



ROPSSAA NEWSLETTER

Region of Peel Secondary School Athletic Association

Issue 16

2022 Fall Season

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Welcome Readers!

The ROPSSAA Team conveys a hearty welcome to our readers of this year's Fall newsletter. With so much enthusiasm in the atmosphere from student athletes, coaches, athletic contacts, and all other supporting staff members, one can tell that everyone is happy and grateful that ROPSSAA and OFSAA sports are in full swing. The discipline and cooperation of student athletes favoured a successful Fall Season. Check out some of our success stories on pages 4-9.

Important Dates and Deadlines

Transfer and Eligibility

ROPSSAA

Application Deadlines

Friday, March 3, 2023 11:59pm

Friday, March 24, 2023 11:59pm

Friday, April 28, 2023 11:59pm *

**no opportunity for appeal to OFSAA*

Application Approval Dates

Thursday, March 9, 2023

Thursday, March 30, 2023

Thursday, May 4, 2023

OFSAA

Appeal Deadlines

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Appeal Meeting Dates

Thursday, February 23, 2023

Thursday, April 13, 2023

Executive Meeting Dates

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Monday, February 13, 2023

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

AGM

ROPSSAA Annual General Meeting
Thursday, June 22, 2023

Note:

Motions to change ROPSSAA Constitution are due by
Monday, May 1, 2023

Submit Online via the
Motion Submission Form found on the ROPSSAA Website
<http://www.ropssaa.org/resources/>

Congratulations to our 2022-2023 Fall Season ROPSSAA Team Champions!



<u>Sport</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Tier</u>	<u>ROPSSAA Champion</u>
Basketball	Junior Girls		St. Aloysius Gonzaga C.S.S.
Basketball	Senior Girls	Division 1	St. Roch C.S.S.
Basketball	Senior Girls	Division 2	St. Marguerite d'Youville C.S.S.
Cross Country Running	Novice Boys		St. Marcellinus C.S.S.
Cross Country Running	Novice Girls		Applewood Heights S.S.
Cross Country Running	Junior Boys		St. Marcellinus C.S.S.
Cross Country Running	Junior Girls		Our Lady of Mount Carmel C.S.S.
Cross Country Running	Senior Boys		Humberview S.S.
Cross Country Running	Senior Girls		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.
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	John Cabot C.S.S.
Football	Junior Boys		David Suzuki S.S.
Football	Senior Boys	Tier 1	St. Roch 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		Mentor College

Congratulations to our winners at 2022-2023 OFSAA Championships!



<u>Sport</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Tier</u>	<u>ROPSSAA Champion</u>
Rugby 7s	Junior Girls		Streetsville S.S.
Rugby 7s	Senior Girls		Port Credit S.S.
Rugby 7s	Junior Boys		Streetsville S.S.
Rugby 7s	Senior Boys		Streetsville S.S.
Tennis	Junior Boys		Erindale S.S.
Tennis	Senior Boys		Port Credit S.S.
Tennis	Junior Girls		St. Francis Xavier C.S.S.
Tennis	Senior Girls		St. Aloysius Gonzaga C.S.S.
Tennis	Overall Combined		St. Aloysius Gonzaga C.S.S.
Volleyball	Junior Boys	OFSAA	St. Marcellinus C.S.S.
Volleyball	Junior Boys	Division 2	Central Peel S.S.
Volleyball	Senior Boys	OFSAA	St. Marcellinus C.S.S.
Volleyball	Senior Boys	Division 2	Philip Pocock S.S.
Volleyball	A Boys		St. Paul C.S.S.

Fall Season Success Stories

Football



Robert F. Hall Football Team

Hi there - here is a picture of the Varsity Boys Tier 2 Champions, the Robert F. Hall Wolfpack. This was our first season back after 2 years of Covid, it was a success story from the very beginning. We knew we had something special when 45 players came out for June workouts, all this without any late bus running. 90% of the team never played football before, including the Quarterback, but through dedication and perseverance, they improved every day. The team went undefeated in the regular season, then beat St. Martin's in the Semi-finals. In the finals, which were held at Robert F. Hall C.S.S. for the first time ever, Hall faced off against a vastly improved Humberview Huskies team to accomplish another first - two Caledon teams in the Finals. Hall would prevail 24 - 15 to capture their 4th ROPSSAA championship in the school's history.

*Submitted by: Jason Sweeney
Sr. Boys' Football Coach
Robert F. Hall C.S.S. (Dufferin-Peel CDSB)*

Fall Season Success Stories

Football



Humberview's Football Team Success Story

The Humberview Huskies Football Team really made a huge stride this year.

After not winning a single game in 2018 and 2019 in tier 2 they played in a team shortened division last year in Tier 1 where again they did not win a regular season game.

This year in 2022 they made the playoffs for the first time in school history, and won their first playoff game vs Mount Carmel.

They went to their first championship game vs Robert F Hall and despite winning the second half, fell just short on the final score board.

They are sending at least 2 players to university football with one about to commit to an Ontario maximum scholarship offer.

It is the beginning of something very special at Humberview secondary school.

*Submitted by: Adrian Piscitelli
Sr. Boys' Football Coach
Humberview Secondary School (Peel DSB)*

Fall Season Success Stories

Senior Boys Volleyball

On Thursday, November 24, Philip Pocock's Senior Boys' Volleyball Team capped off an undefeated season by winning the ROPSSAA Division 2 Play-off Championship. After going a perfect 6-0 without losing a single set in Tier 1 regular season play, the Pirates battled through four play-off rounds, only dropping two sets along the way, to eventually become the 2022 ROPSSAA Division 2 Volleyball Play-off champions.

*Submitted by: Andrew Amaral
Sr. Boys' Volleyball Coach
Philip Pocock C.S.S. (Dufferin-Peel CDSB)*



Philip Pocock Sr. Boys Volleyball Team

Cross Country Running



Manit Bhalla

In this year's ROPSSAA Cross Country Novice Boys results, Manit Bhalla (BCS), improved his time from 18:50mins. (33rd place) at the Heart Lake Invitational (Oct.6) to 17:44mins. (12th) at the Championship race (Oct.28).

It's been since 1997 that a runner at Brampton Christian School has finished that high! (So, in a long time).

All of our runners improved, but Manit's result stood out

*Submitted by: Joel Unruh
Cross Country Coach
Brampton Christian School*

Fall Season Success Stories

Girls Varsity Basketball



St. Marguerite d'Youville Girls' Basketball Team

On Nov 30th in front of an exciting home crowd our St Marguerite d'Youville Girls Varsity Basketball Team won the Division 2 Championships for the second consecutive year! It was a hard fought battle until the fourth quarter. It wasn't until Tinasia Williams-Burke amped up the energy with a huge take to the basket. From that moment every single player got an enormous boost of energy. Janae Brissett (our captain) had steal after steal which resulted in basket after basket. Ebi Irabor with huge steals and massive put backs. Elizabeth Osasuyi played her best game of the season scoring 20 points. After each basket that she made the crowd cheered MVP MVP MVP! What a great season, from our first game in Tier I to the championship game in Division 2, everyone improved so much and came together as a family. Looking forward to a great season next year!

*Submitted by: Aga Kurpaska
Girls Basketball Coach
St. Marguerite d'Youville C.S.S. (Dufferin-Peel CDSB)*

Fall Season Success Stories

Sr. Boys Volleyball



Chinguacousy SS Sr. Boys Volleyball Team (picture provided by J.Groves)

Back row: Ziyad Shaikh, Arvind Jassal, Krish Saini, Matthew Jegroo, Aavi Ganesh, Seniru Perera, Hairaj Khullar, Gurwattan Chahal, Vasean Persaud, Travis Rainey, Dhruvan Modugula, Ishaan Saini, Janet Groves

Front row: Andrea Navea, Zenith Saw, Aneil Ganesh, Mithun Kananathan

Seated with ball: Micaiah Davis

The quiet setter....

Any volleyball player or coach knows that unless you have a fabulous setter who has feather soft hands, an intimate knowledge of the game, a chess like strategic mind who can make decisions in a flash, the respect of their teammates, and amazing athletic agility,...you really don't have a chance of getting very far.

Fall Season Success Stories

As a coach, I would like to highlight a remarkable young man who was the setter of our team and is one of the most humble, yet quiet athletic leaders at our school, who makes a difference wherever he goes. His name is Micaiah Davis. Micaiah's calm ability to command a court by quietly communicating with each of his teammates, knowing the strengths and weaknesses of each of his teammates, and consistently setting them up for success are truly the qualities of a great leader and athlete, and are some of the many reasons why the Chinguacousy Secondary School Senior Boys Volleyball team shone this year.

Micaiah is an athlete who truly leads by example and supports all of those around him. His passion for sport is undeniable. He has been physically training in the gym on his own for the past year to improve his overall fitness for his two sports, volleyball and basketball, and it showed this season with his effortless sets and one-handed blocks. He had perfect attendance, and we practiced every day because as he explained after the season, "we were accountable to each other on this team." He listened to and applied feedback from his coaches and other experienced players, and his ego was never on the court. He understood everyone's position on the team and he responded and encouraged them. He knew who needed to lead loudly and passionately, who needed to internally coach, who needed to inspire by their actions, who needed to be thanked for their incredible passing, and who needed the trust of the set to reset the dynamic of the team.

Not only is Micaiah a dedicated and talented athlete, but he is also an excellent student on the Honour Roll and advocate for the Black community. When confronted with adversity last year, he and members of his basketball team along with their coach were able to advocate for athletes regarding head coverings during team play, which allowed ROPSSAA to advance in inclusivity as it reviewed and changed outdated policies. These actions take courage.

To step on the court with the volleyball team, you would never know by the louder leaders on the team, the leaders with the amazing volleyball IQ, players with phenomenal kills, amazing digs and serves, that this teammate was the quarterback of the team. He would rarely and quickly go from his calm demeanor to the "hulk" in celebrating his own highlights, but what was most impressive was how he was always just as excited for his teammates to have their moment and celebrate them even more or calm them down if necessary. The emotional intelligence that this young athlete exudes shows maturity beyond his years and he will undoubtedly become an excellent teacher and coach as he pursues his career goals in education.

Thank you, Micaiah, for leading your team through a beautiful season. It is not one that any of us will ever forget and the friendships that were forged on the Timberwolf court will be forever. WOLF PACK!

*Submitted by: Janet Groves
Sr. Boys' Volleyball Coach
Chinguacousy Secondary School (Peel DSB)*



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Basketball—Girls' AAA



Participate in OFSAA's Bridging the Gap Program

In partnership with **Jumpstart**, OFSAA is accepting applications for the 'Bridging the Gap' program.

The program focuses on eliminating barriers to participation, promoting inclusion and helping students transition into their first year of high school.

Learn more and apply [Here](#):

2022-2023 OFSAA Championships Dates

EVENT	DATE	ASSOCIATION	EVENT LOCATION
Nordic Skiing	Feb. 23-24	CISAA	Lakefield
Alpine Skiing	Feb. 27-28	CISAA	Osler Bluff
Swimming	Feb. 28-Mar. 1	SWOSSAA	Windsor
Wrestling	Mar. 7-8	NCSSAA	Ottawa
Boys' A Basketball	Mar. 6-8	NEOAA-AANEO	Timmins
Boys' AA Basketball	Mar. 6-8	SWOSSAA	Belle River
Boys' AAA Basketball	Mar. 6-8	SWOSSAA	Sarnia
Girls' A Volleyball	Mar. 6-8	SOSSA	Welland
Girls' AA Volleyball	Mar. 6-8	SOSSA	St. Catharines
Girls' AAA Volleyball	Mar. 6-8	GBSSA	Barrie
Girls' A/AA Hockey	Mar. 22-24	WOSSAA	Stratford
Girls' AAA Hockey	Mar. 22-24	SWOSSAA	Windsor
Boys' A/AA Hockey	Mar. 22-24	SOSSA	St. Catharines
Boys' AAA Hockey	Mar. 22-24	SWOSSAA	Windsor
Boys' Curling	Mar. 22-25	NOSSA	North Bay
Girls' Curling	Mar. 22-25	NOSSA	North Bay
Badminton	May 11-13	CISAA	Port Hope
Ultimate	May 24-25	GHAC	Burlington
Tennis	June 5-7	TDSSAA	Toronto
Boys' A/AA Field Lacrosse	June 5-6	COSSA	Peterborough
Boys' AAA Field Lacrosse	June 5-7	COSSA	Peterborough
Girls' A/AA Rugby	June 5-7	COSSA	Belleville
Girls' AAA Rugby	June 5-7	ROPSSAA	Bolton
Boys' A/AA Rugby	June 8-10	COSSA	Belleville
Boys' AAA Rugby	June 8-10	WOSSAA	Arva
Girls' A Soccer	June 8-10	WOSSAA	London
Girls' AA Soccer	June 8-10	COSSA	Cobourg
Girls' AAA Soccer	June 8-10	SOSSA	Grimsby
Boys' A Soccer	June 8-10	WOSSAA	London
Boys' AA Soccer	June 8-10	GBSSA	Bradford
Boys' AAA Soccer	June 8-10	SWOSSAA	Windsor
Track and Field	June 8-10	NCSSAA	Ottawa
Baseball East Regional	June 7-8	TDCAA	Toronto
Baseball West Regional	June 7-8	SWOSSAA	Lakeshore
Girls' Slo-Pitch	June 12-13	WOSSAA	London
Baseball Final	14-Jun	OFSAA	

Other information

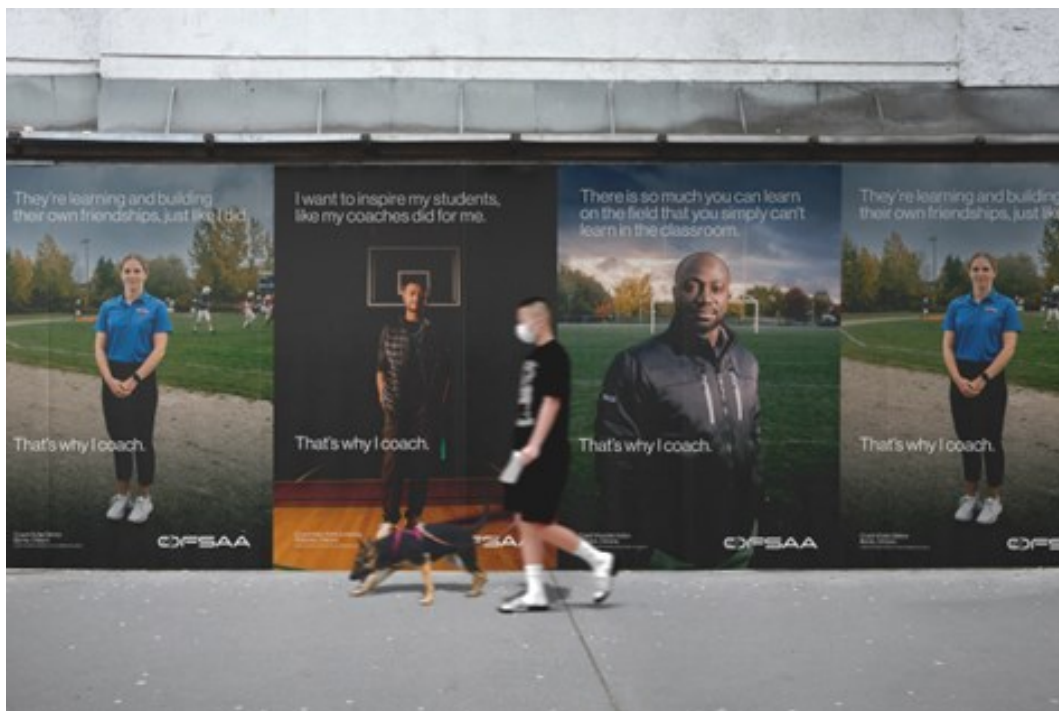
OFSAA Posters - Why I Coach

OFSAA was very excited to share the new **"Why I Coach"** poster set and accompanying video series this fall!

Developed and produced by **Ellum Media** in collaboration with the OFSAA Advocacy Committee, the goal of the campaign is to create positive awareness by expressing the favourable benefits for coaching at the high school level in Ontario.

"The opportunity to work with OFSAA and the three coaches we filmed with is one we won't forget at Ellum," said Liam Afonso, Co-Founder & CEO, Ellum Media. "Each video is a portrait and they are painted as heroes on the screen - because that is what they are to students. These are universal stories. Everyone can remember being in their formative years and the people they looked up to at school. Ellum is thankful to work with OFSAA to help represent these coaches as the heroes they are."

OFSAA would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to the current teacher-coaches who participated in the project.



Kwame Aidoo - Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School in London (WOSSAA)

Katie Gilmor - Eastview Secondary School in Barrie (GBSSA)

Kyle-Patrick Dennis - St. David Catholic Secondary School in Waterloo (CWOSSA)

Please view the videos at our YouTube Channel (/OFSAA) on the QR code below.



Submitted by Pat Park
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OFSAA

Humour



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Wishing everyone a Joyous
Holiday Season and a New
Year filled with Hope and
Unlimited Possibilities!
Be Safe!



About ROPSSAA

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

ROPSSAA currently has 70 member schools and coordinates 35 sports across three sport seasons.

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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