

# Principal's Message

**Purpose Independent Secondary School**

**February 1, 2023**



## Students of the Month Award: January

Each week a student (s) will be nominated by staff. The student (s) chosen will receive the coveted Purpose School “Student of the Week” pen and a \$5 Timmy’s gift card. Students will be nominated by staff who demonstrate at school one or more of the attributes in the Dalai Lama Heart-Mind- Well-Being Framework:

- Gets Along Well with Others
- Compassionate and Kind
- Alert and Engaged
- Secure and Calm
- Solves Problems Peacefully



Please note that we are returning to weekly Student of the Week announcements each Friday. The weekly announcement will be sent out separately and will not be part of the Principal’s Message.

## Drum roll please...

**Padro LOPEZ** is recognized by staff for his improved class participation, his academic performance and his overall attendance. Padro’s Graduation goal of June 2023 is in sight ! Well done, Padro !

**Miranda LI** is recognized by staff for practicing kindness to her peers, showing diligence and taking pride in her school work. Way to go, Miranda !

**Tyson HEALEY** is recognized by staff for his improved attendance, improved focus on his classwork and kindness to others. Thank you Tyson for your efforts !

## Heart-Mind Well-Being



### STUDENT TESTIMONY

At Purpose I experienced an amazing community, and with that community I was given the courage to work towards my goals, and so I did. – **Jace Sorensen**



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

- **Tuesday, February 14: Valentine's Day**  
Stay tuned for information from your School Spirit Club!
- **Thursday, February 16: Field Trip Day**  
Back by popular demand! School-wide Ice Skating event: Moody Park Ice Arena 1:30pm to 2:30 pm. Consent forms will be sent out closer to the date. All students are invited to attend the event either as a participant or spectator. There will be no classes or supervision offered in the afternoon at the school as all staff will be enjoying the time with all students at the Moody Arena.
- **Monday, February 19: Family Day**  
School is closed. Enjoy this special day with your family!
- **Wednesday, February 22: Pink Shirt Day**  
More information to follow closer to the date!
- **Friday, February 24: Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training**  
The school is closed on this day to allow staff to undergo a one day training in Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training. This training is a requirement of employment as an employee of Lower Mainland Purpose Society.



# New Registrations 2023-2024

## School Year

I am pleased to report that our school is now closed for registration for this school year. Registrations for the 2023-2024 school year are starting the week of February 13. If you know a family who is looking for a new school placement for their child and believe they would be a good fit for our school, please give them my direct number (604) 512-6888 or have them email at [merrilyn.cook@purposesociety.org](mailto:merrilyn.cook@purposesociety.org). I would be pleased to provide a tour, describe our school program and answer any questions they might have.



## Calling all Grads!!!

With a little more than 4 months before the Graduation Dinner and Ceremony on June 15, Merrilyn and Johnny would like to invite all students graduating this year to a meeting on Thursday, February 9 at 12:00 noon to discuss all things “Grad” such as Graduation night, scholarships, bursaries, finding that special dress or suit and other grad activities. Look forward to seeing you there!!

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