



Words From The Admin



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

Preparations for graduation ceremonies and final exams are well underway as the end of the school year is fast approaching. Read on for some of Royal West Academy's adventures over the last month and some information about what is to come as we wrap up the school year.

SAGES

On April 1, many Royal West Academy students participated in the SAGES Mini-Medical School Bootcamp. The bootcamp aimed to expose high school students to the field of minimally invasive surgery through hands-on experiences. Activities included practicing suturing, tying surgeon's knots, and other coordination-building exercises which simulated surgery and allowed students insight into how surgeons work in the operating room.

Global-Issues Problem Solving

Since November 2022, a group of Secondary I-III students have been meeting weekly for the Global-Issues Problem Solving ECA. This program enables students to think creatively and explore collaboratively a selected topic from a diverse range of contemporary global topics. Royal West Academy's Secondary III team



(Anya F., Jake G., Sophie I., and Sumin W.) have qualified for the International Conference at UMass Amherst in June 2023.

Battle of the Books

Royal West Academy students were victors at the Battle of the Books inter-board competition on April 11, crowning the students named below EMSB Champions! Unfortunately, representing schools from LBPSB and the



Team members Mia F., Annabelle H., Abby I., Chloe R.D., Nate R., Sophie S., and Kai Y.



private sector proved to be tough rivals at the inter-board competition. Congratulations to all student participants!

Volunteer of Distinction

Royal West Academy proudly nominated parent and long-time volunteer Christine Downey for the Volunteer of Distinction Award at EMSB. She has been volunteering at RWA for the past 10 years and within the Board for over 20 years. At RWA, she has chaired the Honour Band for 9 years and has been a dedicated member of the RWA Home & School Association. Among other things, Christine sorts our Lost & Found, acts as seamstress, paints, chaperones, and is always smiling. She has been a prominent and dedicated member of the RWA community for many years and we are very proud of the help she provides this school.

Secondary I Public Speaking

Class finalists in Secondary I delivered their speeches in front of the grade, a judging panel, and some invited guests. The students showed vulnerability, humour, and wisdom beyond their years. Beatrice R. was selected to represent Royal West Academy at the EMSB competition where she was crowned the top speaker for Secondary I at the Board level.



Prix Étincelle

Nous avons le plaisir de vous informer que Mme Louise Moreau, enseignante, remporte l'un des prix Étincelles 2022–2023! Les prix Étincelles sont l'occasion pour le ministère de l'Éducation de valoriser le travail de membres du réseau scolaire qui s'impliquent dans l'amélioration de l'enseignement de la lecture et qui alimentent la passion de lire dans leur entourage. Ces prix consacrent leur influence positive auprès de leurs collègues ainsi que la réussite des jeunes. Félicitations Mme Moreau!

Science Fair

Lauren and Cassidy E. brought their Science Fair project, *Take a Byte Out of CO₂*, to a three-day competition at the provincial level. The students were awarded the

Mathematic Association of Quebec Award and the Sherbrooke University Scholarship. In a separate competition, the students' project also won the Regional Canadian Ingenious+ Youth Innovation Award. Congratulations!



Leadership Camp

Throughout the year, Secondary V students Kiara B., Juliana M., and Kate M. attended monthly meetings to plan the EMSB Leadership Camp for delegates from schools across the Board. Royal West Academy delegates from Secondary I and II spoke highly of the event and were grateful for the time spent at Camp Papillon to hone their leadership skills while listening to inspirational guest speakers and making new friends from around the Board.





Sports Banners

Royal West Academy brought three teams to the ultimate frisbee tournament held at Concordia University's Stinger Dome on April 5. Our Juvenile Girls took home the GMAA banner while Secondary V student Joy Z. was named tournament MVP for the Juvenile Girls category. In badminton competition, RWA's Cadet Girls team won the silver medal while Evan S. won silver in the singles Cadet category.



Honour Band Trip to Toronto

Honour Band had the opportunity to travel to Toronto for a few days in what was the first band trip for all members. After a few years of not being able to travel, the annual band trip experience is back!

It was incredible what we managed to experience in such a short time. The students devoured chicken with their bare hands at Medieval Times while cheering on their favourite knight. We toured the CN Tower, Ontario Science Centre, Ripley's Aquarium, Hockey Hall of Fame, and Toronto Musical Garden. Shopping time was spent at both Yorkdale Mall and the Eaton Centre.

Musically, Honour Band also managed to pack in the experiences. We enjoyed the performance of Avi Avitar, mandolinist with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. We played one lovely public concert and had a clinic with Mr. Greg Colley, renowned concert band specialist from the University of Toronto. At the clinic we were able to spend time perfecting our most difficult works and look forward to showcasing our efforts at the Spring Concert on May 18, 2023.

We want to thank Ms. Downey (parent), Mr. Bowles, Ms. Purdy, and Mr. Pita for chaperoning this wonderful trip!



Screen Addiction

[Screen Addiction Workshop](#) by Chabad Lifeline Recovery & Prevention.

Uniform Sale

There will no longer be a New Uniform Sale at Royal West Academy. A Used Uniform Sale will be held on August 28, 2023 in our Home & School store from 12 PM to 4 PM. We are currently welcoming any gently used uniform donations at the main office.

Exams

[May-June 2023 Exam Schedule](#)

[May 2023 Examination Policies](#)

[June 2023 Examination Policies](#)

Vacation Plans and Summer School

A reminder that parents are asked to avoid scheduling appointments or summer vacations until they have seen the final exam schedule and that they are certain their child will not need to attend summer school (July 2023) or need to write supplemental exams (July 18–August 2, 2023). If your child is experiencing difficulties, we encourage you to communicate with their teachers.

Cafeteria

Please note that the last day of cafeteria service is June 1, 2023. The end of year BBQ is on June 5, 2023.

GIVING US ROOM TO LEARN TOGETHER

The Active Learning Classroom Campaign

"The physical space of the classroom can have a huge impact on both student and teacher mindset. **We all need to feel inspired when we sit down to do the hard work of learning (and teaching!) something new.**"



Ms. Partington
Room 301
Math and Science

Active Learning Classrooms are designed to promote individualized learning, facilitate movement and collaboration between students and teachers, and have been shown to increase engagement and motivation among students. The objective of the RWA pilot project is to raise \$80,000 for three classrooms:

- Room 301 Math and Science (Ms. Partington)
- Room 313 History and Ethics (Ms. Cayer)
- Room 209 English and Drama (Ms. Amro)

The Active Learning Classroom campaign is well underway! We need parent volunteers to work with us on the initiatives that will contribute to meeting our fundraising goals.

Join us on June 12 @ 7 PM virtually or in-person for our final RWA Foundation meeting of the year. Learn about initiatives planned for next year and how you can help. We look forward to seeing you there!

Give
Today!

Please support Royal West Academy's Active Learning Classroom Campaign.
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 8	Pedagogical Day
May 9–11	MindPOP Geography
May 10	Home& School meeting @ 7 PM
May 11–14	Secondary V Trip to New York NY
May 15	Governing Board meeting @ 7 PM
May 17	Secondary I & II Math Contest
May 17	Spring Concert (matinée)
May 18	Spring Concert
May 19	Dress Down Day
May 19	End-of-Year Dance
May 22	Holiday
May 25	Art Vernissage
May 29	Senior Recital
May 31	Blackout Day

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