

Principal's Message ~ Sept 9 – 13, 2024

This Week at Lord Tweedsmuir

Thursday Sept 12th, 2024

Good morning Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary!

We hope your week has gone well and that you are adjusting to the new rhythms and routines of the new school year. This is a very significant time of change and transition for students, families and staff. We know that over the next few weeks, our community will settle into the first semester and school life at Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary! 😊



Our school is also settling into our Semester #1 structures, with increased students and staff, a new Extended Bell schedule, and a new Code of Conduct. We have revisited many of our

systems and made necessary adjustments to ensure a well-organized, positive and meaningful learning environment for our Panthers. Thank you to all students and staff for your patience as we continue to finalize timetables, staffing and enrollment. We know that it will be a year of powerful learning, joy, celebration and friendship!



This week we hosted our first Department Head meeting to review our Start-up activities and establish our systems for the year. Great thanks to all Department Heads for the direct leadership you provide your colleagues, students and our school community. I am absolutely confident that our caring and highly professional staff will continue to provide engaging and relevant educational programming for our students and will continue to adjust to the everchanging educational complexity of the day.

This week we had the opportunity to meet with our students with our Grade-wide orientation assemblies. Students received important information about the school year and expectations

for their citizenship and success were clearly reviewed. All students were highly encouraged to become involved in the life of the school and to make our school community even stronger!



Mr. Solari's Urban Studies students were enjoying their assignment as they studied our school facilities and considered future initiatives.



Tonight, our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) will hold their first meeting of the year. We are looking forward to working with this year's parent volunteers in support of our students and school. All parents/guardians are reminded that you are welcome to join the PAC. Tonight's meeting will begin at 7:00pm in our library. Meetings are held most months and are an excellent opportunity to learn more about the life and times of Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary. The PAC is an important partner of the school and demonstrates the value of open and collaborative systems of support. Great thanks to this year's PAC Executive for your service and leadership. It is going to be a great year!

Our school is a big, busy, complex and exciting place to work and learn. Our days fly past... and this week was no exception. As always, there is much "on the go" and our students and staff are very busy. Students, set your goals high, work hard, get involved in school-life and enjoy all that our Lord Tweedsmuir community offers!

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.