

The Royal West Academy Variety Show is an annual event which showcases talented students that are enrolled at our school. The students worked very hard in preparation for this event, from going through auditions, to two after-school

Mont-Sainte-Anne & Le Massif Trip

By Nicholas Kudo

This year's Secondary IV ski trip happened on the weekend. We left on a Friday morning and arrived in Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré at around 12:30 PM. In terms of lodging, there were 44 boys whose chalet was an old chapel and 27 girls whose chalet was an old school house. In both places, there was a kitchen and a main living room area as well as individual rooms for four to five people each. After getting our room assignments, we had ski and snowboard lessons for the afternoon. For dinner, a potluck was organized so that everybody brought something and everything was shared. There were vegetarian and vegan options for those who wanted. People also got to experience the cuisine of certain cultures through this style of supper because some parents and/or grandparents had made traditional dishes.

The next morning, we skied by ourselves all day at Mont-Sainte-Anne. At night, we went to the Carnaval in Quebec City where they had all sorts of activities, such as tubing, a Ferris wheel, ice slides, and a giant game of human foosball. There was an ice castle which is always a popular attraction and they had also created some amazing snow sculptures.

Sunday, everybody went skiing at Le Massif in the Charlevoix

region. They had gotten some fresh snow overnight which made the conditions a bit better than previous days. It is a more challenging hill and has more variety of runs than at Mont-Sainte-Anne. Although there are fewer trails, it is still a great mountain and offers a beautiful view of the St. Lawrence River.

Overall, it was a very fun trip and there was a nice atmosphere because everyone was excited to ski and snowboard. Another huge positive is that everybody was safe so there were no serious injuries on the trip!

Science Fair

By Ms. Ann MacKay, Science Fair Coordinator

Congratulations to all the Science Fair participants! Our students presented amazing projects for the judges and public alike to view.



The award winners, special awards winners, and the People's Choice award winner can be viewed on the Royal West Academy website at www.royalwestacademy.com and clicking on the appropriate links.

Thank you as well to our judges and donations. The judges gave their time to ensure that the projects were evaluated. The donations provided the students with additional recognition for exceptional projects.

Carnival Day

By Jesse Chevrier

On January 15, the students here at Royal West Academy were lucky enough to experience another successful winter Carnival Day. Students had the option to participate in a





wide range of activities, including skiing, hockey, ice skating, rock climbing, tubing, and free activities held at the school itself. This day off is well-earned for the students, and they were able to enjoy themselves in the company of their friends.

Royal West Academy sometimes poses a lot stress on its students, but Carnival Day helps to alleviate that stress and lets the students have fun, granting them a break from their busy schedules. Carnival Day is an annual tradition at RWA, organized every year by the Student Life Association.

Having personally gone tubing, it was nice to see the students enjoying themselves on the slopes of Mont Avila and having a blast. It was a nice winter day, and not only were the students laughing and yelling as they raced down the tracks, but so were the teachers, who may have been yelling the loudest. We are lucky enough here at RWA to have such great teachers who give up so much of their time for the students. After tubing we went back to the chalet to have lunch, where most people got some poutine and a hot chocolate.

Based off what's been said by students in the other activities, they went just as well and were just as fun. The rock climbing was challenging, and the students at the free activities played games like dodge ball, basketball, and capture the flag. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

All in all, the day went just as planned and everyone was able to let loose. Hopefully next year Carnival Day will be just as good.

Kayla Turski

From EMSB Fielding Focus (February 27, 2014)

The EMSB family paid close attention to Sochi, as freestyle skier Kayla Turski, a graduate of both Willingdon (NDG) and Royal West Academy



(Montreal West), competed in the inaugural ski slopestyle competition. Turski, who recently returned from a near career-threatening injury to her knee, is a five-time Winter X Games gold medalist and is the gold medal favorite in Sochi. Her illness came at a rotten time and affected her performance.

New York City Trip

By Mr. Robert Aiken's period 1 day 2 gym class

New York City, the city that never sleeps, was an unforgettable experience. It was a good break from busy high school life. It was so cold, but it was the heart of our year, the apple of our eye—because it was the Big Apple!



On the third day, we had a free evening to ourselves and could enjoy it with our friends. Some of us went to The Stardust Diner which was very enjoyable and had a great atmosphere. Another option was to see another Broadway show like *Wicked*—which was wicked too! (Get it?)

Even though the trip was only a few days, it was the best school trip ever. From the delicious food like the famous New York cheesecake, to the educational experiences like the tour of the UN, it was adventurous and a memory we will have forever.

Overall, New York brought us together as GRADS14!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



March 3–7	March Break
March 9	Daylight Savings Time begins
March 10	Governing Board Meeting @ 7 PM
March 11	Report cards issued
March 11	Secondary II Washington Trip: parent & student meeting @ 7 PM
March 13	Parent-Teacher interviews (3:15–5:30 PM & 7:00–9:30 PM)
March 14	Pedagogical Day
March 17	RWA Foundation Meeting @ 7 PM
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 17–21	Social Justice Week
March 19	Pedagogical Day (afternoon only)
March 21	Dance Show
March 23–25	Montreal Regional Science Fair
March 24–28	Secondary III Washington DC Trip
March 26	Pedagogical Day
March 28	Pedagogical Day

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