

PHILEMON WRIGHT HIGH SCHOOL

June Exams
are next
week!!

NEWSLETTER #6

May 28th, 2008

Dear Parents,

IMPORTANT DATES FOR JUNE

June 6th – last day of classes before exams

June Exams starting June 9th to and including June 20th

*Remember: Medical Certificates are required for any absences
During all Exams*

June 25th - Graduation — 6:00 p.m. Palais des congrès

June 27th - Prom – 6:30 p.m. Westin Hotel

Grade 9 French exams have begun. Attendance is of the utmost importance.

For helpful exam, study and test-taking tips please visit: www.testtakingtips.com

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL MR. T. KHARYATI

May and June Evaluations: In-class exams/evaluations began the week of May 12th, 2008. These exams/evaluations will be given during regular class time. There will also be exams beginning the week of June 9th, 2008 that will not be written in class. Therefore, 100% attendance is crucial for success during this time. If a student misses an in-class exam/evaluation or a scheduled exam after May 12th, the student/parent must provide the school with a note from a doctor regarding the illness and/or must have permission from an administrator to sit for that exam. Students who are absent and do not provide the required documentation regarding their absence will receive a ZERO on that portion of the exam/evaluation. We have sent an exam schedule for exact dates and times of formal exams. They were given to students last week. On the reverse, there is further explanation of consequences of exam absences, etc.

It is an important time of year and we want everyone to be successful by June's end. For help of any kind, please see or speak to an administrator or member of our guidance team.

Best wishes to everyone.

T. Kharyati

GRADUATION

The Graduation ceremonies for the grade 11 graduating students will be held at the Palais des congrès at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday June 25th. Graduates must arrive no later than 4:00 p.m. – **dress formal**. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and can be purchased from Mrs. Harrington in room 123.

PROM

The prom is on Friday June 27th, at 6:30 p.m. and is being held at the Westin Hotel. Tickets are \$60.00 per person and can be purchased from Mr. McFall in room 150 during lunch.

PWHS ATHLETIC AWARDS Thursday, June 5th @ 6:00 pm – Please hand in your RSVP slip to Room 150. ASAP

DRAMA NEWS

Congratulations to all the cast, crews, critics and teachers who were involved in the Aladdin performances and the reviewing of other High Schools' productions. What a fantastic run!!! We are now anticipating the Cappies Gala which will be held at the NAC on June 24th to celebrate the plays, musicals and journalistic endeavors presented this year by High Schools in the Ottawa/Gatineau area. Break-a-leg everyone!

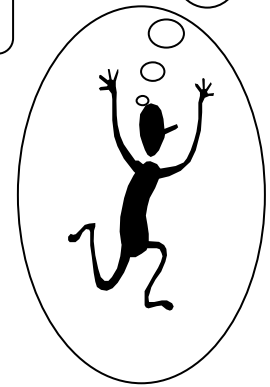
PHILEMON WRIGHT HIGH SCHOOL PROVINCIALS

Concours d'art oratoire Winners were at Concordia University in Montreal, May 10th. Philemon Wright High School should be very proud of Brian Sanchez, Chelsea O'Brien, Cassandra Richards Galina Belokopytova, Emily Carey, Elizabeth MacKenzie, Sarah O'Sullivan, Rick Skvaridlo, Tasha Gagnon, Aicha Lasfar, Monica De Oliveira and Jacob Tolton.

All the students were prepared, spoke very well and are great ambassadors for our school. Laurie Garbutt and CPF would like to thank M^{me} Bechard and M^{me} Proulx who kept the students motivated and the results of that support are: Brian Sanchez, 3rd place Sec III/IV Core French, Mark Chiasson 3rd place in Sec III/IV -FMTA sweep in the Sec V enrichi category; 3rd place Elizabeth MacKenzie, 2nd place Emily Carey, 1st place Rick Skvaridlo Sec V French Mother Tongue: 3rd Tasha Gagnon and 2nd place went to Aicha Lasfar; Galina Belokopytova 1st place in the Sec V Core French Category. Both Rick and Galina will be representing Quebec at the National Concours on May 31st at the University of Ottawa. They have qualified to participate in the event, will be hosted for 2 days at the University (residence) and will receive, at the minimum, a \$2,000.00 scholarship to the University of Ottawa. Then of course, if they win in their respective categories, they will win a full scholarship to the University worth \$20,000.00.

ART MATTERS Grade 9 art students have finished their fantastic bird masks which will be used by WQSB environmental teacher, Alan Earwaker, in his environmental project. Elementary students will donate these masks during interactive activities designed to teach them about birds of our area, why each has a different shaped beak etc. Meanwhile, these same Philemon art students have switched to being "Disney" designers to creating graphic design, teaching visuals about their bird, including a few fun facts and a color illustration as well as any creative use of materials to attract and keep the attention of these elementary students. Creative problem solving is what art is all about and these grade 9 students are learning to use their collective brains to find better unique solutions. So far, they are doing an outstanding job together.

Level V art students are currently working in groups to paint this year's mural selections on the walls of Philemon Wright. Each student in the class was challenged with planning and painting a small version of their submission to the yearly Art 534 mural contest. This senior art class' mural submissions, which are a culmination of all they have learned over their 3 years in art, were collectively the strongest yet and the other art students at PW who voted had a tough time deciding. Congratulations to all ART 534 students for their ability to use creative problem solving to compose these amazing compositions. What the world needs are more people who have been taught how to solve problems in a creative way, including the ability to take risks and to look at mistakes as a possible part of a solution.



UR4- A Greener World Students involved in UR4 have been working in many different groups to try to make a difference at Philemon Wright and in their communities. Teachers also have seen the possibilities and have started using this theme in their lesson plans. Congratulations to M^{me} Boisclair and M^{me} Shields for combining the teaching of French with learning about the environment. Mr. Basu has challenged staff from PW and Hadley to ride their bikes to work as he and Mr. Altenburg do all year. His goal is to have 10% of staff riding to work. Bravo to these teachers and all others who are making a difference. Mr. McKechnie has put in an enormous amount of time and energy along with some of his science students to planting more perennials and trees. Many other teachers are also leading UR4 groups.

Earth Week at Philemon was organized and run by students from UR4 with the help of Mrs. Smith. A song about love for a healthy environment by Danny Michelle was played each morning as students scurried off to class, students made pledges about what they will do this year to decrease their carbon footprint, a hat day with an environmental theme was made into a contest, the winner of which got a drinking container with no poisonous plastic from "Life without Plastic" (based in Wakefield), trees were donated and planted at the back of the school yard and students picked up garbage around the school and in the children's park next door (even in the rain at lunch!!.) Congratulations to all students who participated in all of these activities and who are making good decisions. What are YOU doing to make a difference??

This week, students from UR4 who want to go on the **Cape Farewell journey to the Arctic**, are making a video to present themselves to the British Council. One of these will be chosen to represent Quebec and will accompany others from all across Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Ireland and Germany on this excursion to study global warming in the Arctic through science and art projects. Mr. McKechnie and Mrs. Smith are attending a reception at the British High Commission in June in relation to this fantastic opportunity. Check your local paper for the name of the student who is chosen by the British Council to go to the Arctic in September.

MINI OLYMPICS AT PHILEMON WRIGHT

On May 15, 2008 twelve schools participated in the 2008 Mini Olympics for Special Needs students, in the Outaouais region. This was the fifth consecutive year that the event has been hosted by the Philemon Wright advanced grade 11 Physical Education students and their teacher Mrs. Balenko. Over 80 students from the Francophone and Anglophone sectors participated in the events. The day started with opening ceremonies, where athletes were welcomed to the events by announcers Wesley Rumbull and Monica De Olivera. With opening remarks by Mr. Terry Kharyati, Philemon Wright Principal and Mr. Cary O'Brien, WQSB Commissioner.

With a cool breeze coming across the field athletes took to the field with the Philemon Wright hosts and hostesses. Events were designed to be challenging for students with a wide range of diversities. At the whistle (15 minute intervals) athletes pushed themselves to meet all the challenges that the Philemon Wright student workforce had planned for them. With events ranging from long jump to dancing and soccer games to face painting, every face maintained a day long smile with cheeks glowing in the sun. Our day ended after a great lunch with our annual Ribbon Race and Athletes Parade.

Once again the students and staff at Philemon Wright planned a great day for all...it'll be hard for them to beat it next year, but we're sure they will!

A special thank you to our communication coordinators Brad Snook & Lesley St. Jean. As well as to Mike Cousineau and his students for helping to prepare the picnic lunches, Mr. Bram Caron and Patrick Leduc for photography and Gatineau Intrepid Hockey players Matt Hobbs and Justin Villeneuve.

NEWS FROM STUDENT SERVICES – MAY 2008

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SPECIAL INVITATION TO HIGH SCHOOLS

This June marks the beginning of the 100th anniversary of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada. To launch the celebration, there will be open doors to the general public and students. There will be an open House, June 6th and 7th, 2008
Website: WWW.INTERNATIONAL.GC.CA/DEPARTMENT/LBP_BUILDING/HOME-EN-ASP

For further information, please contact:

Louise Dupéré, Head Speakers Program, Domestic Outreach Division

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade

Tel.: (613) 996-9259 Email: louise.dupere@international.gc.ca

ADULT EDUCATION

For students who missed the Adult Education registration day for Philemon students, you may still call the Centre to make an appointment to register for September. You may phone the Centre at 595-1226 or visit the Guidance Office for information.

I.E.P. FORMS

If you receive an Individual Education Plan from your child or in the mail, please read it over, sign it, and return it to the school as soon as you can.

GRADE 11 STUDENTS CAN STILL APPLY for CEGEP or ONTARIO COLLEGES!! Please see Ms. Valihora in the Guidance Office as soon as possible for information on programs that are still available.

SUMMER JOBS OPPORTUNITIES

WWW.JOBBANK.GC.CA / WWW.YOUTH.QC.CA
WWW.COOLJOBSCANADA.COM / WWW.EMPLOIETUDIANT.QC.CA

YOU CAN ALSO REGISTER ONLINE WITH EMPLOI-QUEBEC

FRANCE AND SPAIN 2009

If you are a current grade 9 or 10 student and are interested in traveling to Europe over March break next year, please see Mr. Khan. You can reach him at 819-776-3158 or via email at rkhan@wqsb.qc.ca or in his classroom, room 247.

MOVING? Are you leaving Philemon Wright High School? Are you moving away?

Please advise Mrs. Hodgins, Room 123, or call her at 776-3158 ext 2303.

Please Visit Our Websites for All Your Information Needs.

Hadley Junior High school's Official Website

www.hadleyjuniorhighschool.com

Philemon Wright's Official Website

www.pwhs.com