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Dear Parent / Guardian,

I am alerting you to two upsetting incidents that occurred around Lord Tweedsmuir after school on Thursday, January 10, 2013. On separate occasions, two groups of students were robbed *of cell phones and a watch* while walking home from school.

One incident occurred in a trail near George Greenaway pool parking lot on 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue when three young men approached students and threatened them with a can of mace or pepper spray. The three individuals were in their early 20's and were driving a black SUV.

A short while later, in a public laneway north of the school, near 64<sup>th</sup> avenue, another group of students were also robbed by three to four young men in their early 20's. These individuals were driving a silver Honda Accord or Toyota Corolla.

No student was physically harmed in either incident and police are investigating. The same two groups of suspects are also believed responsible for similar robberies in the area shortly before Christmas. All incidents occurred between 2:40pm and 3:00pm.

I am sharing this information with students and parents so you are aware and can take particular precautions as needed in the neighborhood. As a reminder, here are some safety tips:

- Don't take short cuts. Use main routes; avoid lanes, forested or secluded areas.
- Walk with friends.
- Tell someone where you are going and when you will be back.
- Phone home when leaving a friend's house and say when you will be home.
- Trust your instincts and your feelings.
- Phone home if you are going to be delayed, or if your plans change.
- Don't be walking and texting, please be aware of what is happening around you.

If you have any information you think may be helpful to the police investigation, please call the Surrey RCMP non-emergency number at 604-599-0502 and ask for Const. K. Williams, who is Don Christian's school liaison officer.

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Martin Bobik  
Principal