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## A Word From The Administration

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The month began with the Bardolators production of *Romeo and Juliet* (*see page 4 for details*). The performances, which took place November 1–4, were very well attended and well received. Royal West Academy is very proud of all of our budding thespians who worked very hard to put on an amazing performance. A special thank you to Ms. G. Koyounian, Ms. E. Kuch, and Mr. D. Floen for their hard work in helping to prepare students for this event.

On November 1, Royal West Academy was honoured to have a very special guest at our school. Marc Hall—whose real life experience fighting for his right to have his boyfriend attend prom with him is the subject of the critically acclaimed *Prom Queen: The Musical* performed at the Segal Centre—honoured our school by speaking with our students during lunch time in the auditorium. He spoke to our student body concerning his struggle, along with the challenges he faced and how he persevered in his fight for his right to be recognized. We had a wonderful turnout, with students gaining inspiration by his message and perseverance. Mr. Hall's appearance was seen on both CTV and Global News. A major thank you goes out to the RWA Foundation for

helping to put this event together, especially Mr. M. White and Ms. C. Shemie. Also, thank you to Mr. P. Lloyd-Brennan of the Segal Centre for his efforts and contribution.

On November 3 our Mindfulness program was the subject of a report by CBC Radio. Both Mr. J. Mateus and Ms. C. Almeida along with students Alex Rona and Alexandra Harboun were interviewed to discuss their feelings about the Mindfulness program at our school. CBC was very excited to both learn about and share with their listeners some of the great initiatives that we have begun implementing at our school to help combat issues of anxiety with our student body.

On November 8, Royal West Academy hosted its second Secondary I Parent Seminar of the year. The topic of this seminar, entitled *Keeping your Child Safe in the Digital World*, dealt with the very relevant theme of digital technology and how it affects the lives of teenagers. It also dealt with how parents can be active participants in helping to guide and inform their child concerning the dangers of digital presence. The presentation was hosted by Ms. D. Leibovici, who works in the student services department of the EMSB. The seminar was well attended and well received by parents. Our next Parent Seminar will take place on January 25, 2017, and will deal with the topic of preparing your child for exams.

On November 9, our school demonstrated respect to those who have served our country during our annual Remembrance Day ceremonies, led by our Spiritual and Community Animator, Ms. J. Trehin. We were honoured to have Mr. V. Inpellezerri, President of the Korean Veteran's Association and Mr. M. Fitzgerald, Retired Sergeant, District Commander District 6 Royal Canadian Legion as well as filmmaker Ms. H. Berger, who is a Concordia professor and daughter of a Holocaust survivor. These guests all made a powerful impression



upon our students as we remembered those who fought for our freedom over the years.

During this past month, Ms. J. Trehin and Ms. T. Smiley, who coordinates our Social Justice committee, helped spearhead an amazing initiative with the NDG Food Depot. Thanks to their work and the cooperation of our teaching staff and students, Royal West Academy collected 900 kilograms of food over the course of the month. That is, quite literally, nearly a ton of food! Congratulations to all who participated, as this initiative will help those individuals who are struggling financially to put food on the table for their loved ones.

On November 11–26, 22 Secondary III students travelled to Taiwan as part of a cultural exchange. As many of you already know, Royal West Academy offers students an opportunity to participate in an exchange program beginning in Secondary I. The three-year program identifies a sister school overseas and initiates a journey that will see RWA families host a foreign student in Secondary II and then travel to the visiting country in Secondary III. This year's trip was reported to be a life-changing experience for many of the students and staff. We would like to thank our chaperones, Ms. S. Westlake, Mr. A. Diacoumacos, Ms. C. Belina, and Mr. Scrivener for their participation.

On November 14, Royal West Academy's Junior Debate Team participated in a tournament at Loyola High School. Asghar Taqvi and Keith Moussa finished in first place in the team section of the tournament, while Asghar and Keith also finished first and third, respectively, in the individual portion of the tournament. Congratulations to both students and thank you to Ms. C. Holloway for helping to prepare our students so thoroughly.

Once again this year, we must acknowledge the efforts of our parent volunteers. On the weekend of November 19–20, a number of parents gave their time to improve the physical appearance of our school. Led by Mr. M. Mendelson and Ms. K. Cawthorn, volunteers helped to repaint our computer labs, library, and classrooms 301 and 305 as well as some touch-ups to the hallways. This year marked our best turnout yet: over 80 parents volunteered throughout the weekend. Thanks to all the parent volunteers for their continued

support of Royal West Academy. Your efforts have helped make our school a place we can all be proud of.

In an effort to ensure the best level of comfort possible for our students, our Home & School Association recently agreed to finance the installation of air conditioning units in our computer labs. This initiative, which will cost close to \$12,000 in total, will allow our students to enjoy their computer classes in cool comfort, which will be especially welcome during the warm summer months. Thank you to our Home & School Association for their generosity and willingness to help improve our school environment.

On November 18, members of the Royal West Academy Glee Club, in preparation for their performance in a tournament November 20, were interviewed by CTV News. This was a great opportunity for students who have worked very hard and are passionate about this extra-curricular activity to garner some exposure. Students then participated in the tournament, which they found to be very rewarding, and they are excited to continue working at perfecting their craft.

The cold days of winter are definitely on the way. Parents and students are reminded that students must come to and leave school in uniform. Students may not wear jeans or any other pants with their skirts or over their school pants. Students may only wear, if necessary, their physical education jogging pants or appropriate external winter apparel.

In an effort to continue providing access to important information regarding bullying, the SPVM has provided our school with useful resources to help parents understand the complex issue. Please refer to the following English and French links:

- [www.spvm.qc.ca/bullying](http://www.spvm.qc.ca/bullying)
- [www.spvm.qc.ca/intimidation](http://www.spvm.qc.ca/intimidation)

We are very proud of two students, Kainaat Khan (Secondary IV) and Shayaan Khan (Secondary II) who both participated in the MTL UpStarts program on November 18–20. MTL UpStarts is a free, youth-oriented entrepreneurship camp that provides youth training in regards to how to start up a business or develop a business idea. Kainaat and Shayaan both received certificates for first and second place, respectively, for their proposals. Kainaat's proposal,



which centred on the creation of an app to help students deal with the issue of procrastination, earned her the opportunity to visit Google's head office here in Montreal. Congratulations to both students!

In athletics news, on October 6 approximately 90 Royal West Academy students from various grade levels participated in the annual GMAA Cross Country run on Mount Royal. We had some great finishes as our Bantam and Midget Girls teams placed first, while our Midget Boys team also placed first. We also scored some excellent individual results, as Caileigh Bates, Emma Rhodes, and Sarah Klein all finished in the top ten in the Bantam Girls 2 km individual. Meanwhile Alison Looper, Chloe Desjardins, and Gloria Anastasopoulos all finished in the top three, respectively, in the Midget Girls 3 km event. On the boys side, Michael Almanza, Robin Moore, and Spencer Levine all placed in the top ten in the Midget Boys 4 km. Congratulations to all of our students.

On November 5, members of our Midget and Juvenile Girls Volleyball teams participated in the finals of their respective leagues. Our Juvenile Girls team took top spot, while our Midget Girls team came in second (*see page 7 for details*). Both teams had wonderful seasons in which both went undefeated. A thank you goes out to Mr. J. Mateus (Juvenile Girls) and Ms. S. Leech-Pepin (Midget Girls) for all of their time and dedication in helping to coach our girls this year.

In Governing Board news, please note that the meeting scheduled for December 19, 2016, has been cancelled.

## SHARING THE STAGE WITH YOU.

Honour your child's success at Royal West Academy

By Ms. Carol Shemie

Support the chair campaign and see your child's name inscribed on a plaque of recognition to be mounted permanently in the new auditorium. A tax-deductible donation of \$250 lets the Royal West Academy Foundation purchase one chair. And it's easy: just go to

<http://rwaf.ca> and click on the chair. You'll be taken to the donation page and your tax receipt will be mailed to you.

Your child benefits from an incredible school environment rich in activities and events. Leave a lasting recognition of your child's success for all to see—and a comfortable seat for all to sit and enjoy the performances and events put on by talented RWA students.

Donations must be received by December 31, 2016 to receive a tax receipt for 2016.

Baby you can drive my car...

By Ms. Sarah Goblot

Full-service driving lessons for only \$895, starting the week of January 7, 2017.

City Driving School, owned by Royal West Academy parent Tom Spiegler, is offering its special full-service course, regularly \$1045, for only \$895 to the RWA community (students, family, alumni, and friends) in support of the auditorium campaign. City Driving School will, in turn, make a donation of \$125 to the RWA Foundation for every student registered in the RWA course.

Alternatively, if you would prefer to receive a tax receipt, City Driving School will collect a cheque, payable to the RWA Foundation, for \$125, and the cost of the course will be reduced to the remaining \$770.

The course is payable in instalments and applicable taxes will be added.

The courses are located at the City Driving School on Queen Mary Road, near Snowdon metro. Subsequent classes have been scheduled according to the RWA calendar, and City Driving School will accommodate individual student schedules if possible.

The special course involves parental participation to ensure that the student maximizes the experience of learning how to drive safely and responsibly; giving everyone involved a peace of mind. This includes two in-car practical sessions with the student, instructor, and a parent.

Eligibility requirements:





- 15 years old to start the theoretical part of the course.
- 16 years old to start the in-car driving lessons.
- Open to RWA students, families, alumni, and friends.

To take advantage of this special rate and get more details on the course, visit [www.smartdrivers.com/cds\\_rwaf1.html](http://www.smartdrivers.com/cds_rwaf1.html). Call them at 514-738-2211 with any questions—and don't forget to mention that you are from Royal West Academy!

Coming soon...

By Mr. Mitchell White

The RWA Foundation's Montreal Canadiens raffle is being finalized. Here's a sneak peek at the prizes—all tickets, for the 2017–2018 season, are in the Desjardins Red section and include unlimited food:

- 1st prize = 10 sets of tickets
- 2nd prize = 7 sets of tickets
- 3rd, 4th, and 5th prizes = 5 sets of tickets
- 6th and 7th prizes = 3 sets of tickets
- 8th, 9th, and 10th prizes = 1 set of tickets

Watch this space for more details.

#### Volunteers Needed

Are you a marketing guru, have experience with construction, or experience with fundraising? You can play a part! Upon reviewing the composition of Foundation's board of directors, we realized there is a need to have people with different skills around the table. If you have these qualifications, please consider joining the Foundation. Our next meeting will be held on December 5, 2016, at 7 PM in the school staff room—ALL parents are welcome to attend (we have free snacks!).

We are always looking for volunteers to join the RWA Foundation. No matter your experience or time available, everyone can play a role. If you have any questions or fundraising ideas, contact Mr. Mitchell White, President, at [mw@rwaf.ca](mailto:mw@rwaf.ca) or visit us at <http://rwaf.ca>.

#### Royal West Academy Foundation

The RWA Foundation is run by volunteer parents and is currently focused on transforming our over 80-year-old

auditorium into a state-of-the-art Performing Arts Centre for our children. The auditorium plays a central role in the academic life and extra-curricular activities at Royal West Academy.

If you have any questions, would like to volunteer, or have any fundraising ideas, contact the foundation at [rwafoundation@gmail.com](mailto:rwafoundation@gmail.com). You can also make a donation at <http://rwaf.ca>.

## Love And Tragedy At Royal West Academy

By Ms. Mary Skagos



### Bardolators present Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* to sold-out crowds

Royal West Academy is an EMSB high school situated in Montreal West and known for its high academic achievements and its bustling arts programs. The Bardolators are RWA's Shakespeare troupe composed of Secondary II–V thespians who enthusiastically present two Shakespeare plays a year. The students put in countless hours of rehearsal and preparation to



Photo: Mr. Andre Knox



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ensure that their productions are top-notch. The group is directed by Mr. Douglas Floen (a retired RWA teacher and group founder) with assistance from Ms. S. Westlake (also a retired RWA teacher), English teacher Ms. G. Koyounian, and production consultant Ms. Teresa Kaeser.

Last week, the Bardolators presented Shakespeare's tragic love story *Romeo and Juliet* to a packed house every night. The play started with a street fight scene between the Montagues and the Capulets—instead of using period piece costumes, they opted to give the production a *West Side Story* twist with the Montagues in leather dressed as gang members and the Capulets in proper 1950s attire—it worked really well. The set was simple but very effective in setting the scene with a beautiful trellis flanking a balcony for the famous scene between Romeo and Juliet.

There are many talented actors in the Bardolators who make you forget that they are high school students. On the night that I was there, Romeo (played by Anthony Falcone) was perfectly love-struck while Juliet (played by Willa Bateman) was an innocent young girl, with a backbone, in love. Juliet's nurse, played by Esme Bale, was portrayed most impressively—it's a hard part to play well with the rambling nature of the character. Jacob Cohen and Zoe Knox had a lot of chemistry together as Romeo's friends Mercutio and Benvolio, respectively. Mercutio was played with wild abandon while Benvolio was the voice of reason—their

scenes were intense and full of energy. The fight scene which results in Mercutio's death was quite captivating with Georgia Thanopoulos' Tybalt being a fierce opponent to Mercutio. Rising star Zachary Cohen, one of the junior Bardolators, was very convincing as Friar Laurence.

Actually most of the cast was quite convincing in their roles because they "owned" their characters. They brought their characters to life and the play flowed smoothly. It was a very dynamic production and the audience was there every step of the way. An excellent job was done by all.

The next RWA production will be their musical, *Lucinda* (a story based loosely on *Cinderella*). It will take place nightly on December 19–22, 2016. The next Bardolators production, *Much Ado about Nothing*, will take place May 17–19, 2017. Tickets can always be purchased at the door. More information can usually be found at [www.royalwestacademy.com](http://www.royalwestacademy.com).

## Honour Band Retreat

By Trevor Hum



Over the weekend beginning September 16, the Royal West Academy Honour Band went to Orford Music Academy to sharpen and hone their skills. They made wonderful and unforgettable memories on the trip.



After fifth period on the Friday, the band members had an early dismissal to help load the bus. By 3:30 PM the bus was on the road and on its way to band camp. At approximately 5 PM, the group of around 50 students arrived at Orford and started checking in.

Being the typical RWA students that they are, by 7 PM they had already finished dinner, received new music pieces, and started rehearsing. At 8:30 PM, after the full-band rehearsal, the students all participated in activities organized by the executive members of the Honour Band. They all got to know each other better through these various games, which improved the mood of the weekend exponentially.

The most notable activity was a game where each member of the Honour Band pulled their coat hoods over their heads and divided into four teams: the pigs, the dogs, the cats, and the sheep. The members of each team had to identify each other and reunite by yelling their respective animal noises and listening really carefully with their hoods still on their heads. That's right, the prestigious Royal West Academy Honour Band members were in a room, hoods over their faces, barking, meowing, bleating, and oinking at the top of their lungs.

On Saturday morning, the band was split into its sections and each group had a private lesson with a coach to point them in the right direction. The coaches helped each member develop important skills, such as better tone and sound, and helped them overall

improve not only individually but also as a band. This went on for about four and a half hours, separated only by the delicious lunch provided by the Orford Centre Staff.

That evening, after their day of hard work, they were rewarded with a nice cozy campfire and marshmallows. It truly was an unforgettable sight when the members of the band enjoyed their savoury snack beneath the beautiful night sky around the fire.

The next morning, the band members played the pieces they practiced the day before, this time all together, sounding much better than they did on Friday night. In the afternoon, before getting on the bus and returning home from this fantastic retreat, the band gathered outside for their first marching rehearsal.

Unfortunately, because of the ECA ban the year before, this was the first time many of the Secondary III, IV, and V students had marched! Despite that, the Honour Band worked their hearts out and were rewarded with the Best Visiting Band Award at the Cornwall Parade on November 19.

This trip was more than just a trip to practice music. It was a trip where new friendships were made and it marked the beginning of the 2016–2017 Royal West Academy Honour Band. As Secondary IV student Christopher Zhang said, "I found that the trip was amazing and no amount of money could've equaled the experience that we had there with our friends."



All of this would not have been possible without the help and exceptionally hard work of the amazing chaperones and the incredible Ms. G. Purdy.

## A Rocking Time At The Rook & Roll

By Cle-Anna Nanton-John

*Lucinda at the Rook & Roll* is an entertaining retelling of the classic story, *Cinderella*, written and directed by Mr. Douglas Floen with musical direction by Ms. Jenny Rizzo and Mr. Ian Baird, and choreography by Mr. Jonathan Patterson. It follows the tale of Lucinda, a sweet young girl whose father ran off and left her with Ida Mae, her cruel and controlling stepmother, and a set of mean half-sisters named Ermingarde and Grizelda. Lucinda works at the Rook & Roll, a bar and club run by her stepmother, with a group of performers who are underpaid, underappreciated, and overworked by Ida Mae. She meets her fairy godmother, Corabelle, falls in love with a charming boy named Seymour, and finds her confidence through song which leads her to standing up for herself and everyone who was mistreated by her merciless stepmother.

The cast of *Lucinda* has been hard at work to make this performance come alive. In September, they started out having two rehearsals per week, one for singing and one for dancing. Now as they're nearing the one-month mark before the show, they have increased rehearsals to six days per week. The schedule is intense, but it is a wonderful experience that cast members get to share together. Rehearsals tend to be productive of course, but lively and fun as well. The musical cast can easily be compared to a family. Everyone is very supportive and encouraging of each other and that atmosphere makes

for a better performance. It is a wonderful environment to be in for students whether they are shy or very outgoing.

All students who enjoy singing, dancing, and acting are welcome to join the cast and crew of future musical productions and everyone is encouraged to come see this sure-to-be-great show, taking place December 19–22, 2016, at 7:30 PM in the Royal West Academy auditorium.

## Midget Girls Volleyball

By Joelle Schafer-Abisdris



Every year, many volleyball teams compete in the GMAA season in hopes of making it to the finals and win. The GMAA season takes place during the fall from September to November. Each team that participates is categorized into different leagues depending on their grade levels. Since my team is formed of Secondary IVs, our team is the midget team. Tryouts for volleyball are held at the beginning of May and take place over a two-week period of time. This is when the coaches look for people who they think have potential in becoming great volleyball players.

Volleyball is a sport that involves a lot of communication and teamwork. We win as a team as well as lose as a team. Coming into high school, I did not know many people nor have many friends. Trying out for the volleyball team and stepping outside of my comfort zone made my high school experience much more enjoyable. Joining this sport and being a part of a team allowed me to make new friends, get great physical activity, and have fun doing so at the same time. Our team consists of 14 girls and we practice twice a week along with playing our games that happen every one to two weeks. Volleyball has been a part of my life since Secondary I when I joined the team. Although I am only in Secondary IV, I intend on continuing with volleyball and remaining part of the team until I graduate high school, as volleyball is something I always look forward to doing. We can't forget the amazing trip offered to the juvenile team (Secondary IV and V). This is when the team travels to New Hampshire to participate in volleyball tournaments.



This GMAA season, after many games, sore backs, red forearms, and great enthusiasm, our team was fortunate enough to make it to semi-finals, where we ended up having to face Royal West Academy's second midget team, which was something much unexpected. After giving it our all and playing to the best of our ability, we unfortunately did not win this game. Although we were all very upset, playoffs are something we accomplished for the first time this year so we were all very proud of ourselves.

As the season came to an end, we can't forget who made this all possible for us. Mr. J. Mateus, one of our amazing coaches, former guidance counsellor, and our number one supporter is who makes this all possible for us. He is the one that put together and organized this after-school activity, which has grown so much throughout the years. Mr. Mateus has taught us so much and is always there to lift us up when we feel down. He has been a great contribution to our team and we appreciate everything he has done for us. We hold him deep in our hearts and cannot wait to

continue playing volleyball with him on the sidelines. The fundamentals of our volleyball program are the fundamentals of character—passion, discipline, focus, selflessness, and responsibility. But above all, the girls know that the game's got to be fun. Two quotations from former players say it all about our volleyball program:

- "RWA volleyball...more than just a team"
- "Who thought that a bump, set, and spike would be so much more?"

I am already looking forward to what next year's season has in store for us.

## Technovation

By Janvi Patel



Technovation is a program that offers girls the opportunity to learn about entrepreneurship and app development. Every year, girls around the world are encouraged to start their own companies. The startups must be centred around the development of an app that helps solve a relevant issue in their community. The finalists from each region are eligible to go to San Francisco, CA to present their ideas on an international stage at the end of the competition.

This is Royal West Academy's second year participating in this program. Last year, our team created an app that encouraged teenagers to engage themselves more in their communities. This year, we had to research possible competitors, conduct multiple surveys, develop a pitch video and business plan, and finally create our actual app. Throughout the process we were helped by many mentors from Ubisoft and by Ms. Kate Arthur from Kids Code Jeunesse.

November 5 marked the launch of another Technovation challenge. Many girls from the Montreal region showed up at La Gare for the kickoff. This year, Royal West Academy sent two teams, a junior one and a senior one. The goal of the day was to get each team to start thinking about which problem they wanted to solve and how they planned to do it. The RWA junior team would be making an app that focuses on the environment and recycling awareness, while the senior team would tackle teen stress and time management by







*Photo: Technovation Montréal*

making an app that helps students better organize themselves.

The day started off with an introduction to the challenge and a few speeches from past competitors, myself included. After that, the organizers held a workshop aimed at encouraging our creativity. One of the things the presenter asked us to do was to draw a vase on a piece of paper and hold it up. She then told us to look around. What was surprising to me was that almost everyone in the room drew the same vase. She wanted us to realize that the best ideas are the ones that are out of the box and are the ones that nobody thought of yet. This was very interesting and we tried to keep this in mind while we were brainstorming.

After that, we had time to think about the problem we wanted to solve. We were able to consider many issues ranging from environment to health. The problem we finally decided to tackle was teen stress. We noticed how teenagers were often stressed about school, their activities, and their social lives. We concluded that one of the main causes of this stress is poor time management. To improve on this issue, we planned on making an app that helps students organize their schedules and that also serves as a platform to get help and tips from other students.

For the remainder of the morning, we discussed and debated various aspects pertaining to our app and company. Once we agreed on our main points, we participated in several workshops that helped us develop our ideas. This was very exciting since we met with many professionals in the tech and business industries. Many of our mentors worked at companies like Ubisoft and IBM and it was interesting to get their professional opinions on our startup. With the guidance of our mentors, we were able to create a basic layout of our app.

The next part of the day comprised of presentations of our ideas to the other teams. We had a few minutes to pitch our plan to our peers, who seemed to really like the concept of our app. We then listened to all the other pitches and it seems that by April, a new wave of incredible apps will be available to use.

Although Technovation is a very demanding program, it certainly comes with its rewards. One of my teammates, Alicia Shen, said, "Technovation is a good program that helps girls develop skills in technology, which is usually something that is dominated by men."

I personally have a huge interest in technology and this program introduced me to what a career in this field can look like. In the coming weeks, my team and I will



be working very hard to make our startup a success. Technovation is also a great team-building experience. Elizabeth Barnes, another one of my teammates pointed out that Technovation is a way to work with and familiarize yourself with different types of people who live in different situations than you do.

I certainly would recommend this program to any motivated girl who has an interest in business and technology.

## Bantam Girls Soccer

By Kelly Lyver



This year, as part of the curriculum for Leadership class, I was given the opportunity to coach the Bantam Girls Soccer team. Having played on this team only two years ago without having much success throughout the season, I went into this project with somewhat low expectations. However, I was quickly proven wrong, and was amazed by the skill level we were presented with.

Tryouts were chaotic, to say the least. With the help of coach Mr. Mike Stewart and assistant coach Ms. Kataryna Mikula McBride, we were faced with the difficult task of deciding on which 17 girls to keep, out of almost 60, all within the span of two days. At the end of the tryouts, we made all our decisions, and the team was made up of 17 incredibly talented girls.

Our first game came less than a week after tryouts had ended. As coaches, we went in with a mentality that the game would be a bit of a disaster, since the girls had only known each other for a week. It quickly became clear after the whistle was blown that our team was not to be messed with, and the girls pulled ahead and won the game 2–0, giving them their first win as well as keeper Meghan Knott's first shutout of the season.

The rest of the season was a blur. Led by captain Victoria Caucci, the girls finished with a record of four wins, one tie, and a forfeit—securing them a position in the playoffs. The girls coasted through the first two rounds of the playoffs, winning 2–1 and 4–1 against Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School and Vincent





Massey Collegiate, respectively. Unfortunately, the girls faced their first loss of the season after battling hard through tough conditions in the finals against Westwood High School.

"We played our game, we just didn't get the result," Wildcats coach Mr. Stewart said. "The girls did everything they possibly could. I couldn't be prouder of the team and their season."

Over the course of the short season, coaching this team became much more than a project to me. The girls were always positive and gave their all to the team, and as a coach I couldn't have asked for anything more. I highly recommend to any future Leadership students to give their all to this project, because you'll learn so much by being engaged and enthusiastic rather than treating it as a project and doing it to get it over with. As for me, I have learned so many amazing things thanks to this opportunity, and I hope to pursue coaching in the future because of the wonderful experience this team gave to me.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 28–Dec 1	Bullying Awareness Week
December 1	Early dismissal @ 2:04 PM
December 1	Parent-Teacher Interviews 14:30–17:30 pm & 19–21:30 pm
December 2	Pedagogical Day
December 5	RWA Foundation meeting @ 7 PM
Dec 5–8	Computer Science Week
December 6	UN Debate
December 6	Home & School meeting @ 7:30 PM
December 8	Holiday Concert @ 7 PM
December 9	Pedagogical Day
Dec 12–16	Tyndale Week
December 16	Free Dress Day
December 19	Governing Board meeting <b>CANCELLED</b>
Dec 19–22	Musical: Lucinda @ 7:30 PM
December 23	Holiday Accessory Day
December 23	Last day of classes
Dec 24–Jan 8	Holidays
January 9	Pedagogical Day
January 10	Classes resume
January 13	Variety Show @ 7 PM
January 16	RWA Foundation meeting @ 7 PM
January 17	Winter Carnival
January 17	Home & School meeting @ 7:30 PM
January 19	Winter Concert @ 7 PM
January 23	Governing Board meeting @ 7 PM
Jan 30–Feb 3	Mid-year exams



## 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!

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Royal West Academy presents/présente

# ROCK & ROLL

# Sucinda

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
December 19, 20, 21  
at 7:30 pm

Lundi, mardi, mercredi  
19, 20, 21 décembre  
à 19h30

Adults \$15 - Seniors & Students \$10  
Monday Student Night \$5

Wine & Cheese Fundraiser Event  
Thursday, December 22, 6:45pm  
Performance at 7:30pm - \$20

Levée de fonds Vin et fromage  
Jeudi 22 décembre, 18h45  
Performance à 19h30 - \$20

An original production by Doug Floen - Directed by Doug Floen  
Music Direction by Ian Baird and Jenny Rizzo - Choreography by Jonathan Patterson

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The future is almost here