

Principal's Message ~ Sept 16 – 20, 2024

This Week at Lord Tweedsmuir

Thursday Sept 19th, 2024

Good morning Panthers!

It is Thursday already and time to reflect on our week and celebrate our Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary community. As we conclude week #3 of the first semester, our students and staff are settling into their new routines. Student timetables have been completed and we are reinforcing our new systems and routines. Procedures for issues such as Cell phone usage, 5th period schedules, parking/traffic, cafeteria expectations, vaping, hallway expectations, bussing and others are necessary and will continue to be communicated to our community. In addition, our school has also focussed on communicating our traditional messages of support for curricular and extra-curricular excellence in learning, the development of citizenship, leadership and positive and inclusive community culture, the value of equity, diversity and inclusion and the recognition and celebration of all that we accomplish together as a community. As I often mention, this is a very busy and exciting time.



This week our Staff Committee had their first meeting of the year. I would like to thank this year's committee members for your leadership and feedback as we go through the year. This structure helps promote communication and problem-solving for the complexities we face. I'm looking forward to working with the team!

On Wednesday evening, this year's Dry Grad Committee also held its first meeting. Again, this is such an important group of volunteers. The work that our Dry Grad Committee does is very meaningful and directly supports the safety and well-being of our graduating students. Great thanks to all parents/guardians who are helping to support Dry Grad. I am confident that this year will again be another excellent, safe and fun celebration for the graduating class. Parents/guardians of senior students are reminded that you are more than welcome to join this parent committee. Please watch for communications about future meetings and fundraising initiatives.



Wednesday our Indigenous Student Advocacy team held their first meeting of the year with a Pizza luncheon for our students. As a school, we will continue to develop supports and initiatives to ensure that our Indigenous students are welcomed and highly engaged and successful within our Panther community. We value the importance of the Truth and Reconciliation process and look forward to recognizing Orange Shirt Day next Thursday.



Today will be a busy and fun day for our school with our Karnival Kick-off Clubs Fair at lunchtime. Student extracurricular groups have the chance to promote their club and encourage new membership. We are very fortunate to have a very lengthy list of interesting clubs for our students to pursue. All students are highly encouraged to become involved in school-life. Get involved, have fun, develop new skills, make new friends. The more engaged students become within our school community, the better their entire school experience will become!

SCHOOL CLUBS	2024 2025 supervisors	Meeting time and location
Student Council	Ms. Smith	Wednesdays @ lunch in the library
GSA	Ms. Smith	Thursdays @ lunch Room C211
Hearts for Humanity	Mr. Kia Salimian	Fridays @ lunch, Rm C302
LST Homework Club	Ms. Calla	Tues, Wed, Thurs Room C214 2:20pm-3:00pm
Math Homework Help	Ms. Kalbfuss Ms. Karic Ms. Musico	Tuesdays Room C308 2:20-3:20pm Wednesdays Room C312 2:20-3:20pm Thursdays Room C306 11:15-12:00pm
Intramurals	Mr. Jones	Lunch in the Gymnasium
Astra	Mr. Dauda	Thursdays @ lunch or after school Room B304
Scholarship Club	Ms. Kermode Mr. Hepting	October 1, November 5, December 3 and January 14 @ lunch in the library
Environmental Club	Mr. Ferrier	Fridays Room C202 @ lunch
Writer's Guild	Ms. R. Robinson	Fridays @ lunch Rm C204
Business Club	Mr. Nagra	Every second Thurs @ lunch, Port 8
D n D Club	Ms. Truss	Wednesday & Fridays @ lunch, Port 4
Board Game Club	Mr. Birnbaum	Fridays @ lunch, C209
Crafts for Kindess	Ms. Mudge	Fridays @ lunch, Room C303
Game Development Club	Mr. Dauda	Tuesdays & Fridays @ Lunch Rm B211
Chess Club	Mr. Kumar	Mondays @ Lunch Rm C208
South Asian Students & Allies	Mr. Sidhu Mr. Jassi	Thursdays @ lunch Room C301
The Gratitude Club	Ms. Morrison	Mondays @ lunch Location TBD
Anime Club	Mr. Kumar	Wednesdays @ lunch Room C208
M.E.D (Medical Education of Diseases) Club	Ms. Lewis-Watts	Thursdays @ lunch, Room B303
Smiles to the World	Mr. Dauda	Tuesdays @ lunch, Room B204/Library
Editing and Visual Effects	Mr. Bailey	Mon & Fri @ lunch, Room T201
Botany Club	Ms. Maion	Thursdays @ lunch, Rm B312 or B302
Foosball Club	Mr. Swaddling	Mon, Wed, Fri @ lunch, Rm T200
Art Club	Mr. Memmott	Monday & Fri @ lunch, Rm F101

On Thursday evening, we will host our annual LTSS Awards ceremony. This is a wonderful opportunity to recognize and congratulate our many students for their successes last year. Departments will be presenting a variety of course-based awards and we will have the opportunity to recognize and celebrate our students' accomplishments. We are very proud of our Panthers. All students and family members who have received an invitation to the evening ceremony are kindly asked to join us at the school. See you there! (Note: Refreshments will be served! 😊)

Tomorrow morning, Friday, we will host another very special annual tradition with our Grade 8 Pancake Breakfast. Again, this will give us a chance to welcome our newest Panthers to our community and let them know how much we are looking forward to their learning and to their membership and to their contributions to our school. It will be a fun morning of good food, good friends and many smiles! We will see our grade 8's in the cafeteria at 7:30am.

Students, parents/guardians and staff are reminded that on Monday we will have our first "Flex Day" schedule. (Period 1: 8:00am – 9:08am, Period 2: 9:13am – 10:51am, Lunch Break: 10:51am – 11:36am, Period 3: 11:36am – 12:29pm, Period 4: 12:34pm – 1:27pm, Period 5: 1:32pm – 2:40pm). Please mark this in your calendars.

I hope that everyone is feeling a little more settled and enjoying the beginning days of this year's learning journey. I am optimistic, that together, we will continue to move forward with caring excellence. Together, we will create a positive and highly meaningful learning environment for our Panthers.

Have a great day tomorrow and enjoy your weekend. See you on Monday!

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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.