

# PHILEMON WRIGHT HIGH SCHOOL

NEWLETTER #3  
JANUARY 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008

Dear Parents:

## IMPORTANT DATES

End of Term: January 18<sup>th</sup>  
January 28<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Parent Information Session re- New Ministry Report Card  
EXAMS: January 28, 29, 30 and 31  
February 1<sup>st</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> - PD day - no school for students  
February 8<sup>th</sup> - reports cards  
February 8<sup>th</sup> - Valentine's Dance 6 -10 pm  
February 14<sup>th</sup> - Parent-teacher interviews - 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
March 3-7 - March break

## REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be sent home with students on Friday February 8<sup>th</sup>, and Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## Tips To Help Your Children with Homework

1. A routine is good. Make homework a habit. Work out a homework schedule and make sure children stick to it. It won't be long before homework is complete without you getting involved.
2. Practice makes perfect. Repetition reinforces learning. That's why it's helpful to have kids practice reading, writing and math with you every day. Ten to 15 minutes a day can work wonders, whether reading a favorite book together, or helping measure ingredients in the kitchen.
3. Check occasionally. When kids do their homework all alone, their concentration can often wander. Check in once in a while and see how it's going. Ask if there are any questions. Sometimes kids just need to talk about a homework problem to figure out the answer.
4. Make kids proud of their effort. Getting the answer right is important, but it's only part of what homework is all about. Doing a thorough and neat job is important, too. Make it a habit to sit down and go over completed homework. Look at it together for thoroughness and overall quality of work. Always look for something positive.
5. Know what's going on at school. Unfortunately, kids don't always tell parents everything. Make a point of staying in touch with teachers, especially if you have a question or concern. Let teachers know they can always call you if there is a problem.

**Personal Care and Hair Design (PER):** The students have been given the opportunity to cut hair starting the end of January till mid February. Many of the students have found willing participants and are very excited to apply their knowledge! Most of the rest of February will be spent completing a project based on information they will gather on their own time and information in the textbook. We're looking forward to their presentations.

**Personal Orientation Program: (POP):** The students have presented their career research projects! This was a great way to show their learning and see what each job really entails. I am so proud of the work the students put into their research and their presentations! Next we will be creating tool kits of a career of their choice and making activities for their peers to complete that give an idea of some of the tasks that take place in a work environment. Another fun assignment!!

I will be leaving for Germany starting in spring break till the end of the school year. There is already a teacher lined up to replace me in Personal Care & Hair Design and POP. I know she will do a super job and the students are in great hands!

## DRAMA BULLETIN

Auditioning is ongoing for this year's musical "Aladdin." Rehearsing will begin after the exams. Performance dates are set for Wednesday April 23<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:00 pm and a 2:00 pm matinee on Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> as well. Don't miss this year's spectacular!!

## CONGRATULATIONS PWHS:

Students and staff collected cans, dry goods, health supplies, mittens/hats and various clothing, toys, books etc., during the month of November and December and enough food was collected to feed many, many needy families in the area. It was much appreciated by those families with small children, who might otherwise not have enough. A delicious turkey dinner was served to these families. The event was a total success.

We have participated in this community charity for many years and every year there is an increase in the demand for Christmas donations and every year, staff and students at Philemon Wright are able to meet this demand. Thanks to everyone who contributed and helped in various ways. Well done!

## NEWS FROM STUDENT SERVICES

### **Grade 11 Students and Parents: It's College Application Time!!**

For assistance or questions please call Ms. Valihora or email [jvalihora@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:jvalihora@wqsb.qc.ca)  
Students can drop by at lunch hours Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri or sign up for appt and/or email with questions.

More info at [www.pwhs.com](http://www.pwhs.com) under the Guidance tab

### **ONTARIO COLLEGE APPLICATIONS**

#### **FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> DEADLINE IS APPROACHING!!**

You can apply at [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca) OR pick up a paper application from Ms. Valihora in room 127.

#### **CEGEP APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 11:59 PM ON MARCH 1, 2008**

To apply for one of these colleges, go to [www.sram.qc.ca](http://www.sram.qc.ca) and apply on line... (there are NO PAPER APPLICATIONS for these colleges)

Heritage      John Abbott      Vanier      Champlain Lennoxville      College de l'Outaouais

To apply for Dawson, Marianopolis, or Champlain St. Lambert, you can APPLY ONLINE at

[www.commonapplication.qc.ca](http://www.commonapplication.qc.ca)

OR, pick up a paper application from Ms. Val in the Guidance Office, room 127

#### **HERITAGE COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE FEBRUARY 7**

Permission forms have been distributed to Grade 11 Students. Please return them ASAP to Ms. Valihora or Mr. Moore in room 127

For information about Programs and Prerequisites at Heritage, please visit [www.cegep-heritage.qc.ca](http://www.cegep-heritage.qc.ca) or pick up a book in room 127.

### **Memorial University Is Coming!!**

A representative from the Memorial University of Newfoundland will be visiting classes on Monday, February 4 for a presentation. Memorial is one of the only universities to accept Quebec students directly out of Grade 11, has the second lowest tuition rates in Canada, and has lots of exciting programs. Please have your son or daughter visit the Guidance Office to pick up a permission slip to attend the presentation during Period 2 or 3.

### **Explore!**

This is a fantastic opportunity to learn French in another part of Canada! **Explore** is a five-week intensive exchange program for youth who are looking to enhance their French language skills. Please visit the Guidance Office for more information or visit [www.myexplore.ca](http://www.myexplore.ca). The deadline to apply is February 28, 2008.

### **Mini-University**

Mini-University applications are due back NO LATER than Friday, February 1. If your son/daughter is interested in this fantastic opportunity, please have them see Mr. Moore in the Guidance Office for more information. This year's dates run from May 5-9, 2008.

### **SCHOOL/COURSE FEES**

Reminder to all parents/guardians that have not paid school and course fees – deadline for payment is the end of January, 2008 – unless you are on a payment plan that has been approved by Mr. Kharyati that extends beyond January. The Western Quebec School Board requires that we send in all records of unpaid fees by the end of January as these will then be sent to a collection agency.

### **PW WEBSITE**

The Philemon Wright webpage is available for all parents/guardians to find information regarding exams, sports events, fundraisers, dances, access to teacher e-mails, and other facts that can be accessed easily. It is constantly updated so check it often to keep up-to-date on the fantastic school events that students and teachers are participating in. [www.pwhs.com](http://www.pwhs.com)

Reminder to parents to please send your email address to [pwhs@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:pwhs@wqsb.qc.ca) .

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