



ROPSSAA NEWSLETTER

Region of Peel Secondary School Athletic Association

Issue 14

2021 Fall Season

December 2021

The ROPSSAA Team takes great pleasure in welcoming you to this year's Fall Season Newsletter after almost a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19. Amid the continuous virus and variants battle, coaches, students, athletic contacts and all ROPSSAA supporters are masking up, getting vaccinated and preparing for that time when all ROPSSAA sports will be up and running again!

RETURN TO PLAY

ROPSSAA staff and senior administration at the Peel District School Board and Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board worked collaboratively with Peel Public Health to develop a series of protocols to operate high school sports safely.

Due to the enhanced planning and health and safety requirements, not all sports will operate in the same manner that they traditionally have. Seasons and events may be delayed accommodating the gradual return to activity after such a long layoff. Activities will need to be modified to ensure the safety of all participants and reduce the risk of transmission as much as possible.

Updated protocols for the winter season were released on December 7th, 2021. The updated protocols include a mandate that all participants in outdoor high risk activities and any indoor activities be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Check out the full Return to Play Protocols on the Resources tab at the ROPSSAA Website.

<https://www.ropssaa.org/resources/>.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR OFSAA CHAMPIONSHIPS - Winter 2022

<https://www.ofsaa.on.ca/news/ofsaa-covid-19-winter-protocols-click-here>

Note:

AGM

Motions to change ROPSSAA Constitution are due on May 2, 2022

ROPSSAA Annual General Meeting

June 23, 2022



Submit Online via the Motion Submission Form found on the ROPSSAA Website

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

ROPSSAA CHAIR, Paul Freier steps down



Paul has been the ROPSSAA Chair for 15 years! Volunteering thousands of hours of his own time while working his way from a teacher to a principal in that timeframe. His dedication to students and teachers in Peel should be celebrated as he steps aside. Paul has always gone the extra mile and ensured that ROPSSAA stays on the right track. His leadership and guidance will be greatly missed by ROPSSAA Council. Thank you Paul!

Farewell Message from Paul Freier

Good day ROPSSAA

The past 22 months have been very challenging times for everyone in all aspects of life. This fall season we have begun to see the resumption of athletics and extra-curricular activities. I am sure the students have appreciated the efforts of everyone involved to slowly bring back sports. Hopefully as we move into 2022 opportunities will continue to be made available to students. As always coaching is a volunteer activity and everyone involved with ROPSSAA recognizes and appreciates the efforts and contributions no matter how big or how small of each of you.

I have been involved with ROPSSAA council for over 15 years and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support. This year I have decided to step down as chair and pursue other activities. It has been a pleasure and honor to represent the association in a variety of settings and to work directly with many of you. ROPSSAA council members spend hours and hours ensuring the association runs smoothly and it has been great to have played a part in that. I would like to thank them for their dedication. I know ROPSSAA council will continue its excellent work going forward.

Wishing everyone a safe, happy and well-deserved holiday.

Paul Freier

Congratulations to our 2021-2022 Fall Season ROPSSAA Team Champions!



<u>Sport</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Tier</u>	<u>ROPSSAA Champion</u>
Basketball	Junior Girls		St. Martin C.S.S.
Basketball	Senior Girls		St. Marguerite d'Youville C.S.S.
Cross Country Running	Novice Boys		Clarkson S.S.
Cross Country Running	Novice Girls		Humberview S.S.
Cross Country Running	Junior Boys		Lorne Park S.S.
Cross Country Running	Junior Girls		St. Martin C.S.S.
Cross Country Running	Senior Boys		St. Marcellinus C.S.S.
Cross Country Running	Senior Girls		Our Lady of Mount Carmel C.S.S.
Cross Country Running	Overall Boys		St. Marcellinus C.S.S.
Cross Country Running	Overall Girls		St. Marcellinus C.S.S.
Cross Country Running	Overall All		St. Marcellinus C.S.S.
Field Hockey	Varsity Girls		Clarkson S.S.
Flag Football	Varsity Girls	Tier 1	Mayfield S.S.
Flag Football	Varsity Girls	Tier 2	Humberview S.S.
Football	Senior Boys	Tier 1	St. Roch C.S.S.
Football	Senior Boys	Tier 2	David Suzuki S.S.
Golf	Boys		Iona C.S.S.
Rugby 7s	Senior Girls		Port Credit S.S.
Volleyball	Junior Boys	OFSAA	St. Marcellinus C.S.S.
Volleyball	Senior Boys	OFSAA	St. Marcellinus C.S.S.
Volleyball	Senior Boys	Division 2	Humberview S.S.



Congratulations to our winners at 2021-2022 OFSAA Championships!

Girls AAA Basketball – St. Francis Xavier C.S.S.

Antique Bronze

Cross Country Running

Novice Boys Individual

Bronze, Applewood Heights S.S.- Abdallah Elbeshbishy

Junior Girls Team

Antique Bronze, St. Marcellinus C.S.S.

Senior Girls Team

Antique Bronze, Humberview S.S.



OFSAA History

In 1948 OFSAA was founded without any full-time staff or a permanent office. It officially became the governing body of high school sports in Ontario in 1952, and has grown significantly over the past seven decades.

When OFSAA started in 1948 there were just six official provincial Championships for high school sports – track & field, cross country, hockey, football, basketball, and gymnastics.

Currently there are 45 Championships and Festivals contested at the OFSAA level with sports including everything from rugby to snowboarding to golf.

The growth of OFSAA over the years is also representative of the growth in population and schools in Ontario. OFSAA has expanded from seven to 18 associations, from 300 to over 850 schools, 5500 teacher-coaches to 18,000 teacher-coaches, and from 85,000 student-athletes to more than 280,000!

In 2008 OFSAA unveiled a versatile new logo in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the organization. It was the first time the logo had been redesigned since 1948.

It's an ongoing history and one OFSAA is happy to share as we continue to provide education through school sport to generation after generation.

Old Logo  New Logo 

New OFSAA Mascot for 2021-2022



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more :-)

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Important Dates and Deadlines

Transfer and Eligibility

ROPSSAA

Application Deadlines

Friday, March 4, 2022 11:59pm

Friday, March 25, 2022 11:59pm

Friday, April 29, 2022 11:59pm *

**no opportunity for appeal to OFSAA*

Application Approval Dates

Thursday, March 10, 2022

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Thursday, May 5, 2022

Executive Meeting Dates

January 11, 2022

February 8, 2022

March 8, 2022

April 12, 2022

May 10, 2022

June 14, 2022

OFSAA

Appeal Deadlines

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Appeal Meeting Dates

Thursday, February 17, 2022

Thursday April 21, 2022

Fall Season Success Stories

St. Martin Junior Girls Basketball

The beginning of the year was shrouded with the uncertainty of whether or not we would be allowed to play. Once team sports were approved our team was quickly constructed and consisted of many girls new to basketball and to organized sports. The learning curve for the girls was extremely steep, but as the girls became acclimated to the expectations and culture of the St. Martin Basketball program they began to exhibit growth and realize their potential. Due to the covid-19 restrictions this is the first team any of the girls had played for in high school which had them bring a level of energy and fun that made them a joy to coach.



The girls finished the regular season with a record of 4-2 and entered the playoffs as the lower seed winning both the Semi-Finals and Finals on the road! Led by Rozelle Fortin's 21 points, that included five 3-pointers, the girls defeated a talented St. Paul team 45-36 in the Junior Girls ROPSSAA Championship to bring home the gold! The St. Martin coaching staff is thankful for opportunity to play again and could not be more proud of the team's enthusiasm, commitment and growth!

2021-2022 Junior Girls ROPSSAA Champions

Chelsea Baird Sigrid Dinglasan Rozelle Fortin Aryanna Gallo-Domingo Samantha Guinto	Norah Kelly Alyssa Ligason Reese Logan Esther Olanipekun Brooklyn Robb	Madison Rosenitsch (Captain) Alyssa Mae Villahermosa Sienna Walker-Mannen Martina Yotingco
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Submitted by: Howard Nañes, St. Martin Catholic Secondary School

Fall Season Success Stories

Basketball

St. Marguerite d'Youville lady panthers are ROPSSAA basketball champions!!!! What a season it has been. We started tryouts on the outdoor courts at the soccer centre because our own gym was under construction. From that first day to now the team has come such a long way! In the championship game we outscored Leger 53-29. Our starting 5 - Anaya, Nichol, Janae, Sandra and Chiamaka set the tone from the beginning. Playing hard defence and tenacious offence. Just like every game Anaya lit up the gym creating turnover after turnover for Leger - scoring 26 points. Sandra played the game of her high school career. We have never seen Sandra so hungry - this grade 12 charismatic athlete really left everything on the court in her last game as a lady panther - contributing 13 points to the final score. Our grade 12s Sandra, Nichol, Chiamaka and Hezel will be missed however the future of basketball looks bright. Anaya and Janae will step up as captains. Destiny played aggressive and got pretty much every single rebound. Ebi, Serenity and Sheniah will protect the paint and Tanasia, Olivia, Jamilah and Shiloh will set the tone with their hustle and energy! Thank you to our managers Krystina, Samantha, Chelsea, Amber and Tyesha - we appreciate everything you've done for us this season! Coaches Chlebowski and Kurpaska are very proud of this team and are looking forward to next year's season.



Submitted by: Agnieszka Kurpaska, St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic Secondary School

Fall Season Success Stories

Cross Country Running

The Humberview Huskies X-Country Running team from Bolton are heading to OFSAA this weekend.

Our Novice Girl McKenna Gibb placed 1st in Peel, 57 seconds ahead of the 2nd place finisher. As a TEAM - McKenna Gibb, Jordyn French, Claudia Pirog and Maryn Tichy paced 1st in Peel as a TEAM.

Our Senior Girls.. Aysia Maurice placed 3rd in Peel and Leah Durnford placed 6th. As a TEAM for Senior girls Humberview placed 2nd. Congrats to Aysia Maurice, Leah Durnford, Emma Klimczak and Hannah-Bella Gilmer.

Our Junior and Senior Boys were amazing as competitive individuals. For Junior Boys Cameron Bennett placed 2nd in Peel and Thomas Nobrega placed 4th. For Senior Boys Liam Bauman placed 5th.

Humberview is celebrating 11 strong runners as they head off to OFSAA in Peterborough.... I couldn't be prouder as a coach of these amazing athletes.!! GO HUSKIES! PEEL PROUD!



Submitted by: Jennifer Searles, , Humberview Secondary School

Fall Season Success Stories

Cross Country Running

After a long awaited return to running, the Applewood Heights SS cross country team came out in full force this year! For the first time in decades Applewood took 11 athletes to OFSAA after taking gold in the novice boys race, silver in the senior girls race, and silver for the junior boys teams at the ROPSAA finals.

After the impressive ROPSSAA finishes, novice boy Abdallah Elbeshbishy finished third in the OFSAA competition only 1.5 seconds behind the first place runner giving the crowd a nail biting sprint to the finish. Nicole Hartnell returned to OFSAA after a snowy run in Grade 9 to claim fifth in the senior girls race knowing she has another year to compete.

Coach Bryce is proud of the team's competitive spirit and is looking forward to next season. Congratulations to all our runners for an outstanding return to the trails.



Photo (L-R): Ms. Bryce, Savannah Stoll, Nicole Hartnell, Tristan Day, Ryan Lamoureux, Abdallah Elbeshbishy, Oskar Sushytskyi, Jack Lising, Akash Virk, Sena Lee, Jenny Hartnell, Felex Hill.

Submitted by: Theresa Bryce (she/her), Applewood Heights Secondary School

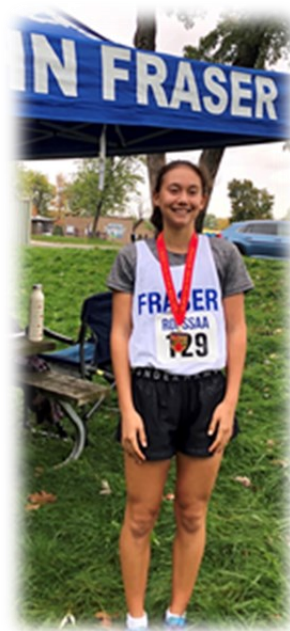
Fall Season Success Stories

Cross Country Running

Michelle Gray is a fantastic athlete who competes in tennis and basketball. She started running with her Dad to stay in shape for these sports. In grade 10, her phys. ed. teacher was impressed with her 12 minute run and connected Michelle with Fraser's Track and Field coach. He recognized her potential and connected her with a community coach who is a retired Peel teacher. Michelle continued to run during the pandemic. She competed in her first secondary school cross country race at the ROPSSAA Finals this fall. She won the Senior Girls' 6km race in 23min 15sec! This meant that she qualified for OFSSAA, her second high school cross country race. She easily won the Senior Girls' OFSSAA Final in 22:21 min.

Michelle is an inspiration. She is a talent, a humble athlete who cheers on her peers. She is a coachable athlete who internalizes suggestions and works hard at practices to realize her potential. We all look forward to seeing how far and fast Michelle will go with her running.

Submitted by: Kerry Somers, John Fraser Secondary School



Michelle Gray

Cross Country Running

My name is Maurizio Falzata. I am the Cross Country Coach at St. Joseph Secondary School in Mississauga. I wanted to share the accomplishments of our Novice Boys Cross Country Team. On Friday October 22nd, members of the St. Joseph Boys Cross Country team competed in the ROPSSAA Championships at Heart Lake in Brampton. Our Grade 9 Novice Boys Team made St. Joseph Secondary School history and became the first team ever to qualify for the OFSAA Provincial Championships with a second place finish. The team of Shayden Nair, Joshua Chawla, Christopher Oginni, Oliver Zucconi and Austin Mac-Millan narrowly missed out on first place losing to Clarkson Secondary School. Another special mention to Shayden Nair who finished third in the Novice Boys race, two seconds off first place. The team will now travel to Lakefield, Ontario on Saturday November 6th, 2021 and compete for the Provincial title.

Submitted by: Maurizio Falzata, St. Joseph Secondary School

Cross Country Running

This was a video I made for a school announcement based on our cross country results. One of our runners qualified for OFSAA.



<https://www.wevideo.com/view/2420541708>

Submitted by: Emidio Santroni, Iona Catholic Secondary School

Fall Season Success Stories

GOLF 2021

The 2021 Iona Catholic Secondary School Golf Team made history by being the first Dolphin Boys team to win both the ROPSSAA team and individual championships played at Glen Eagle Golf Course in Bolton. Tyler Hunt shot a scorching 75 to win the Individual crown. This fine performance was supported by solid rounds from team members Andrew DeCosimo, Aiden DeCosimo and Kadyne Steele. Collectively this earned the Dolphins the team crown by 1 stroke over their closest rival.

Winning ROPSSAA qualified the team for a berth in the provincial OFSAA championships again held at Glen Eagle. Down a golfer early due to an injury, the team still put forth a solid effort in skillfully representing Iona against the best golfers in Ontario.



Individual Photo – Tyler Hunt ROPSSAA Individual Champion

Team Photo (Left to Right) – Kadyne Steele, Aiden DeCosimo, Tyler Hunt, Andrew DeCosimo

Submitted by: Coach Norbert Wirkowski, Iona Catholic Secondary School

2021-2022 OFSAA Championships Dates

FEBRUARY/MARCH

Nordic Skiing	Feb. 24-25	CISAA	Lakefield
Alpine Skiing	Feb. 28-Mar. 1	CISAA	Collingwood
Snowboarding	Mar. 2	YRAA	Markdale
Wrestling	Mar. 1-2	CANCELLED	
Swimming	Mar. 8-9	CANCELLED	
Boys' A Basketball	Mar. 7-9	WOSSAA	Parkhill
Boys' AA Basketball	Mar. 7-9	SOSSA	St. Catharines
Boys' AAA Basketball	Mar. 7-9	SOSSA	Stoney Creek
Girls' A Volleyball	Mar. 7-9	TDCAA	Toronto
Girls' AA Volleyball	Mar. 7-9	NOSSA	North Bay
Girls' AAA Volleyball	Mar. 7-9	EOSSAA	Rockland
Girls' A/AA Hockey	Mar. 23-26	EOSSAA	Cornwall
Girls' AAA Hockey	Mar. 23-26	CWOSSA	Kitchener
Boys' A/AA Hockey	Mar. 23-26	SWOSSAA	Belle River
Boys' AAA Hockey	Mar. 23-26	SOSSA	St. Catharines
Boys' Curling	Mar. 23-26	NOSSA	North Bay
Girls' Curling	Mar. 23-26	NOSSA	North Bay

MAY/JUNE

Badminton	May 5-7	SWOSSAA	Pain Court
Ultimate	May 26-27	CISAA	Toronto
Tennis	May 30-Jun 1	TDSSAA	Toronto
Boys' A/AA Field Lacrosse	May 30-31	CWOSSA	Owen Sound
Boys' AAA Field Lacrosse	May 30-31	ROPSSAA	Mississauga
Girls' A/AA Rugby	May 30-Jun 1	COSSA	Cobourg
Girls' AAA Rugby	May 30-Jun 1	CWOSSA	Kitchener
Boys' A/AA Rugby	June 2-4	COSSA	Cobourg
Boys' AAA Rugby	June 2-4	WOSSAA	Arva
Girls' A Soccer	June 2-4	SWOSSAA	Belle River
Girls' AA Soccer	June 2-4	CWOSSA	Guelph
Girls' AAA Soccer	June 2-4	WOSSAA	London
Boys' A Soccer	June 2-4		
Boys' AA Soccer	June 2-4	CWOSSA	Walkerton
Boys' AAA Soccer	June 2-4	WOSSAA	London
Track and Field	June 2-4	TDSSAA/CISAA	Toronto
Baseball East Regional	June 1-2	TDCAA	Toronto
Baseball West Regional	June 1-2	SWOSSAA	Lakeshore
Baseball Final	June 8	OFSAA	

Inspiration



"When this is over, may we never again take for granted

A handshake with a stranger

Full shelves at the store

Conversations with neighbors

A crowded theater

Friday night out

The taste of communion

A routine checkup

The school rush each morning

Coffee with a friend

The stadium roaring

Each deep breath

A boring Tuesday

Life itself.

When this ends

may we find

that we have become

more like the people

we wanted to be

we were called to be

we hoped to be

and may we stay

that way — better

for each other

because of the worst."

~ Laura Kelly Fanucci

Humour



Happy Holidays!



Keep healthy,
safe and joyful:-)

As Comet Leonard will soon disappear into the unknown, in the same way the ROPSSAA Team hopes that Covid-19 will soon be a passing memory, allowing ROPSSAA Athletics to return to normalcy.

About ROPSSAA

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

ROPSSAA has 72 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
Rugby 7's
Tennis
Volleyball - Boys

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

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