

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Boston trip is quickly approaching and the final itinerary is ready and posted on the RWA website; a copy has also been attached to this email for your convenience. We will be leaving promptly at **7:30 am** on **Tuesday, April 1st**; we ask that your child arrives at RWA no later than 7:15 am. Please be on time! Departure time is important so that we can arrive in Boston for the scheduled activities of that day. Please ensure that your child has packed accordingly.

We are expected to return the evening of **Thursday, April 4th**. Once we have crossed the border, your child will be instructed to message you with a more accurate arrival time. When waiting to pick up your child, **please DO NOT park** along Easton Avenue since that area is designated for **bus parking** and will delay our arrival if we have to ask cars to move. There is, however, plenty of parking available at: Montreal West Town Hall; behind the Foundation (New) Gym; in the Easton or Ainslie parking lot; at the Montreal West Curling Club; and on the surrounding streets.

During the trip, students are expected to dress appropriately for the weather while also respecting RWA's Uniform Policy as it pertains to Overnight Trips, this information can be found in the school agenda. Comfortable footwear is strongly recommended, as we will be walking for most of the day, as well as umbrellas in the case of rain. Students must have their passport with them on the bus prior to departure; when we cross the border, a teacher chaperone will collect all passports and secure them for the duration of the trip. Passports will be returned to their owners as we approach the Canadian border, upon our return.

Please keep in mind that we have students who are **allergic** to nuts, eggs, seafood, and/or soy on each of our buses, so please be careful when choosing snacks for the bus rides. Students will need spending money for all of their lunches and suppers (breakfasts are included, as well as one group dinner). It is your prerogative as to how much cash your child brings, and that they can access money easily in case they lose their cash. Most meals will take place at the Quincy Market, where there is a wide range of affordable restaurants. Additionally, please speak to your child about cell phone usage and roaming charges.

Once we have boarded the buses, your child will receive a copy of the itinerary, as well as a copy of the insurance provided by the School Board. Students will also be given the cell numbers of certain teachers to be used in case of an emergency.

Finally, please note that a copy of the behavioural contract, which was signed by both students and parents/guardians in the fall, has also been attached to this email; this is to serve as a reminder of the rules for this trip. **This contract will be enforced. Students who are not following the guidelines, and whose actions are having a negative impact on the group may be held back from upcoming planned activities. No refund will be issued for any missed activities or events.** Please re-read the rules with your child and pay particular attention to #10, as it is imperative that students understand the importance of travelling in groups of 4+ **at all times**. This includes when we are visiting a particular site or museum, and especially when students will have free time in a specified designated area for their meals. We appreciate your support, in advance, in encouraging your child to adhere to all aspects of the behavioural contract.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions,

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Royal West Academy

Boston April 1st to 4th, 2019

Hotel: Four Points by Sheraton, One Audubon Rd. Wakefield, MA (781) 245-9300

Day 1 Monday, April 1st, 2019

07h15 Meet at the **Royal West Academy**

07h30 Departure for **Boston!** *500 km, about 5h30 + US custom + stops

Lunch on the way (not included, suggestion: students bring a lunch or buy a lunch at the stop)

14h30 Estimated arrival time in Boston, visit of the **Museum of Science**

16h00 **Boston Duck Tour**

17h30 Transfer by bus or walk to the **Quincy Market**, dinner on your own (not included)

20h30 Meet your bus driver and transfer to your **hotel**

Night supervisor from 11pm to 4am

Day 2 Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019 Boston

07h30 **Breakfast at the hotel (included)**

09h00 Transfer to **Salem** and meet your **local guides at Salem Maritime Site**, 193 Derby Street, Salem

09h30 **Tour of Salem** (included, 2 hours). Part walking and part riding on bus

11h30 Transfer to **downtown Boston** Lunch (not included), **Quincy Market**

13h20 Visit the **New England Aquarium**

15h00 **Omnimax** movie

17h00 Meet your transportation and transfer to **Fire & Ice restaurant** Group dinner, **meal included**

19h00 Transfer by walk to **Charles Playhouse**

20h00 **Shear Madness** at **Charles Playhouse Stage II**

22h00 Meet your bus driver and transfer to your **hotel**

Night supervisor from 11pm to 4am

Day 3 Wednesday, April 3rd, 2019

06h45 **Breakfast at the hotel (included)**

08h00 Transfer to **Cambridge** and meet your local **Harvard Guide**

09h30 **Harvard guided tour**

11h00 End of the tour at the **Harvard Museum of Natural History**, self guided visit the Harvard Museum of Natural History

12h00 Lunch on your own (not included) at **Harvard Square**

14h00 Meet your transportation and transfer to **the Museum of Fine Art**

14h30 Self-guided tour of the **Museum of Fine Art**

16h00 Meet your transportation and transfer to **Quincy Market**, Dinner on your own (not included) 18h00 Explore the **Freedom Trail, Boston Common Park, State Capitol, Benjamin Franklin Statue,**

Faneuil Hall, North End...

21h00 Meet your bus driver and transfer to your **hotel** **Night supervisor from 11pm to 4am**

Day 4 Thursday, April 4th, 2019 Boston – Montreal

06h00 **Breakfast at the hotel (included)**

07h00 Load the bus and transfer to **Fenway Park, guided tour** at 08h30

10h00 Transfer to **Downtown Crossing** (Washington Street)

Free time for lunch (not included) and shopping

13h00 Departure for **Montreal**, about 5h30 + CDN custom + stops, Dinner on the way (not included)

20h30 Estimated arrival time at the **Royal West Academy**

Behavioural Contract

I contract to the following:

1. To act responsibly at all times.
2. To conduct myself in a way that will not cause embarrassment to me, my family, or my school.
3. To ensure that my behaviour is such that I will not cause harm to others, and that I will show respect for others, by being mindful of all members of the group and arriving punctually so as not to delay the group. To also be respectful to other guests, employees, and property of hotels.
4. To assume responsibility for loss or damage of property when my actions have caused loss or damage.
5. To respect the established times set aside for cell phone usage, during free time and not during group activities. If phone is being used as a camera than it is only out for that sole purpose and must be put away afterwards, otherwise teachers may confiscate and /or check phones to ensure students are following the established guideline.
6. To respect the school agenda's dress down code
7. To not diverge from the planned course of events without permission.
8. To neither join nor meet with anyone other than members of the RWA group, unless pre-cleared with a letter from parents given before we leave to Ms. Suarez
9. To not leave the hotel grounds without consent from a teacher chaperone.
10. To travel only as a group as prescribed by the teacher in charge (at least four students per group) and within a pre-determined area. To always be in a group of 4 or more and to not venture outside of the allowed areas.
11. To always be in possession of a valid picture ID that reflects my actual age.
12. To not allow any student(s) of the opposite gender in my room, unless pre-cleared by a teacher chaperone.
13. To respect the curfew and "lights out".
14. To not be in possession of, or use illicit drugs during the course of the above school trip.

I understand that if, at any point, **students who are not following the guidelines and whose actions are having a negative impact on the group may be held back from upcoming planned activities. No refund will be issued for any missed activities or events.**

I also understand that parents of students not fully respecting their contract will be notified and **the student may be sent home at the family's expense.** I further understand that **there will be no refund.** Upon our return to school students will face consequences established by the administration as per the RWA code of conduct. The student may be banned from participation in all future school trips without recourse.

I have read and I understand the behavioural contract for the grade 10 Boston Trip and I agree to abide by the terms of the contract as well as to follow and other rule(s) the chaperones may impose.

Student: _____
(Please Print)

(Signature of Student)

Parent: _____
(Please Sign)

Date: _____