

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.)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 30 - Sept 11 - Extended Homeroom
- 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!

ICE CREAM IN THE PARK

come by the park today (Thursday September 7th) at lunch to support dance show! We will also be selling at the SLA welcome back barbecue on Friday. Ice cream in various flavors will be sold for 2\$ a cone! A perfect cold treat during this heatwave.

- dance show execs

NEW!

ORDER SCHOOL PHOTOS

Create an account at mylifetouch.ca 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 3rd. More information to come as we approach the date.

NEW!

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

NEW!

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

NEW!

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).

NEW!

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

NEW!

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 Lunch 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 19th 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.

Boys Volleyball Tryouts

If you are in grade 9, 10, or 11 and interested in playing volleyball this year, tryouts for the boys volleyball team will be held WEDNESDAY (today) afterschool in the Foundation Gym!

Second tryouts will be on FRIDAY this week (the 8th) in the Foundation Gym again.

Make sure you bring your gym uniform and appropriate shoes.

Juvenile Boys Soccer Tryouts:

The first Juvenile Boys soccer tryouts will be held on Friday September 8th at Loyola Park Field from 3:25-5:00. Please be ready to participate.

- Mr. Chen

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.

Juvenile Boys' Rugby

Those of you who did not receive your winner's medal last May can come and pick it up in 310. GMAA sent them to me last June.

- Mr. Lapierre

Display Club

Are you interested in diversity and exploring cultures? Like crafts and decorating? Looking for a fun ECA credit? Want to be the creative artist of vibrant thematic displays for our school? Well then come join the Display Club with Ms. Germain and Ms. Trehin and get creative as we decorate, educate and display fascinating topics each month! Earn an ECA credit in Culture or Community. . Please sign up in the library with Ms. Germain. Stay tuned for more info for our first meeting!

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@emsb.qc.ca or see me in the music department to be added to the Open House group on Teams. Thank you!

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.

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 7th afterschool. We will meet near the New Gym. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Rafael (210) or Ms. Di Pietro (226)

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. 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 ECA credits offered.

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!

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 6th at 3:15pm on the front field

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

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).

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 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!