



ROYAL WEST ACADEMY
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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

January 16, 2023

1. Mid-Year Exams

Mid-Year Exams were held on Between December 12-16. The exam session ran relatively smoothly, including Friday when we had our first real snow fall. End of year exams will be held in May/June. The Secondary 5 French and ELA exams are held in the month of May beginning with the FLE exam process which begins on April 27, 2023.

2. Parent-Teacher Meeting 2

A virtual parent-teacher night will be held on March 16, 2023. Priority of appointments will be offered to parents of students whose academic success is in question.

3. Capital Equipment Grant

I am pleased to announce that RWA was awarded a \$10,000 Capital Equipment Grant which will be used to install a Bouldering Wall in the Memorial Gym. Special thanks to Mr. Bateman for submitting the grant proposal on behalf of RWA.

4. COURSE SELECTION 2023-2024

In January, all returning students will be required to submit their course selections for the 2023-2024 school year. The process will be carried out electronically, via an online Google Form. Parents received a link to a grade-level specific form on Monday, January 9. The link will only become active after students have had a visit from an administrator or guidance counsellor. The deadline to submit the course selection is Monday, January 23, 2023. All submissions are timestamped ensuring that priority of requests and course capacity is respected. Every effort will be made to provide first choice options wherever possible. Courses for which there are pre-requisites (i.e.: minimum grade requirements, teacher recommendation, etc.) will only be confirmed once final results are available at the close of the school year.

5. ADMISSION APPLICATIONS FOR UPPER GRADERS (2023-2024)

We have completed the Secondary 1 Admissions process. Families on the wait list will be offered a spot as soon as one becomes available.

The upper grade applications continue to come in as the deadline is in January.

6. RWA PERFORMANCES

Congratulations to our everyone involved in the **RWA Musical- Into the Woods Jr**. The students and staff worked incredibly hard to put on these performances. Special thanks to Mr Erica Kuch the teacher advisor for her leadership. We would also like to

thank Wager Adult Center and John Grant High School for allowing RWA to use their auditorium while the RWA auditorium is being built.

Royal West Academy Honour Band held their **Winter Concert** the evening of December 8. The audience was regaled with a beautiful performance. Congratulations to all musicians and to music teachers Ms. Purdy and Ms. Macleod. A big thank you to Westmount High School for hosting the event while our auditorium is under construction.

In the spirit of the holidays, the RWA Honour Band also performed for the students of John Grant High School on December 22nd.

7. **COOKIES AND MILK**

On December 22nd, staff members treated all students to oatmeal cookies and chocolate milk. This special treat kicked off the start of the holidays for our students and staff. Special thanks for Ms Senior, our cafeteria manager, for baking the 860 cookies!