Core academic knowledge is the foundation from which students can apply durable skills, enabling them to build a life, a home, and a future for themselves, their families, and their communities. With the rapid pace of technological change in our post-COVID world, it is more important than ever to center our educational approach around shared human values and a clear sense of purpose. By asking thoughtful questions and encouraging students to reflect on what they are learning and why, we can empower them to create their OWN portraits of who they are and who they aspire to be. This approach fosters joy, creativity, and authenticity in the process and expressions of learning. Importantly, it also helps learners develop the self-awareness and resilience necessary to thrive in today’s world.
**EMPOWERING**

**How will I grow in my learning?**

- **Reflect** on my personal strengths and unique qualities to leverage them in all aspects of my life.
  - Approach learning and life experiences with **curiosity** and a growth focused attitude to find ways to connect them to my passions and interests.
  - Be **self-aware**, monitor my needs, and advocate for myself in a variety of environments.
  - Strive for **balance** by asking for support related to my intellectual growth, physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being.

**CONNECTING**

**How do I build and sustain relationships and community?**

- Build connections by actively listening, sharing ideas, and **collaborating** toward common goals.
  - **Communicate** effectively, adapting my communication style to different audiences and situations, while using a variety of tools and technologies.
  - Show **empathy and respect** toward individuals and groups of diverse backgrounds, cultures, and experiences exploring multiple viewpoints.

**IMPACTING**

**How will I contribute to make an impact?**

- Transfer and apply knowledge and skills across academic disciplines to make a **purposeful impact**.
  - Evaluate and analyze data, ideas, and interactions as **critical thinkers and creative problem-solvers** to overcome challenges in all aspects of my life.
  - Be an engaged member of my community, participating in public discourse and decision-making processes, and promoting opportunities of **civic engagement**.

**THRIVING**

**How will I thrive?**

- Stay **resilient and courageous** in the face of challenges and changing contexts, learning from my mistakes and growing as a result.
  - Practice **intellectual agility**, continuously learning, unlearning, and relearning to adapt to evolving opportunities in my school and community.
  - Be a person of **integrity**, making and keeping commitments to my peers and community while staying true to my values and beliefs.