



# PHILEMON WRIGHT HIGH SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER #1 September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS

If your child is absent from school or is going to be late due to an appointment, please phone the school before 8:45 a.m. at 819-776-3158

Should your child become ill while at school, you will be contacted to come to pick them up. There is no place for sick students to "lie down". It is your responsibility to have an arrangement in place to pick them up or have them picked up by someone else, should they become ill. Please ensure that we have your most up-to-date office telephone number in case of an emergency regarding your child. **The school does not provide bus tickets or give money to students for them to go home if they are ill.** If you do not wish to pick them up personally, please see that they have money or bus tickets for emergency use.

Staff/parents/students should not be parking in the roundabout because it is used for parents in the morning and in the evening to drop-off or pick-up students from both schools.

### MOVING

If you're moving we need to have your new address complete with Student's name, address and postal code/new phone numbers etc. with the Parents/Guardians signature and submitted to Mr. Melnychenko at Reception. As well, we need a minimum notice of at least 48 hours if you're requesting a busing change at the same time.

### FRENCH 306

All students taking French 306 should have their own French/English dictionary for all their classes.

### I AM SAFE.CA

I AM SAFE is an electronically published newsletter focusing on news and resource information concerning bullying, safer schools and safer communities. We welcome your articles, news, and announcements.

### SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE - GENERAL MEETING

The SEAC Committee is mandated through the Education Act and advocates on behalf of students and parents of children with special needs. SEAC may advise the School Board on issues which affect children who have a variety of special needs.

Next meeting will be held on Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 @ 7:00pm, 15 Katimavik St. Gatineau, QC (attached to Symmesn/D'Arcy School). Parents of all students with special needs are invited to attend!

### IMPORTANT DATES

September 24 <sup>th</sup>	School Photo's
September 26 <sup>th</sup>	P.D. Philemon Only
September 26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup>	Philemon Wright Reunion/Anniversary
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	Spirit Day

### SCHOOL HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS

08:47- 08:52	Passing Time	11:00-11:50	Period 3
08:52 -09:42	Period 1	11:55-12:45	Period 4
09:47 -09:55	Home Room	12:45 - 1:41	Lunch
09:55-10:45	Period 2	1:45 - 2:35	Period 5
10:45-10:55	Recess	2:41- 3:31	Period 6

### REMINDER FOR PARENTS OF ALL GRADE 9 STUDENTS

There is a vaccination coming up for all grade 9 students, at school on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The booster shot for dCat (diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough) will be offered to all students, and the vaccine for HVP (human Papillomavirus) will be offered to girls only. Every student 14 years or older will have to sign the consent to receive the vaccination. In special cases, the consent will be sent home for a parent's signature. A presentation to classes will be done to inform students on both vaccines, and written information will be given to every student to bring home. As soon as possible, all students need to return the information sheets on previous vaccines received (or copy of the vaccination booklet) for the nurse to evaluate if any vaccines are missing. On the day of the vaccination, your child needs to bring the vaccination booklet with him/her. If you have any question please call the nurse Mrs. Chantal Brissette @ 819-776-3158 Ext # 2310.

## "DRAMA-TIC" EVENTS

The Drama Club auditions are well underway for the December plays and an organizational meeting will be held in a couple of weeks for this year's musical.

## SCHOOL TRIP - FRANCE & SPAIN 2009

Interested in seeing Paris from atop the Eiffel tower? Want to see the Atlantic Ocean from the other side? How about taking in the culture while having lunch at a café in Barcelona? This year's March break trip will be to France and Spain. If you are a grade 10 or 11 student, there will be a meeting for students and parents on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm (after Meet the Teacher night) in room 247. Spots are starting to fill up. See Mr. Khan for more info. Or contact him by phone at 819-776-3158 or by email at [rkhan@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:rkhan@wqsb.qc.ca)

UR4 - A Greener World is an environmental student lead action group. Last year this group started the process of trying to make Philemon a *GREENER* school. Many action groups were formed. One student, Jenny Thompson, was selected to join the Cape Farewell Project, representing the province of Quebec. She has boarded a ship for Greenland and Baffin Island with students from Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Germany and Great Britain. This expedition is meant to focus on the problem of climate change and to this end the students will be engaged in science and arts related projects. You can check out what Jenny is doing by going to the **Cape Farewell Canada** web site and google **Philemon Wright** and/or **Jenny Thompson** to get her latest blog and /or video. The UR4 group has had its first meeting already this year with eager students ready to make changes. **All students are welcome.** Jenny and interested UR4 members will be going to other schools this year to educate others about climate change. George Strombolopokous has contacted UR4 and this Philemon action group may be on his show!! Stay tuned for more info. A bulletin board of information is starting for students to refer to about the times of action group meetings and to find information about climate change and environmentally friendly practices.

## NEWS FROM STUDENT SERVICES

Lynn Webster, Guidance Counselor for Grade 9 at Philemon may be reached at [lwebster@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:lwebster@wqsb.qc.ca) or (819) 776-3158 Ext. 2313

Jane Valihora, Guidance Counselor for Grades 10 and 11 at Philemon may be reached at [jvalihora@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:jvalihora@wqsb.qc.ca) or (819) 776-3158 Ext. 2312

Please do not hesitate to contact the Student Services Department if you have any questions or concerns pertaining to your son or daughter.



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Please don't forget the Annual Western Quebec College and University Evening, being held Thursday, October 23, 2008 from 6:00 - 8:00 in the Philemon Wright High School gymnasium. There is representation from colleges and universities across the country. In addition, there will be representatives from Quebec CEGEPs, Ontario Colleges, The Western Quebec Career Centre, and the International Exchange organizations to answer all of your questions regarding your son/daughter's post-secondary choices,

Guidance Counselors will be visiting your son/daughter's class to advise them of graduation requirements and to promote the event. A complete list of participating institutions will be given to each student prior to the event and school committees will be on hand selling baked goods and refreshments for fund raising. All Hadley and Philemon students, siblings, parents and guests are welcome!!

- JOB FAIR - Pizza Pizza - Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> 1:30pm - 5:00pm 71 Bank St., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Drop by the Job Search Centre with your resume to apply for employment opportunities with Pizza Pizza: Assistant Manager, Cashier and Cook positions currently available!

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