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# PW&HADLEY

## Newsletter



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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Hadley/Philemon Wright Family, We would like to invite you to our Open House on September 19th, 2019. We will start in the auditorium for a brief introduction to the school year presented by Mrs. Payne and a General Assembly to form our Governing Board. After the presentation, parents and guardians will follow their child's Day 1 and the first period of Day 2 schedule to meet the teachers and learn about the different subjects your child is taking this year.

Time:	Sept. 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
5:30 – 6:00	<b>GENERAL ASSEMBLY and GB Elections</b>
6:05 – 6:15	<b>Day 1 Period 1</b>
6:20 – 6:30	<b>Day 1 Period 2</b>
6:35 – 6:45	<b>Day 1 Period 3</b>
6:50 – 7:00	<b>Day 1 Period 4</b>
7:05 – 7:15	<b>Day 1 Period 5</b>
7:20 – 7:30	<b>Day 1 Period 6</b>
7:35 – 7:45	<b>Day 2 Period 1</b>

#### Things to Remember:

- PLEASE BRING A COPY OF YOUR CHILD'S SCHEDULE or TAKE A PICTURE OF THEIR SCHEDULE
- The teachers will be presenting an overview of the course they are teaching and sharing class expectation
- If there are specific concerns about your child or you would like to set up a separate meeting please contact Ms. Smith ([katesmith@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:katesmith@wqsb.qc.ca)) or Ms. McHardy ([emchardy@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:emchardy@wqsb.qc.ca))
- Administration will be in the hallways to guide anyone that requires direction
- A map will be provided to parents
- You can pay your school fees in room 121

I hope to see everyone on September 19<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Dodie Payne  
Principal  
Hadley Junior High School /Philemon Wright High School

#### **Information from the School Nurse:**

One of our students is receiving treatment that has considerably weakened their immune system. This child has a higher risk of developing complications if they contract chicken pox, measles, or fifth disease. We are asking you to inform us as soon as possible if your child contracts one of these diseases. Thank you for your cooperation!

#### **Transportation:**

If there are any issues regarding your child's bus please email: [transport@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:transport@wqsb.qc.ca)

#### **Remediation Schedules:**

Teacher remediation schedules will be posted on our school website as soon as schedules are finalized and before the end of next month. Until then, please reach out to your teachers individually to see their availabilities for extra support before or after school, at break, or at lunch.

#### **IEPs:**

If your child has an individual education plan, you can expect to hear from the teacher assigned to track the IEP by the end of the month. If you have any questions about your child's IEP you can direct them through the teacher assigned to your child's IEP or our resource department (Ms. Voyatzis for Hadley [fvoyatzis@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:fvoyatzis@wqsb.qc.ca) and Ms. Perrier for PW [tperrier@wqsb.qc.ca](mailto:tperrier@wqsb.qc.ca))

#### **MOZAIK Parent Portal:**

Please see the link below for more information about the MOZAIK portal.

<https://portailparents.ca/accueil/en/aide.htm>

## Sport-études:

Are you a student athlete in grade 7 or 8 who is affiliated with an accredited provincial sports federation? There are still spaces available in our sport-études program that started this year. Sport-études is designed for high performance athletes and allows them to balance their academic studies and the rigorous demands of training in order to achieve excellence in both spheres. For more information please contact:



## Dungeons and Dragons Club:

Philemon's D&D Club is embarking on its second season. We are always looking for new adventurers. No need to have your own party, or even knowledge of how to play D&D – we have plenty of experts in the group who are happy to coach beginners through their first campaign. Come see Mr. McConnell in room 136 for more details.

## Sports News:

Fall and winter sports are starting up here at Hadley and Philemon! There's something for everyone with tackle football, futsal, volleyball and basketball, we even have a golf team! Anyone interested in joining up can speak to their Phys Ed teacher for more info. Go Hawks and Falcons!

### Curling Club:

The Philemon Wright Curling team is kicking out of the hack for its second season playing out of the Chelsea Club. Our first year was a great success and we are hoping for new recruits from grades 9-11 that are interested in learning the sport. Games will be played on Saturdays (to be confirmed) and fees are at cost for the club and include a 4 week "learn to curl" introduction to the sport and a season that runs from October to the spring. Any interested players should come see Mr. McConnell in room 136!

### Ultimate:

The PW Ultimate team is warming up for the Fall RUT (Ridgemont Ultimate Tournament), taking place all day on Thursday, October 3rd. Practices are Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons and any interested female or male players are encouraged to come see Mr. McConnell or Mr. Stringer for more information. Can't make the tournament but still interested in Ultimate? No worries: the ultimate team's full RSEQ season doesn't get started until spring 2020.

## Vaping:

This is a little bit of information about a topic that is making a HUGE impact at schools across Canada today. I would like to offer you a bit of basic information as well as some referral resources to explore about this phenomenon that is taking our students attention.

### What is vaping?

Vaping is the simple act of inhaling and exhaling vapor from an electronic cigarette or similar device, for example a vaporizer or vape pen.

### What are these devices?

- E-cigs provide a simple setup with minimum parts. They use a rechargeable or disposable battery, combined with disposable e-liquid cartridges, which means that there's no tank to fill.
- A vaporizer works in much the same way as an e-cig. A rechargeable battery heats a small element that in turn vaporizes the e-liquid in the device. Unlike e-cigs though, most vaporizers use a tank to hold the e-liquid rather than a cartridge. As the tank gets low, or if you want to change flavors, you simply add additional e-liquid of your preferred flavor and nicotine strength to the tank.

If you are interested in more information, please go to the Western Quebec school board web site and within the resource for parents you will find some helpful websites to increase your knowledge.

Please do not hesitate to reach out for support.

*Erica Tomkinson "The Drug Lady"*

*Drug Awareness Resource Team (DART)*

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## News from the Guidance Department:

**Course Changes:** We are working just as fast as we can in guidance to process students' requested course changes. Students: we love you and we do love seeing your faces. Despite this indisputable fact, stopping in to "check on the progress" of your requested course change will not make things happen more quickly. Like, not even a little bit. The deadline to request a course change is September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**College, University & Trades Info Night** – This year's annual career information night will be held at D'Arcy McGee High School on the evening of October 30<sup>th</sup>. Colleges and Universities will be on hand to answer your questions about programs, deadlines, requirements, bursaries and more!

### Academic support:

- A list of possible tutors will be available shortly on [the guidance website](#).
- At [Learn Quebec](#), students can find step-by-step how-to's on multiple subject areas as well as tutoring help at no charge based on student needs. Tutees (yep, that is a word) are given access to an online learning platform that includes multi-way audio, a chat area, and an interactive whiteboard. All online tutors are fully qualified Quebec teachers. And did we mention it's free?!

Grade 11's: Listen to announcements for upcoming opportunities and visits to post-secondary institutions. The guidance team will be visiting your classrooms in early October to discuss important information about applications.

*"Work Hard, Be Yourself & Do the Right Thing"*

### Social-Media Safety:

The following article is a great read for parents who are looking for more information about the variety of apps popularly used by their teens; particularly those apps that may put their child at risk. The article outlines the hazards of using apps such as Snapchat, Whatsapp, Bumble, and many others. Hopefully awareness about these risks will help open up a dialogue with your child that will help keep them safe.

<https://bc.ctvnews.ca/police-warn-parents-of-apps-kids-should-avoid-as-they-head-back-to-school-1.4574831>

## STAY IN THE KNOW...

### REMIND APP:

Remind is a one-way communication tool used to send news and updates. Many teachers use this app to keep students and parents up to date. Please check teacher websites or speak with them at Open House for more information.

### SCHOOL WEBSITE:

Find teacher contact information, the school calendar, information about upcoming events, daily video announcements and much more on our school's website.

<http://hadleypwhs.com>

### TWITTER:

Follow us on Twitter at @WQSB\_PWHS to find out what is trending at Hadley and PWHS. Just click the bell on our Twitter page to subscribe to the latest news (see arrow in screen capture below). If you do not have the app, you can also access to our Twitter feed as a scrolling banner on our website.

