We would like to acknowledge that Royal West Academy is located on unceded Indigenous lands. The Kanien'kehá:ka\* Nation is recognized as the traditional custodians of Tiohtià:ke/Montréal\*, which has long been a site of meeting and exchange for many First Nations and is currently home to diverse groups of Indigenous and other peoples. We are grateful to live, work, and learn here and recognize the important role of education in reconciliation. (and in maintaining connections between the past, present, and future.)

Friends make the world beautiful.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Aug 30 Sept 11 Extended Homeroom
- Sept 6-11 MindPop Homeroom
- Sept 12 Course Change Deadline
- Sept 12 Virtual Meet the Sec. 1
   Teacher
- Sept 13 Welcome Back Assemblies
- Sept 14 STM Opus Photos
- Sept 19 21 Guidance Visits to Sec. 1

#### NEW!

### Grade 7 Walk & Talk Groups

The response has been overwhelming and all the places to sign up have been filled (and then some!). The groups will begin the week of Sept. 18th and run for 10 consecutive weeks at lunch time. Watch for an announcement in next week's student bulletin for all the exciting details of where and when we meet. See you then!

H. Held - Student Services

#### NEWI

## **Cross-Country Running**

Please make sure to come pick up a form (room 226) if you were not at last practice. Next practice will be held Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup> afterschool. We will meet near the Foundation Gym doors. Just a reminder that forms are due at the latest September 12th.

#### NEW!

## SOCIAL JUSTICE CLUB

We are meeting on Tuesday in Room 215. All are welcome!

#### NEW!

#### Math Competition Club

"It is impossible to separate a cube into two cubes, or a fourth power into two fourth powers, or in general, any power higher than the second, into two like powers. I have discovered a truly marvelous proof of this, which this margin is too narrow to contain."

Fermat was almost certainly wrong when he wrote this in 1637. It took until 1995 for a real proof to be proposed by Andrew Wiles.

Be Wiles, not Fermat. Math Competition Club meets for the first time on Tues in 201 at lunch.

#### NEW!

### **Swim Team Coaches**

The list of all those who have been selected as a swim team coach is UP outside Room 305. If your name is on the list, please come to a meeting Thursday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at lunch in Room 305. The meeting will take about 20 min. so please come right at the beginning of lunch.

## **GMAA Golf Tournament:**

Please see Mr. Aiken on Friday, at lunch, on the back field, during the Welcome Back BBQ, if you are interested in participating in a best ball golf tournament, at Caughnawaga golf course, on Sept. 20. Each golfer will be responsible for a 70\$ green fee and providing their own equipment. Space will be limited. Thank you. Mr. Aiken

### Photography Club

Hey all you budding photographers, Photography Club is back! If you are an experienced photographer or have been part of the club before, meetings will be at lunch in Room 206 on Day 5 from 12:30-1:00. For people who have never done photography and would like to learn more about it, a Beginners Group will meet on Days 2 at the same time. Hope to see you there!

- Mr. Chen

## Kitchen Clean-Up (Room 104)

Anyone interested in participating in the kitchen clean-up for an environment or community credit should come to a meeting for more info on Monday, September 11, in room 104 at 12:30pm. See you there!

-Environment Committee (09/11)

## ORDER SCHOOL PHOTOS

Create an account at <u>mylifetouch.ca</u> using your **student ID number** (found in Mozaik or on your schedule). Orders will be delivered directly to your house.

For any students or staff who missed photo day, please note that re-take day is Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>. More information to come as we approach the date.

#### Rugby World Cup 2023

This Friday the 2023 Rugby World Cup gets underway in France. Beyond giving a platform for the best rugby union players on the planet to show their skills, it commemorates the actions of William Webb Ellis, a student in 1823 at Rugby School in England "Who with a fine disregard for the rules of football as played in his time first took the ball in his arms and ran with it thus originating the distinctive feature of the rugby game". All the games will be broadcast on TSN. Watch this space for trivia, interesting tidbits and information on the only game glorious enough to be played in Heaven.

- Mr. Lapierre

## Voices of Olympia Canada School Competition

"Voices of Olympia Canada (VOOC) is a global citizenship learning-based initiative that offers a School Competition open to secondary school girls in Canada. It uses a human rights approach to reflect on the central theme of gender inequalities and its impact on the empowerment of girls and women. This competition involves: collaborative and teamwork, use of diverse sources of information, critical thinking, public speaking, writing, innovation, parental and community participation" (Voices of Olympia, 2023).

# Open to all Sec 4 and 5 girls! (Cultural and Community credits)

Want to know more? Come to the Information meeting in room 211 on Wednesday, September 13th

-Ms. Bateman

## Bike to school and floor hockey

Bike to school and floor hockey activities now available. Registration is in the science room (between rooms 302 and 304).

### **Dance Show**

Hey RWA! Are you interested in joining a fun, social and active ECA? Join Dance Show 2024!! RWA Dance Show is a dynamic ECA where you can meet new people and get involved in many styles of dance! Sign-up sheets for dancers as well as choreographers will be posted on the door of room 313 and should be filled out for your tryout day. Tryouts will take place in room 102

### Tryout dates:

Grade 7 and 8: September 11th

Grade 9: September 12th Grade 10: September 13th

Grade 11: September 14th

Contemporary: September 18th

### ASL Club

Have you been wanting to learn a new language with others and increase your communication skills?

This is not just any old spoken language... This is American Sign Language. Hurray! This brand new club will be an interactive student driven club which will allow you to learn a great new language which only a select few people know today. It is also a great way to make new friends and have fun during lunch. The club will take place on every Day 6 at Lunc in room 210 with Mr. Rafael and Ms. Gagliano.

Looking forward to seeing you there. All are welcome anytime, but space is limited! First meeting will be on Tuesday September 19<sup>th</sup> at lunch!

### Uber deliveries

You are reminded that you can not have food delivered to the school. You will have to meet your delivery person outside and off school premises. It is forbidden to use the school's address for personal deliveries.

# HOPS (GRADE 11)

HOPS is an opportunity for students who are interested in, or who are considering a career in the field of medicine (doctor, nurse, specialist, and technician). This year due to restrictions, students will not be permitted to enter the hospital. The Jewish General Hospital Auxiliary has created projects for students that are related to the medical field. Students will spend once a week, (half day) working on the project in their respective school. Students will have to attend four mandatory evening lectures (virtually). This is a very serious, yet rewarding program. To be considered for the program, students must;

be in grade 11, have an 85% average or above, and be taking Sciences courses. Please see Ms. Di Pietro in room 226 (west wing), for an application or more information. Forms must be received no later than September 13th to Ms. Di Pietro (226 west wing office).
Club de thé Le club de thé est de retour! Venez vous joindre à nous les mardi midi dans le local 108. Apportez votre diner. Nous débutons le 12 septembre et le club est réservé aux 4e et 5e secondaires. Limite de 20 personnes par session.  David H. et Fred C.
OPEN HOUSE - Volunteers needed!
Please contact Ms Macleod if you would like to volunteer as a tour guide (sec 2-5) or extra helper (sec 1-5) at the RWA Open House thi year. You can send me your name by email at <a href="mailto:smacleod2@emsb.qc.ca">smacleod2@emsb.qc.ca</a> or see me in the music department to be added to the Open Hous group on Teams. Thank you!