



ROYAL WEST ACADEMY
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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

January 25, 2021

1. COVID MEASURES

- As announced by the Minister, all high school students are now provided with two procedural masks per day. Students are obligated to wear procedural masks at all times on school grounds, unless eating or drinking while seated. Distribution is done on a weekly basis for secondary 1 and 2 students, and every two weeks for secondary 3, 4, and 5 students.
- Air purifiers have now been installed and are operational in all classrooms. RWA will continue to ventilate classrooms naturally by opening windows periodically throughout the day, whenever possible.

2. DRINKING WATER

- In the summer of 2020, the EMSB conducted an analysis of lead content in 13 drinkable water points:
 - 11 water points passed at both samples, 10 fountains and the faucet in the staff room.
 - 2 water points failed at 0 second but passed at 30 seconds (not water points that are used or accessed by students – in cafeteria kitchen)
 - 0 water point failed at both 0 second and 30 seconds.
 - All 10 fountains in the hallways comply with the new Health Canada standard, now established at 5 micrograms per liter.

A letter was prepared by the EMSB's Material Resources Department to confirm the above, and has been sent to RWA parents and guardians.

- RWA will be opening the bottle filling feature on our water fountains on Monday, January 25, 2021. Water spouts will remain closed. Sanitation of hands will be required before and after contact with the "on" button of the fountain. Reminders to do so are posted at each fountain.

3. COURSE SELECTION 2021-2022

Our usual Course Selection process was carried out online this year, in an effort to maximize our physical distancing efforts. Within just 24 hours of launching the Google Form, more than 93% of current secondary 1-4 students/ parents had submitted their course choices electronically. We are very pleased with the process, and barring one little hiccup, the process went quite smoothly.

4. UPDATE: ADMISSIONS 2021-2022

We have received over 50 applications for admission to secondary 2-5 for the 2021-2022 school year, and all eligible candidates were interviewed and had their file scored. Admission will depend on available spaces, as determined at the end of the current school year.