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Jewish day school engages in enriching challenges

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With 600 students, Solomon Schechter Academy is Montreal's largest private Jewish day school for students in junior pre-K, pre-K, kindergarten and grades 1-6. A teacher and an assistant are assigned to each class in the English section and the section française.

"We carried out many new initiatives last year, which we will expand on," said head of school Steven Erdelyi. "Our dean of students Tina Roth did an amazing job focusing on student life and services."

SSA takes pride in its Flex-Able Tuition, enabling more families to afford an excellent education. "We've introduced staggered tuition considering finances and the number of students enrolled in a family."

To accommodate working parents, SSA extended the after school program for all grades until 5:30 p.m. The Ped day and half-day program will be expanded to include all professional and half days, excluding Jewish holidays.

Solomon Schechter math wizards ace the QAMT (Quebec Association of Math Teachers) competition. In six of the past

seven years they ranked first out of 40 schools. SSA will add more math competitions in the younger grades.

SSA revamped the science and technology programs and hired a specialist, who will teach dedicated classes for grades K-6. Parents will have an inside track on all facets of school life. New online web pages will enable teachers to post notices and assignments.

Students focused on a Value of the Month last year and now every grade will pick a charitable cause to work on throughout the year. Last year students in grades 1 to 6 assembled for monthly citizenship ceremonies. Under the "Good Citizenship for All" banner, students in all grades will participate in projects focused on tikkun olam.

Solomon Schechter students concentrate on attaining impeccable communication skills in English, French and Hebrew. SSA will introduce a public speaking contest at different grades. Furthermore, SSA will zero in on oral language proficiency, particularly in French.

"We are expanding our student services department to meet the needs of all students, whether through enrichment or remediation," Erdelyi said. Children



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will receive language proficiency tests to identify difficulties and ensure early intervention.

The school boasts four basketball teams, two soccer and one hockey. "We welcome feedback," Erdelyi said, noting hockey and halo races emanated from parents' suggestions. It was the first time SSA competed in the GMAA (Greater Montreal Athletic Association) run and they won a few medals.

Erdelyi is grateful for support at every level. "Our students return to tell us they found the transition to high school easy

because of our teachers' hard work and dedication."

Established in 1969, SSA supports the principles of Judaism and shares a strong connection with Israel. In Grade 6, students have an opportunity to join classmates on a trip to Israel. The SSA complex includes the Amiel Early Childhood Education Centre, 4940 MacDonald Ave., and Grades 1-6 at 5555 Cote St. Luc Road. ■

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