



A Word From The Administration

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Welcome to a new school year! Hopefully, the summer months have provided an opportunity to renew your energy, spend time with loved ones, and left you ready to take on the 2019–2020 school year. On behalf of our administration team, we wish you a successful and enjoyable school year. We wish our new students a warm welcome to the Royal West Academy family.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to our new staff members:

- Angela Vaudry (Interim Principal)
- Ketega Skyers (Secretary)
- Suzanne Amro (English)
- Kera Bridgman-Ibrahim (Drama, English, PPO)
- Julia Greco-Giaccio (Math)
- Jérôme Guay (Français)
- Emily Mannard (Études sociales, Art)
- Leigh Partington (Math)
- Voula Tsagaroulis (English, ERC)
- Ruth Bensoussan (Math)
- Dwayne Linton (Behaviour Technician)

- Ruth Scanlan (CLSC Nurse)
- Bianca Pungartnik (Addiction Counselor)

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome back some of our returning staff members:

- Alissa Bakouri (Français)
- Joé Lambert-Kirouac (Math, Sciences)
- Anita Reddy (ERC)
- Fidèle Mouafo (Français)
- Antoine Tétreault (Études sociales, PPO)
- Alexandra Todi (Resource)
- Andre Vamvakas (Ed. Tech)
- Amir Van Alphen (Music, Art, Ed. Tech, ERC)
- George Fowler (Behaviour Technician)

L'année scolaire a débuté sur une note enthousiaste. Le 29 août dernier, l'association étudiante (SLA) a accueilli les élèves de secondaire 1. Les membres du SLA ont offert des visites guidées de l'école. Ils ont aussi organisé des activités pour ces nouveaux étudiants afin de bien les préparer pour leur première journée d'école à RWA. Nous remercions plus particulièrement nos coprésidents, Juliana Abrams and David Pivetta, pour avoir fait preuve de leadership dans la réalisation de cet événement.

During the first week of school, staff members were once again visible in their brightly coloured vests, directing the student pedestrian traffic from the Montréal-Ouest train station. Pedestrian safety procedures were also reviewed at our annual start-of-year assemblies. We ask that parents discuss the issue of traffic safety with their child. Please note that there are three sets of commuter trains running through the Montréal-Ouest train station—always assume that there may be more than one train coming through at a time. Remember to look both ways, cross the road only at the crosswalks specified for students, stay alert, do



not wear headphones, avoid texting, and practice safety first!

In addition, there are large numbers of students boarding the STM buses after school. It is important to line up and board the bus in an orderly fashion so that no one gets hurt. Parent drivers are reminded that drop-off and pick-up of students takes place on Easton Avenue ONLY! Easton is the only safe drop-off area for students. Ainslie Road is a No Stopping Zone—if you drop off your child on Ainslie, you risk receiving an \$85 ticket from Public Security. Also please note that Easton access to Westminster Avenue South remains closed. Drivers are to enter Easton from Westminster, drop off their child at the Easton side of the school, and then continue around to Ainslie to return onto Westminster. This is being done to ensure the public's security as traffic in the area has increased due to the closure of the Saint-Jacques Street exit off of Highway 20. We ask that parents remain vigilant while navigating this area. Please continue to help keep our students and staff safe!

Our *Meet the Secondary 1 Teacher* evening was held on September 4. Parents were given short presentations by teachers from all subject domains including MindPOP. They also had an opportunity to hear from the Administration, the Secondary 1 homeroom teachers, and our school's Student Services department. We know that the transition to high school may be difficult and we encourage students to have a period of downtime to relax! Parents are encouraged to ensure that their child NOT have a cell phone or computer available during these times of rest. Cell phones should not be used as alarm clocks—the distractions far outweigh the benefits.

Des membres de nos trois principales associations parentales (RWA Home & School, RWA Foundation et RWA Governing Board) étaient également présents lors de cette soirée pour accueillir les nouveaux parents, présenter les informations concernant les différentes associations et répondre aux questions. Pour en savoir davantage sur les divers événements ou encore pour vous impliquer, veuillez consulter notre site Web à www.royalwestacademy.com.

On September 24, Royal West Academy opened its doors to nearly 1000 visitors for our annual Open House. Special thanks to the volunteer students and parents who were all great ambassadors for RWA.

Le voyage annuel des élèves en secondaire 1 a eu lieu les 26 et 27 septembre derniers. Plus de 180 étudiants ont pris part à ce voyage de deux jours dans les Laurentides. Cette expérience a permis aux élèves et aux enseignants de passer des moments privilégiés ensemble et ainsi apprendre à mieux se connaître. Un gros merci à Mme Macleod pour l'organisation de ce voyage, ainsi qu'aux accompagnateurs sans qui ce voyage n'aurait pu être réalisé.

At its annual General Meeting on September 26, the following parents were elected to two-year terms as parent representatives to the RWA Governing Board: Ms. Anne Monereau, Ms. Jacqueline Stein-Elman, Mr. David Stolow, and Ms. Vicky Princz. Also, Mr. Kenny Bodanis was elected for a one-year term. These parent members will join Mr. Norm Gharibian, Mr. Ryan Ortiz, and Mr. Earl Rubin, who are all in the second year of their two-year terms. Mr. Gharibian will continue in his role as EMSBPC (EMSB Parents Committee) Delegate and Parent Commissioner. Ms. Monereau will again serve as Alternate Delegate.

The Governing Board will hold its first meeting on October 24, 2019, at 7 PM in the school library. At that time, the Governing Board will decide on all future meeting dates. Meetings are open to the public and a question period is always part of the agenda. Minutes from all meetings can be found on the RWA website.

La prochaine réunion de la RWA Home & School Association aura lieu le 22 octobre 2019 à 19h30. Cette association fournit à l'école des fonds indispensables pour l'achat de matériel pédagogique, l'organisation d'événements spéciaux et des travaux de rénovation comme ceux de la bibliothèque entrepris cet été. Les parents bénévoles s'occupent de la bibliothèque, travaillent dans le magasin de l'école, peignent l'école, soutiennent des événements spéciaux comme l'Expo Sciences et la cérémonie de remise des diplômes, préparent des gâteries faites maison et supervisent les danses. Avec votre aide, l'association sera sans aucun doute en mesure de contribuer à améliorer l'expérience



éducative de votre enfant à RWA. Nous encourageons tous nos parents à s'impliquer.

If your child requires tutoring at any time this year, RWA has an excellent peer-tutoring program at minimal cost. Any questions or concerns in this area should be directed to Ms. Di Pietro, our school-community animator (ECA coordinator), at sdipietro@emsb.qc.ca.

Pour terminer, tous les élèves recevront leur premier rapport préliminaire « Progress Report » le 15 octobre 2019. Nous demandons aux parents de signer l'enveloppe dès que possible pour que les élèves puissent la retourner à leur enseignant titulaire au plus tard le 17 octobre. Veuillez noter que la même enveloppe sera utilisée pour les quatre bulletins. Nous procéderons de la même façon en novembre lorsque les bulletins de la première étape seront envoyés à la maison. Les parents doivent conserver tous ces rapports chez eux.

The Royal West Academy administration and staff wish all our students and parents a successful and enjoyable year!

LOST AND FOUND POLICY

Please be advised that the Lost and Found boxes are cleaned out on the 15th of each month. While labeled items are returned to their owners, several bags of unclaimed unlabeled items are removed and donated to charity every month. So if you are looking for lost items, make sure to look for them before the 15th!

The Lost and Found bins are located in three areas at Royal West Academy:

- outside the new gym
- outside the guidance office
- in the main office under the teachers' mailboxes

In the meantime, please label all your belongings!

USED UNIFORMS ACCEPTED ALL YEAR!

Home & School accepts used uniforms all year long. If you have used uniforms to donate to the Used Uniform Sale in June, you or your child can drop items off at the school store on all regular school days during the lunch hour, or at the main office during regular school hours.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 7	RWA Foundation meeting @ 7 PM
October 14	Thanksgiving Day
October 15	Progress reports
Oct 16–17	Grad photos
Oct 18–20	Honour Band retreat
October 21	Pedagogical Day
October 22	Home & School meeting @ 7:30 PM
Oct 22–25	MindPOP ELA
Oct 22–25	Waste Reduction Week
October 24	Governing Board meeting @ 7 PM
Oct 28–31	Bardolators: Fall production

