

PHILEMON WRIGHT HIGH SCHOOL

NEWLETTER #4
JANUARY 22nd, 2009

Dear Parents:

IMPORTANT DATES

End of Term: January 26th

EXAMS: January 27th, 28th, and 29th note: Students are allowed to use a French Dictionary for the French Exams.

January 30th – PD Day – no school for PW students

February 9th – PD day – no school for students

February 13th– reports cards

February 17th – Open House – Grade 8, 9 & 10 - Starting at 5:30

February 19th – Parent-teacher interviews – 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

March 2-6 – March break

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be sent home with students on Friday February 13th, and Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday, February 19th, 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.

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

Students can drop by at lunch hours in the library computer lab for the month of February to apply. Ms. Valihora will be there to help or answer questions.

More info at www.pwhs.com under the Guidance tab look for "Applying for College"

ONTARIO COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

FEBRUARY 1ST DEADLINE IS APPROACHING!!

You can apply at www.ontariocolleges.ca. If you need help, please see Ms. Valihora in room 127.

CEGEP APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 11:59 PM ON MARCH 1ST, 2009

To apply for one of these colleges, go to www.sram.qc.ca and apply on line... (there are NO PAPER APPLICATIONS for these colleges) The link is also on the PWHS website: Heritage, John Abbott, Vanier, Champlain Lennoxville and College de l'Outaouais.

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

www.commonapplication.qc.ca

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

HERITAGE COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE FEBRUARY 5TH

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

For information about Programs and Prerequisites at Heritage, please visit www.cegep-heritage.qc.ca or pick up a book in room 127.

MGILL UNIVERSITY OPEN HOUSE JANUARY 25TH

On Sunday, January 25th, 2009, McGill University will welcome prospective students and parents to its downtown campus in Montreal.

- Meet faculty, admissions officers and current student representatives
- Receive info on programs & admission procedures
- Attend faculty presentations and information sessions
- Tour the campus, residences, libraries and sports complex

If you plan to attend, please note that you must register in advance.

For further details and to register, please visit: www.mcgill.ca/openhouse

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be a free Shuttle Bus Service to and from McGill on January 25th.

Departure:

Sunday, January 25th

From Heritage College at entrance facing Parking Lot #2 at 8:15 am.

Return departure from McGill :

Main gates on Sherbrooke Street W., McGill University, Montreal at 4:00 pm, arriving at Heritage approximately 6:00 pm

Space on the bus is limited. You must make your reservation on "McGill in Mind" by at www.mcgill.ca/openhouse

Memorial University Is Coming!!

A representative from the Memorial University of Newfoundland will be visiting PWHS on Monday, February 2nd to give 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. If students are interested in seeing this presentation, please email Ms. Valihora – jvalihora@wqsb.qc.ca

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. The deadline to apply is February 28, 2008.

SCHOOL/COURSE FEES

If you have paid your school fees – please accept our thanks! If not, please be advised that unless you have a payment plan and have filled out a payment plan form that has been submitted to the office, ***all outstanding accounts will be sent to collection at the end of January, 2009.***

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

Reminder to parents to please send your email address to pwhs@wqsb.qc.ca .

H₂O – a lifeguard and recreation management company with pools across Ottawa and Gatineau are looking to hire lifeguards to fill positions for the summer of 2009. If you are interested or would like more information, please to call 613-789-4020 ext. 206 or email Emily@h2o.ca

PENNIES FOR PEACE

Well done to everyone who contributed to the "Pennies for Peace" coin campaign. This Homeroom activity raised over \$3,400 in a three week period for schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The generosity and enthusiasm of students and teachers is to be commended. Special mention goes to the "Five of Hearts" Homeroom who showed great energy in promoting awareness of this campaign and who raised over \$600. Well done to all involved for helping those in isolated areas of the world to receive an education!

JUNIOR GIRLS INDOOR SOCCER

Congratulations to the Junior Girls Indoor Soccer team on their St. Alexandre provincial tournament win in November. The girls played against some of the best teams in Quebec over two days and went six games unbeaten to bring the banner back to Philemon. The victory was marked by great defending, wonderful passing exchanges and great team spirit. Since then the girls continue to impress in both the ARSEO and Coliseum leagues.