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JANUARY 2008 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians,

IMPORTANT DATES:

January 28th, 2008 – 7:00p.m. – 8:30p.m. Parent Information Session re: New Ministry Report Card
February 11th, 2008 - P.D. Day
February 29th, 2008 - End of Term 2
March 3rd – 7th, 2008 – March Break Sports Camp
March 18th, and 19th, 2008 – Student Led Conferencing from 4:00p.m.–8:00p.m. (Scheduled time)
April 11, 2008 - 24 Hour Wake
May 5 – 9, 2008 - Mini University
May 9, 2008 - New York Trip

UPCOMING STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Mini University: sign up now. See Mr. Moore.

24 Hour Wake: Hadley will be having its first 24 Hour Wake. The Wake will take place at Hadley on April 11th in order to raise money to help stop AIDS. The evening will be filled with fun activities such as sports, guest speakers, scavenger hunts, discussions and much more. Students are asked to pick up a permission slip, information package, and donation sheet from Miss Jones in room S01 and return them no later than Friday March 14th. Spaces are limited!
Help STOP AIDS!

Outdoor Club: Hadley will be having its first annual Outdoor Club day starting on Monday, January 21st. We will be having activities at lunchtime twice a cycle (Day 4 and Day 6). Students will be participating in outdoor activities such as snowshoeing, skiing and other outdoor sports. Miss Walker and Miss Jones will supervise the activities. Students are asked to come to school with proper winter attire to participate in these activities (hats, mitts, boots, snow pants).

Chocolate Bar Sales: The indoor soccer team will be selling chocolate bars to raise funds for the team. Bars will be sold at \$2.00 each.

Valentine Dance: February 14th, 2008

Sale of Heart-O-Grams: during the week of Valentine's Day. Send one to your best friend.

Canadian Poster Challenge: The Canadian poster challenge deadline is February 25th 2008. Students interested can see Ms. Favro during lunch hour on days 1, 4 and 8 for more information and materials.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

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 favourite book together, or helping measure ingredients in the kitchen. It can also help you learn English.
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.

Parent Information Session: To be held at Philemon Wright High School – 80 Daniel Johnson, Gatineau in the Library on January 28th, 2008 from 7:00p.m. – 8:30 p.m. to inform parents about the changes in the New Ministry Report Card.

Student Led Conferencing - will be Mar 18th and 19th from 4-8pm, with a scheduled time. The term 2 report cards will go home with students/parents after the conference

Children's Fitness Tax Credit: The Government of Canada proposed to allow, starting in 2007, a tax credit on eligible physical activity programs. Some of the team sports your child is enrolled in may qualify. Please consult <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/whatsnew/fitness-e.html> for further information on the credit. If you feel that your child does qualify please contact the school to receive the appropriate tax receipts.

Address and Telephone Numbers: If there is a change in your address and/or telephone number, please advise the school immediately so that records can be corrected and we have all valid information in case of an emergency.

Hadley Breakfast Club: is operating on a daily basis. Thank you to the parents who have generously donated food or money to this club. The donations have been greatly appreciated.

No Fry Day: The Government of Quebec has banned fried food in schools. As of January 1st no fried food will be served in the cafeteria to promote healthy lifestyles.

School Fees: All school fees must be paid by the end of January, 2008. Those who have filled out and sent in the "Promissory Note" for payment plans will have an extension based upon the personal arrangements made with the office. Parents may send in a postdated cheque or several cheques to cover the cost. Names of parents who have not paid School Fees nor have contacted the school concerning payment will be sent to the board office for processing. The school board will forward this list to the collection agency. As we prefer not to do this, please send in your payment with your son/daughter by means of a personal cheque, cash, or money order. **STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT PAID SCHOOL FEES WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (EXAMPLE: END OF YEAR LARONDE TRIP).**

Power Play: This program is a tutorial program set up by the school. We require more students to sign up in order to run this helpful program. For information concerning this tutorial program please call the school at (819)777-9117

Information to students: This is a reminder to students to check out the several T.V. screens around the school for upcoming events and important notices.

Mid Year Supplies: At this mid-point in the year students should be reminded to bring in some extra school supplies (paper, pens and pencils) to be prepared for class. Please ensure that students have all of the supplies that they need to be successful.

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 819-777-9117, 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.

Please continue to check our updated website at: hadleyjuniorhighschool.com for all our information, or if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school at hadley@wqsb.qc.ca.

**For information about our school board please visit our WQSB website at: www.wqsb.qc.ca
If you would like to receive these newsletters by e-mail please let us know at hadley@wqsb.qc.ca.**

Medical Information Forms: regarding students, were sent home early in the school 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 - 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 service.

Music Makers DVD: Please be advised that the Board has arranged to have a DVD copy of the Music Makers 2007 performances available for purchase. The price for the DVD is \$20.00. Please forward your request to the school along with the amount of \$20.00

SPORTS EVENTS

HADLEY AA VOLLEYBALL - Congratulations to the Hadley Girls AA volleyball team for being undefeated on Sunday January 13th to win the **Jeux du Quebec** regional volleyball tournament. The team finished with a perfect record of 8 wins - 0 losses to win the gold medal. Great job girls!

HADLEY BADMINTON - Congratulations to the Hadley badminton team as it is currently in 1st place after three tournaments! In girls' singles, **Victoria Marchand** is ranked 7th while **Charlotte Connolly** and **Laura Langton** are tied for 8th place. **Brady Stewart** is in 2nd place while **Ryan Gossack-Keenan** is seeded 6th and **Robin Aucoin** is ranked 9th in singles.

In the doubles category, the team of **Charlotte Connolly and Lauren Evenson** are in 9th place. The doubles team of **Ryan Gossack-Keenan and Brad Stewart** is tied for 1st.

The next tournament is on Sunday January 20th, 2008 at Mont Bleu High School. Good luck to all players!

**Are you wondering what to do over March Break?
Do you enjoy playing SPORTS and GAMES?**

HADLEY/PHILEMON WRIGHT MARCH BREAK SPORTS CAMP

March 3-7th for students in grades 1-8.

Attend either full days OR a half days. Full-day camp will run from 9:00am - 4:00pm with supervision from 8:30am - 4:30pm.

Registration is \$125 for full days or \$75 for half days. Early drop off and late pick up are also available.

Brochures will be sent home with Hadley students.

For more information, or to register, please contact Christie Bray at 777-9117 x 407 or cbray@wqsb.qc.ca.