

## Guitar Club

By Ethan Shahin

From the end of March to the end of May, students of all grades can come together to unite musically in a very special and unique club at Royal West Academy. Guitar Club is a place where you can come to jam on guitar with fellow students. It provides an opportunity to make new friends and share expertise as well as practice different chords, techniques, and scales with other students. This club welcomes any style you choose, whether it be reggae, ska, hard rock, classical, blues, or a melody containing all of the above. You can also bring any guitar you wish: bass guitar, acoustic guitar, electric guitar, etc.

During Guitar Club, most students try to practice songs on



their own, although some like to practice songs together. Usually we hear a lot of classic rock guitar oriented songs, including songs such as Guns N' Roses' *Sweet Child O' Mine*, Green Day hits, and acoustic melodies.

This ECA is run by RWA's Spiritual and Community Animator, Mr. Monachino. If you are not very experienced with a guitar, he can give you a lesson. He has been a great help to many students who want to play guitar. He can teach you chords, scales, and classic guitar riffs. He also owns several different guitars which students can use if they don't have one, including a few acoustic guitars and an amazing electric guitar. He is a great guitarist, so he can teach you all you need to know!

If you're interested you can visit Room 112 every Wednesday at lunch while the club is running. It is an awesome time for coming together, a great source for friendships, and an opportunity to de-stress while playing, learning, and practicing guitar!

## Italian Cards Club

By Cassandra Napolitano

Culture is something that can be seen in many everyday things and is something that is a part of almost everyone's lives. Culture can be represented through art, cuisine, language, and many other forms that we might not even be able to see or touch. As we all know, Montreal is a very multicultural city, where everyone's cultures are accepted and enjoyed. This is why so many people move to Montreal—to feel at home.

Royal West Academy started an Italian Cards Club at the end of 2012. Matthew Agostinelli and Mr. Aiken are the proud creators of this club, and are very happy to be able to continue the club once again this year. This club shows everyone the Italian culture at our school, while having fun playing Italian cards. There are meetings every Friday in



Room 101 or 103 from 3 pm to 4:15 pm, where Italian card games like Briscola and Scopa are played.

This year there were eight people who came regularly to play Italian cards (not including Mr. Aiken and guest appearances by Mr. Martin and M. Girardin!): Matthew Agostinelli, Alisia Agostinelli, Matthew Ciarlelli, Luca Carzoli da Chão, Massimo Lipari, Giordano Napolitano, Cassandra Napolitano, and Jonathan Pesce.

Italian Cards Club is an amazing way for RWA to show the diversity of its students. We encourage more people to join next year to make the club more enjoyable and exciting. Anyone can join, even non-Italians—you can always learn!

## Honour Band 2014–15

By Michelle Creamer & Caitlynn Trudeau

Honour Band is an extracurricular senior band that has been in Royal West Academy for many years. It is directed by Ms. Purdy who, at the end of the year, holds auditions for Secondary III, IV, and V students who want to join the ensemble for the following year.



Honour Band plays many selections at the school concerts, including the Holiday Concert, Winter Concert, and Spring Concert, but also plays in parades and at events such as graduation and assemblies. This year, there were 30 new members in a 50-member ensemble. As two of those new members, it is easy for us to say that a lot of work had to be put in to pull off all the challenging pieces we were given. But this fact is part of what makes going into Honour Band next year so much more exciting.

As members of the band ourselves, we are excited to welcome the new (Secondary III and IV) members that will join the band. We are also excited to go to band camp, on an exciting band trip, and raise funds for our new auditorium. One of the best parts of being in Honour Band is meeting new people, and next year will be another opportunity for us to bond over our common passion for music and other shared interests.

Such a great year would not have been possible if it weren't for our enthusiastic and committed band director, Ms. Purdy. She always stays calm with us and makes us feel like anything is possible. For this, we owe her many thanks!

Although we are sad to see our talented Secondary V members graduate, we look forward to another successful season filled with learning, fun, musicality, and culture. Keep your eyes peeled for our school concerts in the calendar next year; we promise you won't be let down!



## RWA Used Uniform Sale

Organized by RWA Home & School Association

**Monday, June 9, 2014 @ 7 PM–8 PM**

In the school cafeteria (cash or cheques only)

*Donations of any (clean) RWA uniforms may be dropped off at the school office @ 7:30 AM–15:30 PM no later than Friday, June 6, 2014.*



## RWA New Uniform Sale

Organized by RWA Home & School Association

**Tuesday, June 10, 2014 @ 2 PM–8 PM**

**Wednesday, June 11, 2014 @ 3 PM–8 PM**

In the school cafeteria (cash or cheques only)



## Volunteers Needed for Uniform Sales!

RWA Home & School is looking for volunteers to help out at the annual RWA uniform sales in the following capacities:

- June 9, 2014 @ 9–11 AM: move stock into the cafeteria
- June 10, 2014 @ 1:30 PM–8 PM: before, during, and after the sale
- June 11, 2014 @ 2:30 PM–8 PM: includes moving boxes back into the store and completing inventory

Please contact us at [RWAHSA@gmail.com](mailto:RWAHSA@gmail.com) if you are interested—our volunteer in charge of scheduling will confirm a date and time with you!



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



June 2	Farewell Barbeque
June 2	RWA Foundataion meeting @ 7 PM
June 3–5	Exams (PM only)
June 4	Governing Board meeting @ 7 PM
June 5	Graduation Exercises @ 7:30 PM
June 6	Pedagogical Day
June 9	Used uniform sale
June 9–18	Exams
June 10–11	New uniform sale
June 20	Prom
June 24	Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day
June 25–27	Pedagogical Days
July 1	Canada Day
September 1	Labour Day
September 2	First day of classes

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