

PHILEMON WRIGHT HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER #1

October 31, 2007

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.

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 15 th	Parent/Teacher Interviews
November 16 th	PD day – No school for students
November 29 th	PD day – No school for students
November 30 th	PD day – No School for students

SCHOOL HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS

08:55-09:00	Home Room	11:50-11:55	Passing Time
09:00-10:15	Period One	11:55- 1:10	Period 3
10:15-10:30	Recess	1:10 - 2:00	Lunch
10:35-11:50	Period 2	2:05- 3:20	Period Four

Principal's Message: I would like to thank all students, staff and parents for making this such a great beginning to the school year. We look forward to many great events and positive experiences this year and we hope that all of our students continue to do their best everyday. I encourage all students and parents to contact staff whenever necessary. Certainly, we are here to help you and we look forward to working positively together in the coming months and years to insure the success of every student in our school. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our first Parent/Teacher Interview night. Wishing everyone well. T. Kharyati

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...

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.

PW and Hadley Power-Play Program: our Power-Play program is an after-school program, designed to help students in certain subject areas. For each subject, there will be a 1.25 hour class after school weekly taught by a teacher. The curriculum for the class will consist of the most difficult units being learned in the subject throughout this school year. We ask that students interested please register by Nov. 15th, 2007. Dates and times of classes will be given, along with a syllabus, to all participants after the first day of after-school class.

Classes Offered:

- POWER-PLAY Math 436
- POWER-PLAY History 414
- POWER-PLAY Physical Science 416
- Grade 7 Math
- Grade 7 and 8 English
- Grade 8 Math
- French as a Second Language (all grades)

Power-Play Policies:

- 1) Registration Forms must be completed and returned (Mr.McFall/Mr.Falasconi's Office or the Hadley Office) with payment by November 15th, 2007. For an official Registration Form please see Mr.McFall/Mr.Falasconi's Office or the Hadley Office.
- 2) Homework for each course may be assigned.
- 3) There will be no issues related to student misbehaviour or absenteeism. Students who misbehave during Power-Play will not be allowed to return to class. Full Attendance is mandatory. **There are no refunds.**
- 4) All materials required for the course will be discussed during the first class.
- 5) A minimum of 20 students are required for a class to be offered. There is a maximum of 32 students for all courses (decisions will be based on a register-first serve basis).
- 6) Transportation home is NOT provided. Please make arrangements with students. Students are to be picked-up after the session is over.
- 7) The cost for 15 weeks of classes will be 50\$ per student.

School Fees: We would like to ask all parents/guardians to please make arrangements to pay school fees as soon as possible. Payment must be made at the school by cash, money order, and/or personal cheques as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, if a student has planned to attend extra-curricular trips, school dances, or play on varsity sports teams, they may be prohibited from participating in the event until arrangements are made to pay the outstanding balance owed.

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.

Unfortunately, without payment and/or arrangements for payment being made with the school, we will ask the school board for assistance in helping in the collection of school fees. Please note that as it states in the school board policy, the school will forward a list of outstanding accounts that will be sent to a collection agency. We will be sending a list of outstanding accounts to the school board at the end of January 2008 in the hopes we can receive assistance in the collection of schools fees.

Certainly, for some reason this letter is mailed to you by mistake or during a period of time when we are processing school fees, I sincerely apologize and urge you to contact Mrs.Harrington or Mrs.MacFarlane. We will immediately take care of the situation.

Respectfully, T.Kharyati

IMPORTANT NOTICE to all students/staff/parents/guardians:

As of January 1st, 2008, the only cheques that can be accepted by Philemon Wright for payments of any nature have to be in line with the new format required by all banking institutions throughout Quebec. The new format is the date - it must be in box form as follows:

DATE	D	D	M	M	Y	Y
	D	D	M	M	Y	Y

Any cheques that do not conform will not be accepted at the bank so we will not be able to accept them as payment. If you have any questions - please contact your own bank for further information.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of Philemon Wright and Hadley Fund, as well as the staff and students, the Breakfast Club is now open every morning recess in Room 130 at Philemon Wright. As this is a long term commitment to our students, we will be gratefully accepting, donations of food such as cereal, whole grain breads, juice, yogurt and milk throughout the year. We also require pots and pans and small kitchen appliances. If you have items or wish to donate money to the fund, this can be done either through delivery to Room 130 or cash/cheque deposits at the main office. In the near future, we will have donation boxes near the entrances of the school so students can drop off items as they enter in the morning. We are looking forward to your support and thank you in advance. Barb Little - Breakfast Club Coordinator

"DRAMA-TIC" EVENTS

Last year's big Cappies winners, Mary Picard and Matt Xhignesse were invited and attended a month long theatre workshop/performance in Washington during the summer. Rave reviews were received from both!

Congratulations to Miranda Abraham who also won a Cappie.

The Drama Club is well into rehearsal for the December Plays:

A Night Of Neil Simon	Wednesday December 5 th @ 7:00 Pm Friday December 7 th @ 7:00 Pm
The Were Wolf's Curse or Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow By Billy St. John	Thursday December 6 th @ 7:00 Pm Friday December 7 th @ 7:00 Pm

This year's musical Production which runs from April 23rd to April 27th is **Disney's Aladdin Jr.** Auditions for the cast will be held in December.

SCHOOL TRIP - ITALY 2008

This is the **FINAL NOTICE** for any grade 10 and 11 student interested in going on the trip to Italy during March break. We will be spending 2 nights in Venice, 2 nights in Florence and 3 nights in Rome. WOW! The deadline to apply is November 15. Please see Mr. Khan in room 247, or email him at rkhan@wqsb.qc.ca for more information. Don't Wait!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/SPORTS NEWS

On Friday, Oct. 19th, the senior boys Falcon football team completed their season by going undefeated with a perfect record of 7 wins and 0 losses. The offense averaged more than 30 points per game while the defense only allowed less than 5 points per contest. It was an outstanding effort by the entire team! The semi-final game will be played on Sunday, Oct. 28th at 10:30 on our field against Papineauville with the winner meeting the winner of the Darcy-Maniwaki game for the league championship on Sat. Nov. 3rd at 2:00 (hopefully at PW)

GOLF NEWS

Congratulations to Fred Pratt who finished 5th at the Provincial Championship.

PWHS Cross Country Running Team

The cross country running team is wrapping up an excellent fall season. This year we had 18 team members who raced in the Quebec regional's in Papineauville, the Ottawa East Conference Championships and the Ottawa All-Cities East/West Championships. Team members had great personal results and showed tremendous grit and determination, especially while racing on the hilly and muddy courses in Ottawa. Of note, Carey Pomeroy and Aliza Sandino-Gold qualified for the provincial championships which were held October 26th. Mr. Basu would like to thank all the runners for making this an enjoyable season. Plans are in the works to start a triathlon/duathlon team once spring arrives, so keep up your winter fitness.

ART MATTERS

The Level 5 Art class went to the Byward market in October to draw. They were challenged to draw buildings and streets in perspective in the morning and to capture something of the flavor of the market in the afternoon. An excellent day of learning with exemplary behaviour exhibited by all students involved made this a successful outing. Mrs. Smith is very proud!!

Grade 9 Art Club kicked off it's year with a Pumpkin Carving Contest on Oct. 26th at lunch. Grade 9's were invited to join a friend in this challenge. They were given a theme for their design to ensure the most creative results. Unfortunately no grade9's show up, so the fun will be passed on to the seniors.

Students wishing to participate in Grade 9 Art Club activities must listen to announcements for upcoming events. Art Club will be held on Day 3 and/or Day 5 at lunch in Room 257, the Art Room. See Mrs. Smith.

Thanks to those who have sent in interesting materials for Art projects. We have used many of them already for a Level 4 project soon to be on display throughout the school. Still needed are small glass or plastic jars with lids and old wooden chairs. We will repair chairs that are in pieces. (They are going to be transformed into art!!) Call the school and we will arrange pick up. Mrs. Smith 819-776-3158.

NEWS FROM STUDENT SERVICES

Wesley Moore, Guidance Counsellor at both Hadley (Grades 7 and 8) and Philemon (Grade 9) schools may be reached at wesleymoore@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](http://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/](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](http://www.algonquincollege.com) For Research on Ontario Universities and Programs, Please Refer To The Following Site: [Http://Www.Ouac.On.Ca/](http://www.ouac.on.ca/)

Reminder: Cegep Programs and Prerequisites Can Be Viewed With Links To The Colleges At [Www.Cegep.Com](http://www.cegep.com)
Heritage College Website- [Www.Cegep-Heritage.Qc.Ca](http://www.cegep-heritage.qc.ca)

3. For Scholarship Information, Please Visit [Www.Studentawards.Com](http://www.studentawards.com)

If You Would Like Information For Individual Tutors, Please Contact Ms. Valihora Or Mr. Moore.

Please Do Not Hesitate to Contact The Student Services Department If You Have Any Questions or concerns pertaining to your son or daughter.

- [JOBSEARCH.CA](http://www.jobsearch.ca) has all kinds of info, including links, for student jobs.
- IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL (and perhaps other school related information), please let Mrs. Derbyshire know at pwhs@wqsb.qc.ca**
- PLEASE VISIT THE PW website for information on activities and what's going on in the school.**

www.pwhs.com