



# ROPSSAA NEWSLETTER

Region of Peel Secondary School Athletic Association

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## Fall Season

Dear Reader, Greetings from The ROPSSAA Team. Thank you for taking the time to read our Seasonal Newsletter.

### Congratulations to our 2019-2020 Fall Season Team Champions!



<u>Sport</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Tier/Division</u>	<u>ROPSSAA Champion</u>
Basketball	Junior Girls		Notre Dame C.S.S.
Basketball	Senior Girls	Division 1	St. Francis Xavier C.S.S.
Basketball	Senior Girls	Division 2	St. Marguerite d'Youville C.S.S.
Basketball	Senior Girls	AA	St. Paul C.S.S.
Cross Country Running	Novice Boys		St. Marcellinus C.S.S.
Cross Country Running	Novice Girls		St. Marcellinus C.S.S.
Cross Country Running	Junior Boys		St. Francis Xavier C.S.S.
Cross Country Running	Junior Girls		Our Lady of Mount Carmel C.S.S.
Cross Country Running	Senior Boys		St. Marcellinus C.S.S.
Cross Country Running	Senior Girls		St. Thomas Aquinal C.S.S.
Cross Country Running	Overall All		St. Marcellinus C.S.S.
Cross Country Running	Overall Boys		St. Marcellinus C.S.S.
Cross Country Running	Overall Girls		St. Marcellinus C.S.S.
Field Hockey	Varsity Girls		Mayfield S.S.
Flag Football	Varsity Girls	Tier 1	St. Francis Xavier C.S.S.
Flag Football	Varsity Girls	Tier 2	Bramalea S.S.
Football	Junior Boys		St. Roch C.S.S.
Football	Senior Boys	Tier 1	St. Marcellinus C.S.S.
Football	Senior Boys	Tier 2	Robert F. Hall C.S.S.
Football	Senior Boys	9v9	St. Joan of Arc C.S.S.
Golf	Boys		Lorne Park S.S.
Tennis	Junior Boys		St. Aloysius Gonzaga C.S.S.
Tennis	Senior Boys		North Park S.S.
Tennis	Junior Girls		John Fraser S.S.
Tennis	Senior Girls		Port Credit S.S.
Tennis	Overall Combined		John Fraser S.S.
Volleyball	Junior Boys	Division 1	St. Marcellinus C.S.S.
Volleyball	Junior Boys	Division 2	John Fraser S.S.
Volleyball	Senior Boys	Division 1	Mississauga S.S.
Volleyball	Senior Boys	Division 2	Brampton Christian Academy
Volleyball	A Boys		Brampton Christian Academy
Volleyball	AA Boys		Jean Augustine S.S.
Rugby 7s	Junior Girls		Streetsville S.S.
Rugby 7s	Senior Girls		St. Francis Xavier C.S.S.
Rugby 7s	Junior Boys		Streetsville S.S.
Rugby 7s	Senior Boys		Applewood Heights S.S.



## Congratulations to our winners!

### **VOLLEYBALL - BOYS' AAA**

Mississauga S.S.



Antique Bronze Winners

### **VOLLEYBALL - BOYS' A**

Brampton Christian Academy



Bronze Medallists

### **GIRLS' AA BASKETBALL**

St. Paul C.S.S.



Consolation Champions

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St. Francis Xavier C.S.S.



Consolation Champions

### **GOLF (FESTIVAL) - GIRLS'**

High School Division

St. Marcellinus C.S.S.



Mikayla Bourgeois  
Bronze Winner

## Important Dates and Deadlines

### Transfer and Eligibility

#### ROPSSAA

##### Application Deadlines

Friday, March 6, 2020 11:59pm

Friday, March 27, 2020 11:59pm

Friday, May 1, 2020 11:59pm \*

*\*no opportunity for appeal to OFSAA*

##### Application Approval Dates

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Thursday, April 2, 2020

Thursday, May 7, 2020

#### OFSAA

##### Appeal Deadlines

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 11:59pm

Wednesday, April 1, 2020 11:59pm

##### Appeal Meeting Dates

Thursday, February 20, 2020

Thursday, April 16, 2020

##### Pre- Season Coaches Modules Release Dates

**Early Spring** - badminton, cricket

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

**Spring Sports** - archery, baseball, lacrosse, rugby, fastpitch, slopitch, track and field, ultimate Frisbee

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

**Soccer**

Wednesday March 25, 2020

**Special Events Track and Field**

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

##### Executive Meeting Dates

Tuesday January 14, 2020

Monday February 10, 2020

Tuesday March 10, 2020

Tuesday April 14, 2020

Tuesday May 12, 2020

Tuesday June 9, 2020

### Note:

Motions to change Constitution are due on **Friday May 1, 2020.**

Kindly submit to one of the Athletic Convenors.



### AGM

ROPSSAA Annual General Meeting

**Thursday, June 18, 2020**

## Fall Season Success Stories

### Football

The Robert F. Hall Wolfpack Football team just completed our season with a 19 - 14 Victory over St. Thomas Aquinas to win the ROPSSAA Tier 2 Varsity Boys Football Championship. The Pack had a strong season, going 5 and 1 in the regular season, with our only loss being to Aquinas. Led by a strong Offensive Line anchored by Adam Milian, Andrew Wilson, Timothy Atkinson, Matthew Kocialek, Graden Grandison and Daniel Dove, the Pack offence this year was able to operate effectively. They led the way for Grade 10 running backs Joey Santarossa and Roy van der Veen. Quarterback Brody Kirkham had ample time to work in the pocket all season, dishing out to talented receivers Layomi Ojutalayo, Sam Dizon, Danny Flynn, Nicholas Moretta and Andrew Steko. The defence was led by Nathan Konwisarz, Adam Burgos, David Munoz, Nicolos Gray, Kyle Prieur and rookie Delroy Njonguo.

In the quarter finals, Hall had a 13 - 0 lead heading into the 2nd half vs. Mayfield on the strength of the Defence, who forced 3 safeties, and a TD by Van der Veen. But the Mavericks never gave up. They battled back with a TD by Joshua Long. Then, with 1:43 left in the game, Quinn Sullivan would make an amazing one handed catch to put the Mavs up 14 - 13. But Hall would not waver. Kirkham would lead them down the field. He would twice find Andrew Steko on deep passes to bring the ball within field goal range. Then, with time expiring on the clock, Steko would drill a 20 yard field goal to send the Wolfpack to the semi-finals with the 16 to 14 victory.

In the semi-final game, Hall traveled down to Mississauga to face the undefeated 1st place team in the South, Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Carmel would jump out to an early lead, on the strength of their fullback, Dylan Fallavollita, and their kicker Andrew Kaszuba would drill a pair of field goals. Hall answered back with touchdown by Steko on a long pass from Kirkham. But Carmel was controlling the game and went into halftime with a 23 - 8 lead. However, the Pack don't know when to give up. An injury to Fallavollita crippled the Crusaders offence, and their number one lineman, Eddie Burvill got himself ejected. With those two out of the game, Carmel could not control the flow of the game any longer. Van der Veen and Santarossa started to control the ground game, while Kirkham found Sam Dizon in the end zone to start the comeback. Kirkham would also score a TD with a goalline plunge, set up by an interception by Steko on defence. Michael Cross would round out the scoring, and the defence allowed no points in the second half, causing turnover after turnover by the Carmel offense. Hall would punch their ticket to the finals with the 27 to 23 victory.

In the finals, Hall squared off against the unbeaten Aquinas team, fresh off their semi-final victory over St. Martins, 32 - 8. Hall kept practicing all week in the cold and snow. Over 500 Hall fans showed up at Etobicoke Centennial Stadium for the game. The Pack went down early, with Aquinas scoring a TD on their opening drive to silence the crowd. But then the Hall defence would take over. Paul Ansah would sack the Cardinals QB in the endzone for a safety to put Hall on the board, down 7 - 2. Later, Steko would drill a fieldgoal to bring Hall within 2, down 7 to 5. Steko then would intercept a ball and bring it back 50 yards for a TD to put Hall up 12 to 7 going into Halftime. The Hall offence would continue to roll behind the running of Van der Veen and Danny Flynn.

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Layomi Ojutalayo would make a pair of amazing catches to give Hall great field position. So would Sam Dizon. This would set up a TD pass from Kirkham to Steko to give Hall the 19 to 7 lead. But the Cardinals would not give up. They would score again to pull within 19 to 14. Keion Charles would stop their onside kick attempt however, stopping their momentum. But the Cardinals' D would make the Hall Offence go 2 and out, forcing a punt, all with only 2 minutes left in the game. Aquinas would begin to march the field, but great pass protection from Kyle Prieur and Michael Maglio would thwart the air attack. With only 2 seconds left on the clock, Aquinas would line up for the final play of the game. On an attempted Rugby style pitch and go, linebacker Adam Burgos would strip the ball to seal the game and give the Pack the 2019 Championship.

Hall would like to thank the coaches, teachers J. Sweeney, J. Beresford, H. Burgos, M. Chondronikolas, D. Paolucci and P. van Heukelom, as well as our community coach, Sean O'Keefe. We would also like to thank our sponsor, Core Solutions Physiotherapy of Caledon East. We would also like to thank our Principal, Ms. Currah and the rest of the admin team for their continued support of Hall Athletics.

Submitted by: Jason Sweeney - Robert F. Hall C.S.S.



Robert F. Hall Wolfpack Football team

## Fall Season Success Stories

### Tennis

Congrats to the John Fraser tennis team who won 4 gold medals as well as Overall team and Jr. girls team awards!

*Submitted by: Natalie Scamurra  
John Fraser Secondary School*



### Field Hockey Program

The St. Edmund Campion Bears Field Hockey Program began only 3 years ago. In their 1st season the Bears managed one tie throughout the season. Last year, they claimed a quarter-final playoff berth losing a close match to Clarkson. This year, the Bears exceeded expectations and beat Lorne Park in a thrilling semi final shootout paving the way to the ROPSSAA Final. In a close battle the Bears lost to Mayfield 1-0 to earn silver medals. The coaches are so proud of the hard work and commitment these players displayed and look forward to next season! Thanks to all the administration, staff, students and parents that have supported the team.

*Submitted by: Elizabeth Esposito-McLeanvv, St. Edmund Campion S.S.*



### Cross Country

One of our Novice Girls cross country runners was suffering from an injury, but decided to race anyway. She knew she wouldn't place, but insisted on running anyway. Her friend from another competing school ran with her the entire ROPSSAA race. They stayed together and ran side-by-side the entire 6 km.

Right before the girls crossed the finish line, they both stopped and face each other. They played a quick round of rock-paper-scissors to see who should cross first!

This is the sort of thing we see in movies, but never expect to see in real life. It was a great moment of friendship and true sportsmanship.

-Cheers-

*Submitted by: Annette Belvedere, Robert F. Hall C.S.S.*



## 2019-2020 OFSAA Championships Dates

### FEBRUARY

Nordic Skiing	Feb. 20-21	GBSSA	Huntsville
Alpine Skiing	Feb. 24-25	GBSSA	Collingwood

### MARCH

Swimming	Mar. 3-4	TDSSAA	Toronto
Wrestling	Mar. 2-4	NOSSA	Sault Ste. Marie
Boys' A Basketball	Mar. 9-11	NOSSA	North Bay
Boys' AA Basketball	Mar. 9-11	SWOSSAA	Windsor
Boys' AAA Basketball	Mar. 9-11	GHAC	Burlington
Girls' A Volleyball	Mar. 9-11	CWOSSA	Walkerton
Girls' AA Volleyball	Mar. 9-11	SWOSSAA	Kingsville
Girls' AAA Volleyball	Mar. 9-11	SWOSSAA	Chatham
Girls' A/AA Hockey	Mar. 24-26	WOSSAA	Stratford
Girls' AAA Hockey	Mar. 25-27	SWOSSAA	Belle River
Boys' A/AA Hockey	Mar. 25-27	SOSSA	St. Catharines
Boys' AAA Hockey	Mar. 25-27	SWOSSAA	Belle River
Boys' Curling	Mar. 25-28	LOSSA	Uxbridge
Girls' Curling	Mar. 25-28	LOSSA	Uxbridge

### MAY

Badminton	May 7-9	WOSSAA	London
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### JUNE

Tennis	June 1-3	TDSSAA	Toronto
Girls' A/AA Rugby	June 1-3	EOSSAA	Kingston
Girls' AAA Rugby	June 1-3	CWOSSA	Kitchener
Boys' A/AA Field Lacrosse	June 1-2	CWOSSA	Owen Sound
Boys' AAA Field Lacrosse	June 2-4	SOSSA	Welland
Boys' A/AA Rugby	June 4-6	COSSA	Belleville
Boys' AAA Rugby	June 4-6	WOSSAA	Arva
Girls' A Soccer	June 4-6	EOSSAA	Perth
Girls' AA Soccer	June 4-6	COSSA	Cobourg
Girls' AAA Soccer	June 4-6	GHAC	Stoney Creek
Boys' A Soccer	June 4-6	WOSSAA	London
Boys' AA Soccer	June 4-6	WOSSAA	London
Boys' AAA Soccer	June 4-6	GHAC	Stoney Creek
Track and Field	June 4-6	TDSSAA	Toronto
Baseball East Regional	June 3-4	TDCAA	Toronto
Baseball West Regional	June 3-4	SWOSSAA	Lakeshore
Baseball Final	June 10	OFSAA	



**Inspiration**

# Don't Quit

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,  
When the funds are low and the debts are high,  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,  
When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest, if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,  
As every one of us sometimes learns,  
And many a failure turns about,  
When he might have won had he stuck it out;  
Don't give up though the pace seems slow--  
You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than,  
It seems to a faint and faltering man,  
Often the struggler has given up,  
When he might have captured the victor's cup,  
And he learned too late when the night slipped down,  
How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out--  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,  
And you never can tell how close you are,  
It may be near when it seems so far,  
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit--  
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

- Author unknown



## Humour



Until next sports season, Happy New Year 2020!

### About ROPSSAA

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

ROPSSAA has 74 member schools and coordinates 35 sports across three sport seasons, Fall, Winter and Spring.

We are on the web!

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

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

### ROPSSAA Sports

#### Fall

Basketball – Girls  
Bocce  
Cross Country Running  
Field Hockey  
Flag Football  
Football  
Golf  
Tennis  
Volleyball - Boys  
Rugby 7's

#### 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 15's  
Slopitch Softball  
Soccer  
Special Event Track & Field  
Track & Field  
Ultimate Frisbee