



# PHILEMON WRIGHT HIGH SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER #3

December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The school will be closed from December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008, through January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009. **Classes for all students will start on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> 2009. Exams are January 26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> 2009. The exam schedule will be sent home with students along with the Exam Information sheet for all parents soon. There is a PD day on January 30<sup>th</sup> and February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

Before exams start, now is the time to get extra help from your teachers. Do not put it off! Ask your teachers about their lunchtime or after-school tutoring, or you can also speak to your Guidance Counsellor about getting extra help in certain subjects. Act now, before it's too late!

### DRAMA NEWS

Congratulations to the casts of **MONDAY ALWAYS LEADS TO MURDER** and **THE WOMEN** for their superb performances!!! Les Mis is already in rehearsal with the cast, a pit band is being formed and students may still join our spectacular end of the year performance as stage, set, costume, makeup and technical crews. Save one of these dates to attend the performance; April 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, or May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009.

### UR4 - A Greener World (A student action group for a greener environment)

In February of 2008, Mr. M. McKechnie (Science teacher) and Mrs. M. Smith (Art teacher) attended a Global Warming Conference sponsored by the British Council in Montreal. The British Council is involved in activating schools in the fight against global warming. In September, they sent students from across Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Great Britain and India to the Arctic to learn through science and art activities. Philemon Wright was the school chosen to represent Quebec and Jenny Thompson, a PW grade 11 student, was chosen to go on this amazing expedition called Cape Farewell. Since then, Mr. McKechnie applied for a \$20,000 grant from TELUS to start a project to educate other students in the area about improving our impact on the environment. This grant has been approved!! Bravo Mr. McKechnie!! All students wanting to help in this important project should listen for announcements in the New Year. For more information, talk to Mr. McKechnie, Mrs. Smith and Jenny Thompson. You can make a difference!

### ATTENTION GRADE 11 STUDENTS

Grad Pictures will be held the week of January 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009. All students must make a pre-arranged appointment and receive a appointment notice in order to be let out of class to have their photo taken. The students must see Mrs. Marcoux in Room 150 to make their appointments

**COLD WEATHER APPROACHES:** We ask that students come prepared for the cold weather. Students please dress appropriately for weather. One of the problems we face at school during the winter is students who throw snow and ice. We will discuss the dangers and consequences of "Snowballs" on school grounds and/or during school hours with all our students. In accordance with our Safe Schools Policy, students will be sent home if they throw snow or ice (whether at other people or not). The safety of our students and staff is our foremost priority and therefore the throwing of snow or ice will not be tolerated.

**BUS CONDUCT:** Students must always behave appropriately on school and city buses but especially during this time of year as road conditions are dangerous at times. We ask that all parents/guardians speak to students regarding their behaviour on the bus. Students are asked to stay seated at all times while the bus is in motion. We also remind parents/guardians and students that a student is not permitted to take a bus that he/she is not formally assigned.

**ATTENDANCE:** please call the school at 819-776-3158, to report your child absent. 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 have him/her bring in a note and we will try to ensure that your child is ready to be picked up at the given time.

**AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Only students participating in after-school activities may remain at school. Parents and students are reminded to please confirm your transportation arrangements with each other prior to the activity. Students are also reminded that because there are several hours between lunch and the time you will arrive home, it is important to pack a nutritious snack for your after-school activities.

### S.E.A.C. - SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Information about SEAC is available by contacting: Complementary Services Department, Western Quebec School Board, Tel: 819-6842336 ext. 1163, Email: [seac@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:seac@wqsb.qc.ca), Website: [www.wqsb.qc.ca](http://www.wqsb.qc.ca)  
Meetings are held in the Council Chambers of the W.Q.S.B. office. Next meeting is February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008.

For information about the school please visit our website at: [pwhs.com](http://pwhs.com) or if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school at [pwhs@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:pwhs@wqsb.qc.ca)

For information about our school board please visit our WQSB website at: [www.wqsb.qc.ca](http://www.wqsb.qc.ca)  
If you would like to receive these newsletters by e-mail please let us know at [pwhs@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:pwhs@wqsb.qc.ca)

#### FREE EVENTS, SERVICES & RESOURCES

**The Learning Puzzle:** [www.thelearningpuzzle.net](http://www.thelearningpuzzle.net). What every parent and teacher should know about children with learning disabilities - an online multimedia guide to Learning Disabilities and Attention Deficit Disorders in Children.

**Medical Information Forms-** regarding students were sent home early in the year and there are still many that have not been returned. Please complete and return them to the school as these are used in emergency situations for vital information such as allergies to certain medications, foods, etc.

**Quebec Health Guide** - Provincial Government website available in English: [www.guidesante.gouv.qc.ca/en/index.html](http://www.guidesante.gouv.qc.ca/en/index.html) - Find information on common health issues, diseases, clinical tests, outpatient surgeries, prevention, healthy lifestyles and a health action plan. A simple, practical and reliable source of information for dealing with non-emergency health problems and using Quebec health-care services.

#### BEST WISHES

- We would like to thank everyone for a great first half of the year and look forward to a very successful second half.
- We Would Like to Wish Everyone a Restful, Happy and Safe Holiday Season.
- Best Wishes from the Staff at Hadley and Philemon Wright.
- We Look Forward to Seeing You in the New Year.
- Students return to school on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009.



Welcome back in 2009