

PHILEMON WRIGHT HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER #2

October 28, 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

Attendance: It is imperative that you contact the school to report your child absent. When leaving a message please state your child's name and reason for absence. If you need to pick up your child for an appointment during school hours, please confirm your arrangements before your child leaves for school. You may have your child bring in a note and we will try to ensure that your child is ready to be picked up at the given time.

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.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Area: staff/parents/students are asked not to park in the roundabout at the front of the Philemon Wright school entrance because it is intended to be used by parents/guardians in the morning and in the evening to drop-off and/or pick-up students from both schools.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 31 st	End of Term 1
November 12 th	Reports given to students – along with interview information sheet
November 18 th	Parent/Teacher Interviews
November 19 th	PD day – No school for students
November 20 th	PD day – No school for students
November 21 st	PD day – No School for students

Special Education Advisory Committee -

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 Monday November 3rd, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m 15 Katimavik St. Gatineau, QC (attached to Symmes/D'Arcy School). Parents of all students with special needs are invited to attend!

Photo Re-Takes - November 7th, 2008 is Photo Re-Take Day at both PW and Hadley

Retakes are ONLY for those students who missed the first photo session due to an absence, a new registration etc. and for those students whose photos were out of focus or marred in some way, e.g. eyes were closed. Every student should have their photo taken, even if they choose not to purchase a package, to ensure every student has a student ID card. If you wish to have your photo taken on Nov. 7th, please see Ms. Marcoux in Room 150 to make an appointment.

Drug and Alcohol Policy: A reminder to all students and parents/guardians that any use or possession of alcohol or drugs at school or during schools hours will result in an Out-of-School Suspension for a minimum of 10 days. A second Drug or Alcohol related suspension within a student's career in our Board will result in a suspension and a Discipline Committee hearing scheduled with expulsion from the school board recommended. A suspension will be levied for all Drug paraphernalia which includes rolling papers, etc...

School Fees

All school fees must be paid by the end of October unless you have requested and filled out a payment plan form.

Payment can be made by cheque, money order, cash or interac. All cheques must have a blocked date format (ie. 2008-10-31) to be accepted at the bank. If sending payment in with your son or daughter, please have them bring it to room 123 before 1st period or at break or lunch - a receipt will be issued at time of payment.

If you wish to mail in payment, please address the envelope to Philemon Wright High School, 80 boul. Daniel Johnson, Gatineau, QC J8Z 1S3 - Attention to: Mrs. Harrington

If you would like to make written arrangements for payment, at Philemon please contact Mrs. Harrington at 776-3158 and/or sharrington@wqsb.qc.ca and at Hadley please contact Mrs. MacFarlane at 777-9117 and/or smacfarlane@wqsb.qc.ca.

Junior Boys Outdoor Soccer

The Junior Boys Soccer Team enjoyed a very successful season and managed to make it into the second round of the play-offs. Mr. Falasconi and Mr. Snooks, Soccer Coaches, would like to thank all the parents for their support during the season in driving players to and from games and in their attendance to cheer on the team. The coaches would also like to thank the players for all their hard work and dedication throughout the season.

Cross Country Running 2008

The Philemon Wright Cross Country Running Team is wrapping up another great season. The team raced at three major events this fall: Regionals in Papineauville, NCSSAA East Conference Championships and the All Cities Championships. Our runners placed extremely well in both the Quebec and the Ontario races with many top 10 finishes against strong competition. Most importantly, PWHS qualified an unprecedented five runners for Provincials which were held October 25th in St. Gabriel de Brandon. The five runners who represented PW at Provincials are Lauren Evanson (Grade 9), Chris McMahon, Carey Pomeroy, Alexanne Dick (all Grade 10) and Jennifer McKenzie (Grade 11). Well done to all team members! Your coaches, Mr. Basu and Ms. Vandervlugt, would like to thank you all for representing our school so well.

France and 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 cafe in Barcelona? This year's March break trip will be to France and Spain. The trip is open to current grade 10 and 11 students. Registration has begun and spots are starting to fill up. See Mr. Khan in room 247 for more info or contact him by phone at 819-776-3158 ext.2371 or by email at rkhan@wqsb.qc.ca.

NEWS FROM STUDENT SERVICES

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

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

1. All students and parents are welcome to use the site www.careercruising.com which has been provided by the school board for interest/aptitude surveys, information on careers, colleges, prerequisites, etc.

login: philemon

password: western

2. If you are interested in Ontario colleges, please look at the official page, <http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/> which includes comprehensive program and prerequisite info and online applications. Students who want info on U of Ottawa should see Ms. Valihora in room 127. Algonquin College is www.algonquincollege.com
For research on Ontario universities and programs, please refer to the following site: <http://www.ouac.on.ca/>

Information can be viewed with links to English Cegep at www.cegep.com

Heritage college website- www.cegep-heritage.qc.ca

3. For scholarship information, please visit www.studentawards.com

4. Millennium Scholarship applications are at www.excellenceaward.ca

If you would like information for individual tutors, please contact Ms. Valihora or Mrs. Webster.

Please do not hesitate to contact the student services department if you have any questions or concerns pertaining to your son or daughter.