

# Royal West Academy

## Student Bulletin

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.)



Kindness  
is free.  
Sprinkle it  
Everywhere!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 19 - 21 - Guidance Visits to Sec. 1
- Sept 21 - International Peace Day
- Sept 21 - Open House
- Sept 22 - Car Free Day
- Sept 22 - Ped Day
- Sept 25-29 - MindPop French
- Sept 26 - Governing Board
- Sept 27-28 - Sec. 5 CEGEP Presentation

NEW!

#### Diversity Caravan

**Trip 1: Tour of Kahnawake - Friday September 22nd** (spaces are limited – sign up is full currently a waiting list) Reminder to any students who signed up for Trip 1 but were not able to attend this week's meeting. Please pick up your permission forms from Mme. Ferland-Turcotte in Rm.111 and return as soon as possible to reserve your spot. **"Let's Discover Together!"**

NEW!

#### TCBY

Grad committee is selling TCBY on Thursday September 21st at lunch in the west wing and the foyer. They will also be selling during open house. Cost is \$3.00.

NEW!

#### Juvenile boys flag football

Practice on Monday at Loyola park field. Please walk quickly so we can get started. There will be a second practice on Thursday September 21st during open house. Please be prepared to practice on the front field from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

NEW!

#### Book Club is Back!

Today is Book Club sign up day in the library! This year there will be 3 sections of book club: **Grade 7 Book Club**, **Grade 8 + 9 Book Club**, and **Grade 10 + 11 Book Club**. Please note: **Grade 10 + 11 Book club will be focusing entirely on Classic literature**. Meetings will be held once a month at lunch. Spaces are limited, so if you would like to join a fun, cozy community of readers come sign up in the library with Ms. Germain ASAP! There will be another sign-up day next Thursday if any spaces remain.

NEW!

A message to students who have an older sibling(s) who graduated from RWA: Please let your sibling(s) know that we are looking for alumni volunteers for Open House next week. If they're interested, they can fill in the short Google form linked below. They can also reach out to Ms. Colannino for any information ([dcolannino@emsb.qc.ca](mailto:dcolannino@emsb.qc.ca)).

<https://forms.gle/tEpXP27DkQaZLg3d8>

NEW!

#### Cross-Country Running

Cross- Country forms are DUE. You will NOT be able to attend the race unless we receive your form.

NEW!

#### Missing Clarinet

Has somebody taken a clarinet with case number Y15-01 by mistake? If you have, please bring it to the music room ASAP.

#### Mindful Moment

The mindful moment will begin Monday September 18<sup>th</sup>

#### Park'n'Lot ECA

We need helpers to clean the garden for the fall and winter coming. If interested, we will meet on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:10 in the garden.

The Haka (Hah-Kah, not Hay-Kay)

The Haka performed by the New Zealand All Blacks is one of the most well known elements of rugby culture. It is inspired by Maori (Indigenous New Zealand) ceremonial dances. In sports it takes the form of a challenge to the opponent. They are also performed when welcoming important guests, at weddings and funerals, or marking special occasions. There is not a single form. Schools, colleges, community associations, units of the New Zealand Defence Forces and sports teams among others all have their own haka.



### **HOPS**

HOPS forms are due. Please submit to Ms. Di Pietro ASAP.

### **2023-2024 Cafeteria Meal Cards**

Many students have now received their Meal Cards. **Please note that the following is included in a meal deal:**

- 1 Main Course (listed on the white board in the cafeteria daily)
- 1 Small Milk or Water
- 1 Dessert (Jell-O / Fruit Cup /Oatmeal-Raisin Cookie / Yogurt / Muffin)

#### **The Meal Deal does not include the following:**

- Juice Box
- Large Milk
- Rice Krispies Squares
- Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Oatmeal Galette

Please be prepared to choose your meal items quickly when you enter the cafeteria line. Please present your Meal Card at the cash register where it will be punched. Any lost or stolen cards will not be replaced by the school or the EMSB. Please keep them in a safe place.

Only students with a Meal Card benefit from a Meal Deal. Everyone else must pay for their food items individually. Meal Cards can be purchased by parents through the EMSB website. When we receive delivery of your Meal Card, you will be called to the office in homeroom.

Bon appetite!

### **Bus behavior:**

A friendly reminder to all of our students who take the bus in the mornings or after school. Please remember that if you are sitting in a seat designated for people with mobility issues (ie handicapped, elderly, etc), it is your responsibility to ensure that you give up your seat to anyone who has mobility issues. We have received reports of students not giving up their seats. Please remember that you are expected to show positive behavior while on public transport. As well, if you have a bag and are standing on the bus, you should be placing your bag on the floor of the bus so as not to block the aisles. Thank you for your cooperation.

- RWA Admin”
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### **Junior Robotics ( Grade 7 / 8 )**

Want to make new friends, learn all about coding and building robots, and have a ton of fun? Robotics is the club for you! There will be an information meeting on Monday, September 18th at 12:30 PM in Room 208. No experience necessary. Bring your lunch!

- Ms. Partington / Mr. Nemeth

### **Big Brother/Big Sister Program**

The mentoring program provides boys and girls with a role model and friend they can talk to and share their experiences of growing up. If you are in grade 10-11 and interested in participating in the big brother/big sister program please see Ms. Di Pietro or email at [sdipietro@emsb.qc.ca](mailto:sdipietro@emsb.qc.ca). Students will meet once a week during lunch. Make a difference in someone's life today! Ms. Di Pietro -226 west wing office –ECA credits offered

## Seniors Robotics Club - (GRADE 9 - 10 - 11)

CRC Robotics club are looking for students who are interested in the following areas for the 2023-2024 school year:

- Robot building
- Programmers
- Website Designers
- Art displays
- Video Production

If you're interested, there will be an important meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:30p.m. in room 208. Bring your lunch!

- Mr. Nemeth

## Lit Mag

Lit Mag is back and recruiting! We are looking for students to help either as: marketers, tech support, or as editors. Important things to consider: what gets published, what will our themes be, should we have more or less dad jokes in the morning bulletin? That's up to you to decide. Any interested Grade 9-10-11 students are invited to Room 212 at the start of lunch on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup>. A cultural credit is available.

## HELP VICTIMS OF MOROCCAN EARTHQUAKE

The Social Justice Club will be in the foyer on Wednesday and Friday this week collecting donations to send to DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS for Moroccan Earthquake Victims. All amounts welcome.

## Synchronized swimming SIGNUPS

If you love to swim but want to try something new, sign up for synchronized swimming! Sign ups are outside Room 305. When you sign up, make sure to come to the information meeting at the **beginning of lunch Friday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> in Room 305.**

## Water polo SIGNUPS

Hi RWA, are you interested in a fun way to stay active? Come join the first ever water polo team at RWA. The more people interested the better since we will only be able to make this happen with a high number of willing players! Please sign up outside of Room 305 and come to 104 during homeroom if you have questions.

## Swim team SIGNUPS!

It's now time to sign up if you are interested in joining the RWA Swim Team. Signups will be posted outside of the Foundation gym. Once you've signed up, please be prepared to come to a **mandatory** meeting **Wednesday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at lunch in Room 305.** Please bring your lunch with you as the meeting will take around 30 min.

## 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!

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