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Words From The Admin



Principal Tony Pita (right) with Vice-Principal Steven Manstavich (left) and Vice-Principal Catherine Lumsden (centre)

Spring Has Sprung!

The bees are back on the Royal West Academy roof, the Performing Arts Centre construction is coming to an end, and we have a final exam schedule. After a restful March break, students and staff returned to a busy month at RWA! Read on to learn about some of the activities in and around the school.

Secondary V Ski Trip

Secondary V students enjoyed a few days at Mont-Sainte-Anne and Le Massif. The great weather contributed to memorable moments and a tremendous trip.

Dance Show

Months of choreographing, rehearsing, and planning came to a climax on March 24 with the presentation of *Insomnia—Dance Show 2023*. Congratulations to all who participated! A sincere thank you to Mr. Zigby and Ms. Cayer for their supervision and guidance as well as to Wagar Adult Education Centre for hosting the event. Both evening shows were sold out! All proceeds went to Dans La Rue. Including this year's tally, Royal West Academy's Dance Show proceeds have raised over \$86,000 for Dans La Rue since 2008.

RWAHS Parent Volunteer Paint Program

Over the weekend of March 25–26, 31 parent volunteers dedicated their personal time to painting Royal West Academy classroom and hallway walls. The areas that were painted look wonderful, bright, and rejuvenated. There will be a second painting weekend in May 2023. A special thanks to RWA parent Paras Tamakuwala for reviving the parent painting weekend! Home & School is always looking for more volunteers—contact rwahsa@gmail.com if you're interested.

Regional Science Fair

Five students represented Royal West Academy at the Montreal Regional Science Fair on March 26–28 and came away big winners. Congratulations to everyone for their creativity and hard work!



Lauren E. and Cassidy E.:

- McGill University – Faculty of Science Award
- McGill University – Faculty of Science - Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences Award
- Canadian Meteorological and Oceanic Society Award
- 3rd place overall for their age group
- Qualified for the Provincials



Laura D. and Elisabetta I.:

- Champlain College (St. Lambert Campus) Science Award
- John Abbott College Science Award

Emma B.:

- Dawson College Science Award
- McGill University Psychology Award

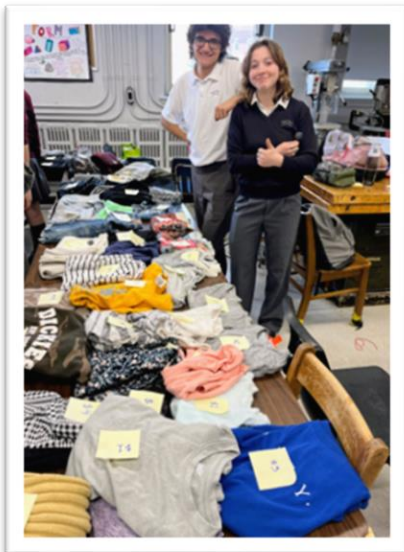
Battle of the Books

A second-place finish at the regional competition for Battle of the Books on March 30 earned Royal West Academy a spot at the intra-board competition later in April 2023.



Thrift Day Sale

At lunch on March 30, the Student Life Association ran a small thrift shop. Students were encouraged to bring in gently worn items of clothing which were priced from \$1 to \$10. Proceeds will go to charity and any unsold clothing items will be donated to Renaissance Saint-Jacques. Student-run small businesses were also invited to sell their products during the event for their own profit.



Yellow Shirt Day for Sun Youth



Secondary I student Zachary L., ambassador for Sun Youth's *Building a Brighter Future* campaign, spearheaded a Yellow Shirt Day at Royal West Academy on March 31. Students were encouraged to wear yellow as part of their dress down day and make donations to support the construction of a carbon-neutral community hub, housing all of Sun Youth's services under one roof. We raised over \$1300!

Idling Cars

Royal West Academy asks parents and guardians picking up students to be mindful of the environment and to avoid leaving their car idling while they wait.

Exam Schedule

Here is the [May-June 2023 Exam Schedule](#).

The Governing Board Report

By Mr. David Stolow, Chair

The Governing Board (GB) met on March 27.

During that meeting, the GB approved the June 2023 exam schedule as well as the Code of Conduct for 2023–2024.

The GB also voted that its budget be used to give five awards to Secondary V students. These awards are given out at graduation and are based on criteria determined by the Administration in consultation with teachers. While the GB approves the number and value of the awards, it is not involved in the selection criteria or the allocation of the awards.

Our next meeting is on April 27, 2023, at 7 PM in the library. As always, parents are more than welcome to attend the Governing Board meetings and there is a question period during each meeting reserved for GB-related questions.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 7	Holiday
April 10	Holiday
April 11	RWA Foundation meeting @ 7 PM
April 17–21	MindPOP ELA
April 17–21	Earth Week
April 20	No Power Hour (period 5)
April 20	Dress Down Day
April 21	Secondary I & II Theatre Outing
April 21–23	Honour Band Trip to Toronto
April 24	Secondary V FLE Le Plateau du Michel Tremblay
April 24–28	Secondary III Trip to Washington DC
April 27	Governing Board meeting @ 7 PM
April 28	Pedagogical Day (tentative)

GIVING US ROOM TO LEARN TOGETHER

The Active Learning Classroom Campaign

The Active Learning Classroom Fundraising Campaign

The Active Learning Classroom campaign, launched in November, is well underway! **Active Learning Classrooms** include furniture that is designed to promote individualized learning, facilitate movement and collaboration between students and teachers, and have been shown to increase engagement and motivation among students.

Over the next several years, more and more classrooms will be identified to undergo this transformation.

During the 2022–2023 school year, the objective of this pilot project is to raise \$80,000 for three classrooms:

- Room 301 Math and Science
- Room 313 History and Ethics
- Room 209 English and Drama

**Give
Today!**

**Please support Royal West
Academy's Active Learning
Classroom Campaign.
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Want to get involved with the Foundation?

We are looking for a Treasurer and Secretary.
Come join us—we have exciting things planned!

To learn more about the campaign or to find out how you could get involved with the Foundation, contact us at info@rwaf.ca.



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