

# 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.)



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 30 - Sept 11 - Extended Homeroom
- Sept 5 - I.D. Photos
- Sept 6-11 - MindPop Homeroom
- Sept 8 - Welcome Back BBQ
- Sept 12 - Course Change Deadline
- Sept 12 - Virtual Meet the Sec. 1 Teacher
- Sept 13 - Welcome Back Assemblies
- Sept 14 - STM Opus Photos

**NEW!**

### **ATTENTION ALL GRADE 7 STUDENTS**

Are you interested in an enjoyable way to meet new people, have fun, and earn an extra-curricular credit as well? If so then this is your lucky day! Simply sign up for the 30th annual RWA "Walk & Talk" group. This group will meet for 10 consecutive weeks, have lunch together outside and then go for a brisk walk in the community during the lunch hour. Games will be played and yes, there will even be prizes awarded as well. All this and you will also earn a cultural or community ECA credit!

In order to join in the fun all you have to do is sign up on the sheets on the bulletin board on the main floor outside room 208 (right above the water fountain). You can choose whether you want to participate on either Tuesday or Wednesday, however space is limited to the first 40 students who sign up for each day - so don't delay!

H. Held - Student Services

**NEW!**

### **Juvenile Girls Soccer**

Sign up sheet is posted outside the Foundation gym and there will be an emergency meeting today at lunch in room 214 for all those interested in trying out.

**NEW!**

### **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 this year. You can send me your name by email at [smacleod2@msb.qc.ca](mailto:smacleod2@msb.qc.ca) or see me in the music department to be added to the Open House group on Teams. Thank you!

**NEW!**

### **Swim team coaches**

If you are a grade 10 or 11 student with swim experience and are interested in being one of our Swim Team coaches this year, please come ASAP to Room 305 to pick up an application form.

**NEW!**

### **Cross-Country Running**

If interested in participating in cross-country running, please sign-up outside the New Gym (Foundation Gym). First practice will be held Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup> afterschool. We will meet near the New Gym. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Rafael (210) or Ms. Di Pietro (226)

**NEW!**

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE CLUB**

If you care about the world and you want to learn how to do your part to make it a better, fairer place, then Social Justice Club is for you! Today at lunch in Room 215.

**CAST AND CREW OF THIS YEAR'S MUSICAL *Lucky Stiff***

Reminder: Our first rehearsal is Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> after school (3-5:30) in room 216. Please bring an empty binder for your script! See you soon! (E. Kuch)

**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 13<sup>th</sup> to Ms. Di Pietro (226 west wing office).

**BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTER PROGRAM (SEC 4 AND 5)**

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

**BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTER PROGRAM (SEC 1)**

Would you like to come chat with a RWA student and share experiences of growing up? Discussions will take place once a week during lunch. If interested, please see Ms. Di Pietro in room 226-west wing office or email at [sdipietro@emsb.qc.ca](mailto:sdipietro@emsb.qc.ca) ECA credits offered.

**Attention all New Students in Sec 2 to 5**

Welcome to RWA! As part of your welcome, we would love to get a chance to meet all of you and hear about your first week at our school. Please come to room 210 at the beginning of lunch on **Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup>**. Feel free to bring your lunch.

**Train Traffic**

Students who take the St. Jerome train (the only train that uses track 3) should use the new underground tunnel to get to school. This new tunnel will lead you to the exit on Harley/Broughton which is the same path the Vaudreuil train-kids take.

The path you are using right now forces you to cross Sherbrooke (and cause traffic) and cross the train tracks; this new path is safer because it avoids all that and it's also faster. Please be careful!

**ROYAL WEST ACADEMY  
STUDENT ID PHOTOS 2023-2024**

**WHEN:** Tuesday Sept 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**WHERE:** Memorial (Boys') Gym

The photo ID will be used in the Yearbook, as well as on every student's official file.

There is no charge for the basic ID photo. Instructions on how to purchase a photo package was distributed in homeroom.

Photos will be taken by **grade level and in alpha order according to the schedule below**. Students are to present themselves **in full RWA uniform**, at the scheduled time, in the **Memorial (Boys') Gym**.

Any student absent on Sept 5<sup>th</sup> will be able to take their photo at RWA on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

PERIOD 1 8:44-9:34			
TIME	SEC.	LAST NAME	# OF STUDENTS
8:44	5	A-Ch	30
8:54	5	CO-G	31
9:01	5	H-Ma	32
9:08	5	Mc-Re	28
9:17	5	Ri-St	33
9:24	5	Su-Z	28

PERIOD 4 11:36-12:26			
TIME	SEC.	LAST NAME	# OF STUDENTS
11:36	2	A-Ch	30
11:45	2	CI-F	30
11:52	2	G-La	27
11:59	2	Le-Pa	31
12:08	2	Pe-Se	27
12:15	2	Sh-Z	22

PERIOD 2 9:38-10:28			
TIME	SEC.	LAST NAME	# OF STUDENTS
9:38	4	A-Ca	27
9:48	4	Ch-F	34
9:57	4	G-K	32
10:06	4	L-Pa	28
10:13	4	Pe-Si	29
10:20	4	Sk-Z	23

PERIOD 5 1:16-2:06			
TIME	SEC.	LAST NAME	# OF STUDENTS
1:16	1	A-B	28
1:21	1	C-G	30
1:27	1	H-L	28
1:37	1	M-Ra	32
1:44	1	Re-Th	30
1:57	1	Ti-Z	23

PERIOD 3 10:42-11:32			
TIME	SEC.	LAST NAME	# OF STUDENTS
10:42	3	A-B	30
10:48	3	C-D	27
10:57	3	F-Le	28
11:05	3	L+M	26
11:14	3	N-Sa	30
11:23	3	Se-Z	30

**2:10-2:30**  
Anyone who arrived late and missed their scheduled time



# DIVERSITY CARAVAN



Looking to earn an ECA credit? Looking for something to do on a Ped Day? Do you like to travel? Interested in learning about diverse cultures and faiths? Well then, sign up for **Diversity Caravan today!** Come explore the unique cultures and faiths of the world right here in our own city, Montreal! Some exciting trips to sacred and cultural sites from various faiths and communities, while earning **ECA credits**. **Brief meeting Wednesday Sept.6 @lunch in room 111. Sign up outside room 111. All are Welcome!**

**Trip 1: Tour of Kahnawake - Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup>** (spaces are limited) - **please come to the meeting to sign up and for more information.** *"Let's Discover Together!"*

## **Fall Team try-outs/Sign ups:**

If you are interested in Cross Country Running, Flag Football and Soccer please visit the new gym area to sign up. Try-outs/first training sessions will be announced soon.

## **Bantam Soccer (grade 7 & 8)**

If you are interested in trying out for either the boys or girls bantam soccer team please sign up on the posted list outside the Foundation Gym. There will be an information meeting Tuesday at 12:30 in room 102.

First girls tryout will be Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:15pm on the front field

First Boys try-out will Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:15pm on the front field

## **Uniform**

The silver tag on the Nike Air Force is acceptable.

Socks must be a solid colour – this means there cannot be a black swoosh on a white sock.

You must wear socks.



## **Bouldering ECA**

For those interested in Bouldering/rock climbing, please come by room 103 @ 12:45 at lunch for an information session

## **PEER TUTORS NEEDED (GRADE 9-10-11)**

The Peer Tutoring program is once again being offered at RWA. If you are in grade 9-10-11 and interested in being a peer tutor for the 2023-2024 academic year, please see Ms. Di Pietro. The cost is \$15.00 an hour and students may be tutored either once or twice a week during lunch or afterschool. Students may pick up forms which are available in Ms. Di Pietro's office, in room 226 (west wing office).

## **Hilroy Notebook**

If you were in my English class last year (2022-23), I have a Hilroy to give back to you. First come first serve!

- Ms. cukier 215

## **Social Justice Club**

First meeting Tuesday Sept 5. Everyone welcome. Check it out!

## **DIY Club**

Any Grade 8-11 students interested in the DIY Club (a chance to learn how to make pickles, jams, and can goods) are invited to room 212 during lunch on Friday Sept 1st.

- Mr. Wilson

## **Juvenile Boys Flag Football**

Please sign up, ASAP, outside the Foundation Gym. Tryouts will take place, after school, on September 5 & 7. Feel free to bring cleats for tryouts, as they will be outdoors, weather permitting. Have running shoes, as well, in case of rain. Having nice things to say about the prospect of a successful upcoming New York Giants season can't hurt either. Thanks, looking forward to seeing you then!

- Ms. O'Neil & Mr. Aiken

**Jazz Band**

All students sec 3-5 who are interested in playing in this year's jazz band should send me an email at [gpurdy@emsb.qc.ca](mailto:gpurdy@emsb.qc.ca) or see me in person in the music room. Instruments accepted in our jazz band are: saxophones, trumpets, trombones, euphoniums, clarinets (on trumpet parts), drum set (must read music), piano (must read jazz chords), electric guitar (must read jazz chords) and electric or upright bass. Rehearsals will take place after school on Thursdays and will start as soon as we have a band!

**Borrowed Instrument Return**

Instruments that were borrowed for the summer are to now be returned in the music room to either Ms. Macleod or Ms. Purdy.