

August 11th, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

On behalf of our staff, I sincerely hope that all of us are enjoying a restful and relaxing summer. This has been a difficult summer for our school community following the tragic loss of one of our staff members, Mike Robinson. I thank everyone, staff, students and parents for their continued support during this very sad time. We have sent our deepest condolences to Mr. Robinson's family and friends from our entire school community. We will conduct a memorial Service for Mr. Robinson in September.

We are looking forward to a positive and successful school year. The first days of school will work as follows:

- Hadley ONLY Grade 7 Students are in on Monday, the 30th of August.
– Administrator Ms. Dodie Payne
- PWHS ONLY Grade 9 Students are in on Monday, the 30th of August.
– Administrator Ms. Terri McPhail
- Hadley ONLY Grade 8 Students are in on Tuesday, the 31st of September.
– Administrator Ms. Terry McPhail
- PWHS ONLY Grade 10 and 11 Students are in on Tuesday, the 31st of September.
– Administrator for grade 10 Ms. Julie Fram- Greig
– Administrator for grade 11 Mr. Terry Kharyati
- Hadley and PWHS ALL students in on Wednesday, the 1st of September.
- Ilona Jones is the Academic Advisor for Grades 7, 8, and 9 AND Bill Rosseel is the Academic Advisor for Grades 10 and 11.

- Please remember that all headgear, all MP3 Players and all Cell-Phones are to be put away immediately upon entering the building.
- During the first day of school, for everyone, we ask that all students bring a lunch, paper, a binder and a pencil and pen. Locks will be issued to Grade 7 students and all other students should bring the lock they used last year. ALL students will be assigned a locker by the Administrative team.
- School supply information is traditionally communicated to the students on the first days of school by teachers.

- Very important nights at both schools will be Open House and Meet the Teacher: All parents/guardians and students are invited to these nights which will help all students and parents get off to a good start this year.
- HADLEY and PWHS Open House is on Wednesday, the 15th of September at 5pm in our Auditorium.
- HADLEY and PWHS Meet the Teacher is on Thursday, the 23rd of September (for Hadley begins at 5pm in our Auditorium and PWHS begins at 6pm in our Auditorium).
- Our Homecoming Football Games will be held at the school on September 24th (a PD Day). We invite all students/parents/alumni to the games (Hadley and PW) times to be announced.

- School Fees can be made payable by certified cheque, personal cheque, cash, debit or money order within 10 days of the receipt of the invoice. The invoice is included in this package. If you are required to make financial arrangements regarding School Fees, please contact Mrs. Harrington (sharrington@wqsb.qc.ca) or contact the Administrator directly responsible for your child. Students of parents who have not paid school fees or have not attempted to make financial arrangements (for present or past school fees) by September 10th, 2010, WILL NOT be eligible to participate in any extra-curricular activities (ie. drama/music/sports) at the school.

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* Note to parents/guardians with shared custody: There is no provision in our computer system to indicate a “shared” financial arrangement. If the school were to become involved in this, we would have to see court documents, etc. As you can appreciate, this is just not possible. The parent/guardian whose name is on the invoice will be responsible for the payment – this parent/guardian should make complete payment and collect payment from the other parent/guardian personally. We appreciate your cooperation with this arrangement.

Reminder to Parents with “Shared” Custody – If you wish to have transportation to two different addresses, you must make this request at the beginning of each school year. Contact Mrs. Hodgins at (819)776-3158 Ext. 2303, in order to request this arrangement. Please keep in mind – if the parent lives **outside the transportation boundaries** of Philemon Wright High School/Hadley Junior High, they must provide their own transportation for their child on the weeks the child resides at their address.

Friends of Hadley and Philemon: Any individuals that are interested in donating money to help pay for the school fees of a student that is in economic need or to donate to our Breakfast Club, please contact Mr. Kharyati via email (tkharyati@wqsb.qc.ca) or send a donation directly to Sandra Harrington and arrangements will be made to have a charitable receipt issued to you.

I want to remind students of the importance of effort and attitude as keys to success. I want to assure all parents/guardians and students and staff that every student will be given the opportunity to do well at school and will be held accountable for all behaviours shown during school hours and on school property (including behaviours off campus and on transportation provided by the board). Ultimately, any students involved in violence, disrespectful/disruptive behaviour, and/or drugs/alcohol will be sent home (as outlined in our 2010-2011 Student Handbook accessible on our Websites) as a natural consequence for such behaviour. I want to remind all students that the dress code and other simple but important rules are to be considered from the first minute of the first day of school. Students not prepared to follow the rules outlined to them will be asked to come back to school with a parent/guardian to meet with an Administrator. I certainly believe all students can learn and I expect every Hadley and Philemon student to do their best as students but more importantly, to be the best people they can be.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the first days of school. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me or an Administrator at your convenience. We maintain an “open-door” policy encouraging parents and students to engage in dialogue with staff at Hadley and Philemon for any concerns or questions that may arise over the course of the year.

Please continue to check on our websites for up-to-date information about school.

On our website you will find the Student Handbook for 2010-2011, School Calendar for 2010-2011 and a List of Important Dates for 2010-2011.

I believe that 2010-2011 will be a year where Hadley and Philemon will reach new heights in terms of student achievement and success. We look forward to a positive and engaging year filled with academic, athletic, artistic, social, and spiritual successes for all members of our school community.

Enjoy the rest of your well-deserved holidays.

Sincerely,

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