teacher contact information can be found on the [Lord Tweedsmuir website](https://www.lordtweedsmuir.ca).**

Monday was a busy day with Photo Retakes. Thank you to all staff for your flexibility as we called students to the cafeteria for photos.



This week I had the chance to admire the talents of our Art 8 students. They were capturing different textures for their work.



On Wednesday, I attended our School District's meeting focused on Indigenous student success. We discussed the importance of creating safe and supportive school environments, activating student voice and addressing colonial systems/structures to better meet the needs of our students. We will continue to learn and grow and work very hard to promote success for our students while fostering a sense of belonging, mastery and generosity. Important work for us all.



As I previously mentioned, Thursday is Parent-Teacher Interview Day. Students and families are reminded that we will be on our Early Dismissal Schedule in order to facilitate the appointments. Strong communication between the school and the home is critical for student success. All parents/guardians are highly encouraged to meet with your child's teachers. Thank you in advance to all staff and all parents/guardians for your participation.



## **Early Dismissal Schedule**

**Warning Bell 7:55 am**

**Period 1 8:00am-9:05am**

**Period 2 9:10am-10:45am**

**Lunch Break 10:45am-11:30am**

**Period 3 11:30am – 12:20pm**

**Period 4 12:25pm-1:15pm**

**Period 5 1:20pm-2:25pm**

**Thursday, October 10 - Learning Conferences**

**Tuesday, November 12 - Assessments**

**Thursday, March 6 - Learning Conferences**

**Monday, April 14 - Assessments**

All Panthers are reminded that Monday is the Thanksgiving Statutory holiday. All schools will be closed for the day. I wish you a wonderful long weekend with family and friends.



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.