



ROYAL WEST ACADEMY  
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## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

May 15, 2023

### **RENOVATIONS UPDATE**

The auditorium portion of the renovation is progressing, and we expect it to be complete by the end of the school year. An opening ceremony had been tentatively scheduled for May 12, but we did not get the go ahead. We will try again on May 26 and should that not work, we will postpone the ceremony until next school year.

There will be work done in the kitchen area of the cafeteria beginning in the month of June. This should not affect the opening of the cafeteria in September.

### **REMINDER JUNE EXAM DATES**

Our formal June exam session runs from June 7-20, 2023. A schedule of examination dates and times was shared with the community and has been posted on the RWA website.

### **SUMMER SCHOOL 2023**

Information regarding EMSB Summer School program is being compiled and will be communicated in the coming weeks. Registration will begin on June 26 and classes are scheduled to start on July 3 for science practical exams and math bridge courses. All other classes begin on July 10, 2023. Subjects concerned in Secondary 1 and 2 are math, English, and French. In Sec 3, classes in math, English, French, science and technology and history will be available. Secondary 4 & 5 intensive courses will be a hybrid in-person and virtual format with in-person classes will be held at Laurier Macdonald High School. Sec 4 and 5 students are not required to write exams through the EMSB as all grades are submitted to the MEQ regardless of where the exam is written.

### **Honour Band Trip to Toronto**

The RWA Honour Band traveled to Toronto between April 21-23. Students performed at the Ontario Science Center, received instruction from a University of Toronto professor and attended the Toronto Symphony. Students also enjoyed many of the tourist attractions available in Toronto. Special thanks to the chaperones and Ms. Purdy for organizing the trip.

### **MADD Presentations**

In preparation for the upcoming prom season, representatives from MADD Canada made presentations to all Secondary 5 students through their ERC classes. We hope this presentation will allow students the time to reflect on how they can stay safe as they move into the next phase of their lives.

### **Musical Tunes in the Foyer**

The RWA SLA and the Light and Sound Committee have teamed up to lighten the spirits of students on Wednesday afternoons. Musical play lists are enjoyed in the foyer throughout the lunch hour.

### **Cafeteria Service**

Cafeteria service will end on June 1. Parents and students have been reminded that all meal cards must be used by then. Meal cards do not roll over into the next school year and there are no refunds for unused cards.

### **Book Fair**

RWA held its annual Book Fair on May 2-3. Babar Books was on hand to offer our students and parents a convenient way to purchase summer reading novels. Special thanks to Ms. Supino, our librarian, and the volunteers from the Home & School Association for organizing this event.

### **Hispanic Culture Day**

RWA celebrated Hispanic Culture Day on May 5. A series of activities were organized by the Spanish classes taught by Ms. Almeida and Mr. Wilson. These included: salsa dancing, delicious food, face painting, and a pinata. The activities took place at lunch hour in the Memorial Gym.

### **Spring Concert and Art Vernissage**

RWA music students will be performing at the Spring Concert on May 18. The concert will be held at Westmount High School and will begin at 7:00 PM. The visual arts department will be exposing the wonderful work of our students on May 25. Students and parents are all welcome to attend and support our students.

### **Sec 3 Washington Trip**

We are happy to report that the secondary 3 Washington trip was a great success. We would like to thank all the staff that volunteered their time to offer our students such an enriching experience. Special thanks to Mr. Wilson for his efforts.

### **Exchange**

Students in the exchange program overcame many obstacles and were finally able to leave for New York City. Special thanks to Mr. Diacoumacos and Mr Vamvakas for their hard work in getting the trip planned and executed. We wish everyone a safety and enjoyable trip.

### **Pedagogical Day**

June 2 is confirmed as a Ped Day in the school calendar.

### **Graduation Ceremony**

The class of 2023 will be honoured on June 1 at Salle Claude-Champagne. A short reception will be hosted by the Home & School Association immediately after the ceremony. Special thanks to Ms. Lumsden and Mr. Manstavich for organizing this great event for our students.

### **End of Year BBQ**

The RWA SLA will be organizing an End of Year BBQ for students on Monday, June 5 at lunch. Special thanks to Mr. Zigby for his efforts leading the SLA all year.

## **SLA Elections**

The 2023-2024 SLA was elected on May 9<sup>th</sup> by the students in all grades. Congratulation to our new SLA Co-Presidents Eva Theodosopoulos and Eve Bercuvitz. Eva and Eve will also become student representatives to the RWA Governing Board in 2023-24. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Marilena Sahlas-Roy and Saige Shrier for their valuable input and support of all discussions at our Governing Board over the 2022-23 school year.