



Principal's Message

Purpose Secondary School

November 1, 2023



Welcome Purpose Family to November!

The staff and I were delighted to see the school spirit and the fun that was experienced by the students and staff at our Halloween party yesterday.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to decorate our school. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and creativity from our students! Well done!

Halloween Celebration

A special thank you for the following students for their efforts to make this year's Halloween celebration so much fun:

- Angel Thomas and Belana Sitzerman from the School Spirit Club
- Alex Drake, Natatasha Donkor-Leh, Jack Erquicia, Angel Thomas and Jacob Bowie for their haunting and amazing Halloween concert under the direction of Devon. Encore performances by Jordan and Tyler!



There were many prizes awarded for the pumpkins chosen at the Pumpkin Patch and carved and for the costumes worn by the students.

Congratulations to all! Certainly a Halloween to remember!

Prize Winners for the \$5 Timmy Gift Cards

COSTUME CATEGORY

Scariest: Belana Sitzerman, Bastien Dube, and Troy Scramstad

Most Original: Lexis Poirier

Most colourful: Jacob Bowie, Gurinder Deol

Pop Culture: Ivy Erquicia

Creative: Zylus Thompson, Vivien Harpe

Funniest: Nicholas Howarth

Cultural: Carla Pacheco Gramani,

Tyson McGettigan, Tyler Mill

Cute: Torran Davis

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PUMPKIN CARVING

Scariest: Shane Johnson

Most original: Lexis Poirier

Creative: Vivien Harpe

Challenging: Josh Leung

First-time Carver: Leo Ng



Student ID Cards: There are a few students who have yet to pick up their student ID cards at Reception. A reminder to send \$14 to cover the cost of the card if you have not already done so. This amount is payable by cash or cheque. Please contact Merrilyn if this presents a challenge for you.

Parent & Teacher Conferences

PLEASE NOTE ON **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16** THERE WILL BE A 12:30 PM EARLY DISMISSAL FOR ALL STUDENTS IN PREPARATION FOR THE TEACHER /PARENT CONFERENCES STARTING AT 2:30PM

All Parent /Teacher Conferences are scheduled from 2:30 to 7:30 pm with a Dinner break from 5:00 to 5:30 pm. The conferences are limited to 15 minutes per time slot.

Grades 8 and 9 program:

Please note these conferences will be scheduled separately. Chris and Timmi will be emailing all parents with information on how to schedule a Parent/Teacher conference.



Grades 10, 11 and 12: Please call reception at 778-727-3410 to be transferred to Johnny who will schedule a conference time. This will be an in-person session only.

WHO WE ARE

Purpose Secondary School is an independent school, which exists to serve those students who, for a variety of reasons, find it difficult to succeed in the traditional school system. Students benefit from the fact that we are a small, independent school.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Thursday, November 2: Under the Ministry of Education guidelines, the school is mandated to undergo a Safety Procedures Assessment. Please note two to three officers from the New Westminster Police Department will be conducting a two-hour assessment mid-day in the school tomorrow. Please be assured this is a standard procedure much like the school does with the Fire Department.

Tuesday, November 7: The school administration will be meeting virtually for the greater part of this day with an Inspector from the Ministry of Education Independent School branch. The school will be undergoing a Monitoring Inspection with the Ministry. The staff has been preparing for our every second year Monitoring Inspection by the Ministry of Education described as a “comprehensive review of our compliance with legislative and other regulatory requirements, student safety, school and student outcomes and a survey of the school’s policy and educational programming”. The Monitoring Inspection ensures we are in compliance and our status as a Group 1 school continues to be upheld.

Wednesday, November 8: Remembrance Day Assembly at 11:00 am on this date.

Thursday, November 9: Grade 10-12 Vancouver Film School Fieldtrip.

Monday, November 13: In recognition of Remembrance Day the school will be closed.





Lunch Program

I am very pleased to report that the Lunch Program is a resounding success! Many students are lining up for the lunches each day and coming back for seconds! The Lunch Program menu items are being prepared by the fabulous Columbia Street Sandwich Company each day and served by our staff family style on the upper floor.

All students are invited to take part at a monthly rate of \$15 or by paying a \$1 per lunch or by paying nothing at all!

Please find attached the Lunch Program menu for the next two weeks:
November 6 to November 16.

Please note on November 23 there will not be lunch available on this day.



Afterschool Clubs

A reminder that there are a number of afterschool clubs for students to join. Everyone welcome! All clubs run from 3:00 to 4:00pm.

- **Monday** **Purpose Fitness Club**
 Games and Activities Club
- **Tuesday** **Pokemon Card Club**
- **Wednesday** **No Clubs**
- **Thursday** **Video Games Club**
 Purpose Film Club



Open Registration

Dungeon and Dragons Club Registration

There is a sign-up sheet for this club outside of Jordan's room. This club is scheduled for Mondays from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. Please see Jamie for more information.

Table Tennis Tournament : November 28/29 from 9:45am to 12:00pm.

Back by popular demand... Amazon Gift Cards to win... Please see Jacob for more information!

Student of the Week: Is returning the week of November 20!!!!

Each Thursday, the name of the student (s) nominated and chosen by staff will be announced in a special bulletin each Thursday. The student(s) chosen will receive the coveted Purpose School pen and a \$5 Timmy's gift card. Students chosen by staff have demonstrated 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

Warmest regards,

Merrilyn Cook

Principal

Heart-Mind Well-Being





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