



Issue 11

# ROPSSAA NEWSLETTER

Region of Peel Secondary School Athletic Association

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## SPRING SEASON

Dear Readers, welcome to our final newsletter of this school year! Considering the challenges which include some of the worst weather in recent memory, and various successes including multiple OFSAA Champions and New Records, some of Charles Dickens words best describe the past year, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair...".

We are delighted that our three sport seasons in 2018-2019 were successful and rewarding, as the challenges were faced and overcome.

### Message from our ROPSSAA Chair

Hello to our ROPSSAA community:-)

Firstly, on behalf of ROPSSAA, thank you for another amazing year of athletics and competition. 71 schools, 10,000 athletes, 35 sports, and 600 coaches equals opportunity for students. Please know that your efforts are appreciated, valued, respected, and important. Involvement in athletics at any level and in any capacity takes a lot of time and effort. These efforts are not always recognized. I believe that one does not coach for the recognition, but one coaches for the satisfaction that you have made a difference, a positive impact, or perhaps changed someone's life. That is the highest reward you could receive. I hope your coaching and involvement in athletics this year has brought you satisfaction and enjoyment. I wonder where we would be without each of you. ROPSSAA although not perfect, is an organization that depends on the collective efforts of everyone involved in any capacity. Thank you.

Sports are important as they teach lessons that go beyond the classroom, beyond the day to day aspects of life and have a deeper meaning that I feel teaches students life skills that they can take with them forever. Perhaps an athlete or two you have come across has taught you a lesson as well. ROPSSAA sports is an important part of school life. We hope that come the fall of 2019 we can collectively continue to offer these amazing opportunities for our students. Wishing you a well-deserved and joyous summer vacation.

Paul Freier  
ROPSSAA Chair

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## Spring 2018-2019 Sports ROPSSAA Team Champions



### Congratulations Champs!

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>ROPSSAA Champion</b>
Archery	Boys' Recurve Class	Streetsville S.S.
Archery	Girls' Recurve Class	Streetsville S.S.
Archery	Boys' Standard Class	Streetsville S.S.
Archery	Girls' Standard Class	Streetsville S.S.
Archery	Genesis Class	St. Paul C.S.S.
Badminton	Junior Boys	St. Francis Xavier C.S.S.
Badminton	Junior Girls	St. Joseph C.S.S.
Badminton	Senior	Glenforest S.S.
Baseball	OFSAA Division	Our Lady of Mount Carmel C.S.S.
Baseball	Varsity Boys Tier 1	St. Michael C.S.S.
Baseball	Varsity Boys Tier 2	North Park S.S.
Cricket	Varsity Girls	David Suzuki S.S.
Cricket	Junior Boys	Stephen Lewis S.S.
Cricket	Senior Boys	Stephen Lewis S.S.
Lacrosse	Boys	Mayfield S.S.
Lacrosse	Girls	Lorne Park S.S.
Rugby	Junior Boys	Streetsville S.S.
Rugby	Junior Girls	Streetsville S.S.
Rugby	Senior Boys Tier 1	Lorne Park S.S.
Rugby	Senior Boys Tier 2	Applewood Heights S.S.
Rugby	Senior Girls Tier 1	Mayfield S.S.
Rugby	Senior Girls Tier 2	St. Francis Xavier C.S.S.
Slopitch	Varsity Girls Tier 1	St. Marcellinus C.S.S.
Slopitch	Varsity Girls Tier 2	St. Edmund Campion C.S.S.

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Soccer	Junior Boys Tier 1	Our Lady of Mount Carmel C.S.S.
Soccer	Junior Boys Tier 2	John Cabot C.S.S.
Soccer	Senior Boys Tier 1	St. Martin C.S.S.
Soccer	Senior Boys Tier 2	St. Famille C.S.S.
Soccer	Junior Girls	St. Michael C.S.S.
Soccer	Senior Girls Tier 1	St. Martin C.S.S.
Soccer	Senior Girls Tier 2	Notre Dame C.S.S.
Soccer	A Senior Boys	St. Paul C.S.S.
Soccer	AA Senior Boys	Iona C.S.S.
Soccer	A Senior Girls	St. Paul C.S.S.
Soccer	AA Senior Girls	Clarkson S.S.
S.E. Track and Field	Boys Small School *	Father Goetz C.S.S.
S.E. Track and Field	Girls Small School *	St. Roch C.S.S.
S.E. Track and Field	Overall Small School *	St. Roch C.S.S.
S.E. Track and Field	Boys Medium School **	St. Marcellinus C.S.S.
S.E. Track and Field	Girls Medium School **	Judith Nyman S.S.
S.E. Track and Field	Overall Medium School **	Judith Nyman S.S.
S.E. Track and Field	Boys Large School ***	West Credit S.S.
S.E. Track and Field	Girls Large School ***	Applewood School
S.E. Track and Field	Overall Large School ***	West Credit S.S.
Track & Field	Midget Girls	Philip Pocock C.S.S.
Track & Field	Junior Girls	Brampton Centennial S.S.
Track & Field	Senior Girls	St. Edmund Campion C.S.S./Humberview S.S.
Track & Field	Open Girls	St. Aloysius Gonzaga C.S.S.
Track & Field	Midget Boys	St. Edmund Campion C.S.S.
Track & Field	Junior Boys	St. Marcellinus C.S.S.
Track & Field	Senior Boys	St. Edmund Campion C.S.S.
Track & Field	Open Boys	St. Thomas Aquinas C.S.S.
Track & Field	Overall Girls	St. Edmund Campion C.S.S.
Track & Field	Overall Boys	St. Marcellinus C.S.S.
Track & Field	Overall Combined Team	St. Marcellinus C.S.S.
Ultimate Frisbee		David Suzuki S.S.

\* Small Schools (1-20 participants)

\*\* Medium Schools (21-40 participants)

\*\*\* Large Schools (41+ participants)



## Spring Season 2018-2019 Championships



**Congratulations to our winners!**

### Rugby - Girls' AAA

**GOLD**

Mayfield S.S.



### Soccer - Boys' AAA

**GOLD**

St. Martin C.S.S.



### Soccer - Boys' A

Antique Bronze

St. Paul Secondary School



### Boys' AAA Soccer

Antique Bronze

Cardinal Ambrozic C.S.S.



### Field Lacrosse - Boys' AAA

Antique Bronze

Mayfield S.S.



### Baseball

Antique Bronze

Our Lady of Mount Carmel C.S.S.





## Spring 2018-19 Season Success Story

### Soccer

#### BRONTE COLLEGE: A SPRING SEASON TO REMEMBER FOREVER

The Bronte Dragons Varsity Soccer Team had a historic winning season this year. After not even being in the league last year, the Bronte Dragons won the South West Tier 2 Senior Boys division. The Dragons had a record high 6 wins with only 1 loss in the entire league season while also having the least amount of goals scored against in their division. Abdullah Basurrah led the team with 5 goals and 6 assists in the season. The Dragons were awarded the silver medals in the ROPSSAA Single A Championship game and brought home the first ever team medal in our school's history!



Bronte College had their first ever Track and Field team this year and had four of their athletes qualify for the ROPSSAA Championships. Rubiat placed 12<sup>th</sup> in the long jump for senior girls while Abdullah and Amadou placed top 20 for the senior boys 3000m race. Ezekiel Kennedy placed 9<sup>th</sup> in senior boy's discus and took home the fifth place ribbon in shot put. Ezekiel qualified for the South Regional Championships at the Niagara Olympic Club where he placed 5<sup>th</sup> overall with a personal best throw of 13.33m.

*Submitted by: Jordan Frost*

*Bronte College*

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## Spring 2018-19 Season Success Story

### Track and Field

#### **Notre Dame CSS Track and Field team at ROPSSAA Championships.**

An outstanding performance from Jillian C., who placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the 100m, and 200m, while breaking a 28-year-old ROPSSAA record in the Junior Girls Triple Jump.

Julia K. placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Junior Girls 800m and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 400m.

Michael R. placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Senior Boys high jump and 3<sup>rd</sup> in triple jump.

Saraphtha S. placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Senior Girls triple jump.

*Submitted by Li-Ming Larner, Notre Dame C.S.S*



### Special Olympics World Youth Games

We had a very successful year in our sporting events!

However I wanted to highlight our 3 athletes who went to the Special Olympics Youth Games May14-17th.

Dawood Cheema, Seif Alhuneidi and Onur Can! They competed in Athletics and each placed in each event!

All our photos are on our Instagram/Twitter accounts.

@tlkdistrictprogram

We even have a share the smile video done about our journey!

<https://youtu.be/eiTXP1-ZjIA>

Check it out!

*Submitted by: Kelly Breitner, T.L. Kennedy Secondary School*

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### Special Olympics World Youth Games

#### Gonzaga Special Olympic Floor Hockey Team Takes on the World

For the first time ever St. Aloysius Gonzaga S.S. competed in a Special Olympics Ontario (SOO) Provincial School Qualifier. We entered a Unified Floor Hockey team. This team was made up of mainstream athletes AND Special Olympics athletes with an intellectual disability. Both populations were considered equally contributing members of this successful team! As a result of their hard work, the team successfully qualified through the SOO Provincial Floor Hockey Qualifier for the 2019 Invitational Youth Games in Toronto from May 14-17, 2019. The Bulldogs represented Gonzaga with sportsmanship, hard work, dedication and spirit. The Youth Games consisted of three days of tournament play, a high-spirited opening ceremony, and a closing ceremony torch hand off. SOO also made sure to include other ancillary programs as well for example a Healthy Athletes screening as well as an Athlete Leadership Summit. Participants stayed in the athlete's village for three nights, where they were able to meet and make new friends. Athletes felt it was an experience of a lifetime. "I made friends, loved being part of a team and I really enjoyed all of it" stated Abisha A, one of Gonzaga athletes. Michael R, the team's goalie, felt the experience was amazing and something that he will never forget. Special Olympic sports and unified sports are something that will hopefully continue to grow both in ROPSSAA and throughout the province. As a coach it was one of the most rewarding opportunities I have had the pleasure of being a part of. It is our hope that Gonzaga and other schools under the ROPSSAA banner can continue to compete in all five of SOO's school sports (athletics, soccer, basketball, bocce, and floor hockey) and it is our intention to compete once again next year at the 2020 Provincial School Championships in Kingston, ON!

*Submitted by: Melanie Jones, St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School*





## Spring 2018-19 Season Success Story

### Cricket

Stephen Lewis had a great 2018-2019 cricket season. Both the Junior Boys Cricket Team and the Senior Boys Cricket Team reached ROPSSAA Finals, and went on to become ROPSSAA Champions. Worth mentioning is that the Senior Team went undefeated the whole season and that the Junior Team is the first junior SLSS team to win ROPSSAA gold!



Stephen Lewis Senior Cricket Team



Stephen Lewis Junior Cricket Team

*Submitted by: Doug Pedersen  
Stephen Lewis Secondary School*

### Rugby

The Jamaican Rugby league team reached out to me looking for some girls with Jamaican heritage to compete in the America 9s championship that took place May 18th at Lamport Stadium. This was our girls first time playing this style of rugby, we play Rugby Union in high schools. This was also Jamaica's first women's rugby league team to compete. Our students who competed were Amoy Bailey and Gabby Allen.

*Submitted by: Tremaine Garrison, Fletcher's Meadow Secondary School*



The Jamaican Rugby league team

Check out a little interview @

<https://www.facebook.com/80979929389/posts/10157361687649390?s=528180542&v=e&sfns=mo>



## Other Information

Congratulations to Toronto Raptors on their first NBA title!

The atmosphere of unity in diversity where delighted fans from various cultural backgrounds and ethnic groups kept on cheering the winning team was indeed striking.

Thousands of individuals came together to support this team during their historic playoff run. Canada will surely see increased interest and growth in the fame of Basketball as a result of this incredible win!



OAKLAND – It started with a sleepless night on the other side of the planet 11 months earlier.

Masai Ujiri was in Africa, where he and former U.S. president Barack Obama had just opened a children's basketball court in Kenya, when he pulled off the biggest trade in the 24-year history of the Toronto Raptors – a seminal moment for the franchise and the sport in Canada.

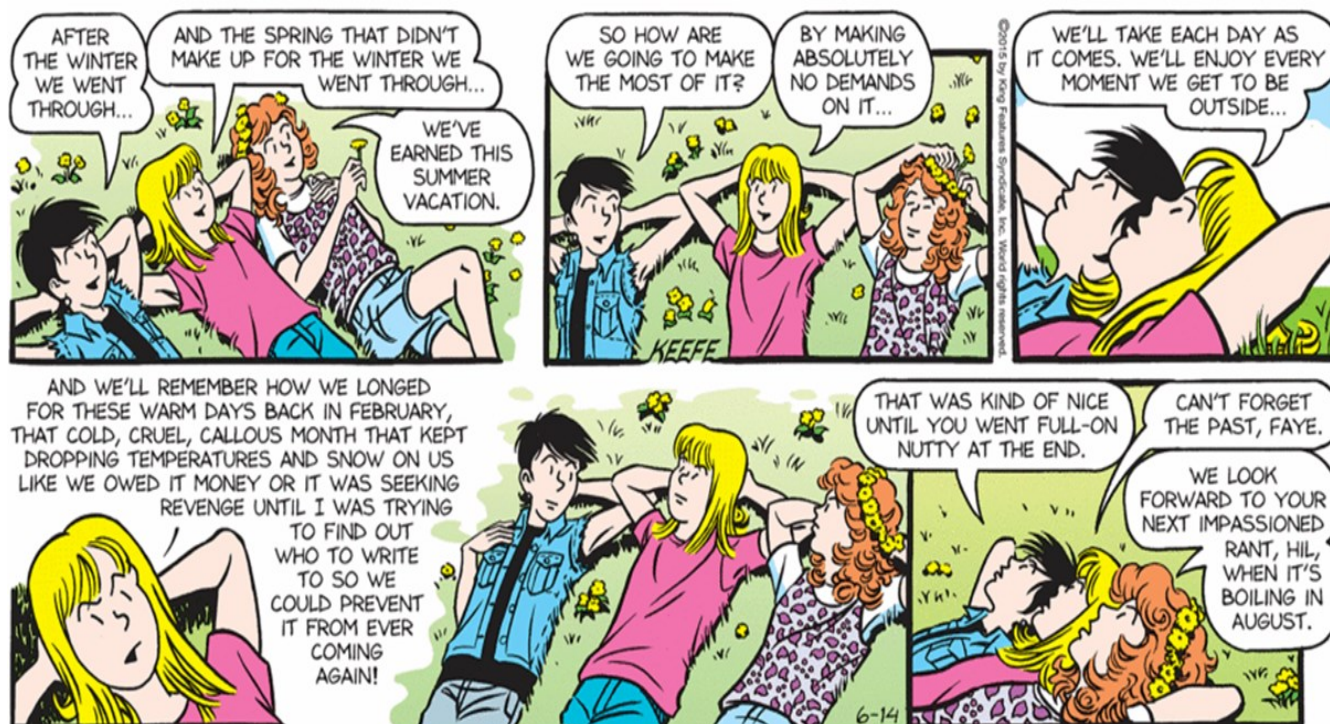
Read the full story!



<https://www.tsn.ca/raptors-championship-will-have-long-lasting-impact-on-basketball-in-canada-1.1322091>

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## Humour



Until next Fall Season  
Have a joyful summer:-)

### About ROPSSAA

ROPSSAA is a member of the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA).

ROPSSAA has 75 member schools and coordinates 35 sports across three sport seasons, Fall, Winter and Spring.

**NEW!!!** Addition of 4 new independent schools in 2019-2020

We are on the web!

<http://www.ropssaa.org/>

<http://www.ofsaa.on.ca/>

#### Fall

Basketball – Girls  
Bocce  
Cross Country Running  
Field Hockey  
Flag Football  
Football  
Golf  
Tennis  
Volleyball - Boys

#### **NEW!!!** Rugby 7's

### ROPSSAA Sports

#### Winter

Alpine Skiing  
Basketball – Boys  
Curling  
Hockey – Boys  
Hockey – Girls  
Nordic Skiing  
Special Event Basketball  
Special Event Bowling  
Swimming  
Table Tennis  
Volleyball – Girls  
Wrestling

#### Spring

Archery  
Badminton  
Baseball  
Cricket  
Fastpitch Softball  
Lacrosse – Boys  
Lacrosse – Girls  
Rugby  
Slopitch Softball  
Soccer  
Special Event Track & Field  
Track & Field  
Ultimate Frisbee