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.)



# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sept 25-29 MindPop French
- Sept 27-28 Sec. 5 CEGEP Presentation
- Sept 29 Attestation Day
- Sept 29 RWA Spirit Day
- Oct. 2 Extended Homeroom
- Oct. 3 I.D. Photo Retake
- Oct. 4 Piece De Theatre Sec. 5
- Oct. 6 Drama Outing Sec 1,2 & 3

NEW!

## **Cross-Country Practice**

Next practice will be held Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup> afterschool. The race will be held Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in th cafeteria after period 1.

NEW!

# SCIENCE FAIR

What do Einstein, Hawking, Newton and Oppenheimer have in common?

None of them participated in the RWA science fair - imagine how much more they could have accomplished if they had!

That's right, it's time to start registering for the 2024 RWA Science Fair.

**Grade 11 physics/chem students** – pay attention for relevant information in your classes in the coming days.

**Non grade 11 students:** If you would like to participate in the science fair, come attend an information session in room 201 on Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> at lunch!

For information on how to register and about the fair, join the Google Classroom using code <u>rhwg5em</u>. Registration is due October 13<sup>th</sup> using the Google Form in the classroom.

NEW!

### Spirit Day

Today is RWA's first Spirit day. Let's Celebrate all that we do here at Royal West. Today you may wear any RWA team, club or group shirt, jersey or sweatshirt.

No other adjustments to the uniform are permitted. Spirit days will take place once a month so be sure to check the online calendar for the next date.

Go Team RWA!

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### **RWA Student-Led Choir**

Hey RWA! The choir is shaking things up this year for a fun, memorable, and musical experience that will be student-led!! If interested, please prepare a song that shows off your vocal abilities for the auditions on Wednesday, October 4th at lunch and after school in the RWA Performing Arts Center! Sign up on the bulletin board in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor west wing, hope to see you at auditions! Email <a href="mailto:rwachoir@gmail.com">rwachoir@gmail.com</a> or DM @rwachoir on Instagram for more information! Melody Marrone and Malina Hakien:)

#### **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE SURVEY - Bixi Bikes**

Hello, RWA! The Environment Committee is looking to gauge interest in a BIXI bicycle station should one be installed near or around the school (RWA, town hall, train station). We'd like for as many people to answer as possible! Please use your EMSB e-mail. Please answer even if it's a "no". Click on the link.

https://forms.gle/3yg5almefCDQa5fk1vGP7

- Environment Committee (09/29)

#### **Homeroom reps for Compost**

There is a mandatory meeting for all homeroom reps responsible for compost on Friday, September 29, at 12:30pm in room 104. We will be taking attendance and giving you an explanation of your responsibilities. You must attend a couple of mandatory meetings in order to receive your environment or community credit. This is one of those meetings.

- Environment Committee (09/29)

### Chess Club (grade 7 & 8)

Venez vous amuser en jouant aux échecs tout en vous faisant de nouveau amis. Pour vous inscrire et informations, passer me voir au local 202. Cette activité a lieu tous les jours 3 sur l'heure du diner. Maximum 30 inscriptions.

- J. Lemelin

#### **CADET BOYS' BASKETBALL**

The next tryouts will be held this Friday at 4:30pm in the Memorial Gym!!! Bring your gym uniform, your shoes, and your enthusiasm!

## SLA FUNDRAISER FOR DEMENTIA AWARENESS

Donuts will be sold at lunch in the foyer Friday September 29. All proceeds are being donated to the Hope For Dementia foundation dedicated to improving the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of dementia. Hope to see you there! Should you have any questions please see Alessia Marquez Borelli in homeroom 306.

- J. Zigby

#### Floor Hockey

Last call to sign up for floor hockey in the science room (between rooms 302 and 304) at recess, lunch or after school.

- M. Ohayon

#### **Bantam Boys Basketball**

Bantam boys' basketball tryouts this Friday September 29th @3:15 in the memorial gym

## **Taylor Swift Discussion Club:**

"Like the mall before the internet, it was the one place to be". If you're a senior student (grades 9-11) interested in discussing the cultural phenomenon that is Taylor Swift, please join the club's Google Classroom (code: 6wyuddr) by Thursday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. Club information, meeting times, and discussion topics will be posted there.

### Ribbons of Hope

Add some positivity this month with an orange Ribbon of Hope. Drop by the main foyer to add your thoughts of hope, peace and love by tieing an orange ribbon to the display. These Ribbons of Hope are a sign of our school community's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation.

### Truth and Reconciliation @RWA

With Orange Shirt Day soon approaching, we invite staff and students to drop by the main foyer to check out a special display. This display offers information about Truth and Reconciliation along with some useful resources. Don't forget to wear orange on September 28.

#### RWC 2023 fact of the day

RWA at the RWC.

Nik Witkowski, RWA class of 1993 is the only RWA grad to participate in the Men's Rugby World Cup. Nik played professionally in France, Wales and England, and was selected to play for Canada 34 times. He played for the national team at the 2003 RWC, starting in all three of Canada's pool games.

Two other RWA grads have represented Canada in rugby. Caleb Jordan, class of 2009 spent a season playing for the National Men's 7-a-side team in the world 7's circuit. Thomas Artmann-Sherren, class of 2017 represented Canada a the U18 and U20 levels.