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.)

your eyes speak all the words that your mouth couldn't

- poets

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Oct. 13 Ped Day
- Oct. 13 Progress Reports
- Oct. 17 Calculus Competition
- Oct. 17 Sec 1-3 Reading Assessment
- Oct. 18 Sec 4 CEGEP presentation
- Oct. 23 27 MindPOP ELA
- Oct. 23 27 Waste Reduction Week
- Oct. 24 Sec 1 Camp de Bon Départ
- Oct. 25-26 EMSB Career Fair Sec. 5
- Oct. 25 Sec. 1 Parent Seminar
- Oct. 27 RWA Spirit Day

#### NEW

#### **Bantom Boys Basketball**

The team sheet is up at the new gym and for those who made the team there's practice tomorrow Thursday October 12 at 3pm boys gym.

### NEW!

# **Debate Team**

A BIG congratulations to our junior debating team for an excellent performance at this year's first junior debating tournament that was hosted by AVH International School. Beatrice Reynolds and Dylan Miao came in second place in their group ranking. Great job! A Big shout out to their coach Cameron O'Hare!! Mr D.

### NEW

# PENNYDROPS - Grades - 8-9-10-11

Interested in learning how to make and manage money? PennyDrops is a non-profit organization that has developed an interactive and activity-based curriculum to equip you with the skills needed for financial independence, career navigation and mindful spending. The PennyDrops team consists of students from McGill University who are dedicated to helping you reach your goals. Regardless of if you plan on attending CEGEP and/or later University, PennyDrops mentors are here to help teach you the necessary financial and workplace skills needed to succeed in any of your postsecondary endeavors. Join us once a week during lunch on Mondays (starting in October). Please sign up on the bulletin board near room 224 if interested. ECA credit offered. If you have any questions, please email or see Ms. Di Pietro in room 226

### NEW!

### **EXO TRAIN & NEIGHBOURING COMMUNITY**

RWA asks all of its students to do their utmost to uphold a strong relationship with local businesses, neighbours, and public transportation companies. Expected respectful behavior includes, but is not limited to: obeying quiet zone signage on the train, safe conduct on the train platform, being mindful of language choice and speaking volume while walking around, and ensuring no litter is left behind.

### NEW!

Any Grade 9-10-11 students interested in joining the school's Lit Mag are invited to a meeting today (Thursday) during lunch in room 212. A cultural or community credit is available.

### NEW!

### CADET BOYS BASKETBALL PRACTICE

There will be a practice this Friday during the ped day from 10:30am to 12pm. We will have the entire Foundation Gym. Please be there! If you cannot make it, please let Mr. Wasacz know through the group chat.

SAMOSA ANTHEM: please stand.

O Samosa

Our very favourite Snack You're the reason,

There's no lunch in my backpack

With beating hearts We smell the spice Our classroom we do flee

And we stand in line O Samosa We stand in line for thee

O Samosa Glorious, but not free I will eat two But Cukier pushes me to buy three

O Samosa We stand in line for thee!

Today in the West Wing.

# **Terry Fox Event**

Congratulations to the grade 8 students for completing their Terry Fox Event on Friday October 6th! If you have money and pledge forms to hand in, please do so by Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup> so we can send it to the Terry Fox Foundation.

### **Juvenile Boys Soccer Team**

At this Thursday's practice, the Yearbook will be taking a team photo. Therefore, it's extremely important that you bring in your jersey and that you're present on that day since this is the only time we'll be taking the photo.

### SCIENCE FAIR REGISTRATION: DUE THIS FRIDAY

A friendly reminder to all sec 5 science students and others participating in the science fair: your registration is due Friday October 13th. Registration is done by completing the Google Form found in the Google Classroom. If you have not yet joined, the code is rhwg5em.

If you have any questions, send an e-mail to awiltzer@emsb.qc.ca

### **Indoor Track and Field**

If you are interested in participating in indoor track and field, please sign-up on the bulletin board near the New Gym. Tryouts/practice will take on Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup> after school.

## LGBTQ+

If you're looking for a safe space to discuss LGBTQ+ issues, participate in community projects and events, and learn how to be a great ally, come join the LGBTQ+ club! Meetings are every Thursday during lunch in Room 210 beginning on Thursday October 12th . All students are welcome.