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.)

SMILE * SM SA THURSDAY

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 23 27 MindPOP ELA
- Oct. 23 27 Waste Reduction Week
- Oct. 25-26 EMSB Career Fair Sec. 5
- Oct. 27 RWA Spirit Day
- Oct. 31 Dress Down Day
- Nov. 1 Sec. 3 Visual Arts Museum Trip
- Nov. 1 Sec. 3 Vaccinations
- Nov. 2 Term 1 ends
- Nov. 3 Term 2 Begins

NEW!

Halloween Contests

Once again, this year we will be awarding prizes for the following categories:

A)best decorated door

B)homeroom with the best costumes

C)student with the best costumes.

Judging will take place during homeroom on Tuesday October 31st.

NEW!

Juvenile boys flag football

Come out and support our juvenile boys flag football team on Tuesday October 31st at Loyola park (corner somerled and Doherty). They are playing in the semifinals!

NEW!

All students who registered for floor hockey, we will meet tomorrow (Oct. 26 - Day 2) in the science room (next to room 302) to discuss further details.

NEW!

Basketball Scorekeeping

We will have a practice game this Friday (October 27th) in the Foundation Gym at 3pm. Everyone must be there! You have also been added to the teams group; please let Isaac know if you are not in the group.

NEW!

DiaCare

DiaCare is back this year! To students in secondary 3, 4 and 5: if you are interested in the medical field as well as diabetes awareness then this ECA might be for you. Learn about diabetes and get the opportunity to participate in fun events. Interested students should fill out the application here: https://forms.gle/u5ZNRApYmr8yftEb6

For information speak with Zizhao at zizhaomak@gmail.com

- Zizhao and Ms. Fogel

NEW!

RWA Spirit Day

This Friday, October 27th don't forget to wear your favourite ECA or RWA swag for Spirit Day. We also have RWA clothing available at the school store. ROYAL WEST, WE ARE THE BEST!!

Attention Royal West, looking to help your school community? Looking to be a part of something fun and exciting? if so, the Wrestling Team is currently looking for a team manager, preferably from the upper grades. If interested in taking on this responsibility, come see Mr. Chen in Room 206. Community credit available.

CURLING!!

The curling team will hold try-out starting October 30th at the Montreal West Curling Club. (Located across the street from our soccer field). The signup sheet is posted in the Foundation Gym area, please pick up a permission form from Mr. Bateman to get signed and returned at the first try-out.

No experience necessary, but you must have <u>clean</u> indoor shoes (I will be checking at the door)and appropriate winter-sport clothing. HURRY-HARD!!

Hallelujah (Samosa) (not by Leonard Cohen)

I heard there was a secret food

That David cooked and it pleased the lord

But you don't really care for curry do y'a?

It goes like this: the peas, the spice,

the potatoes chopped and finely diced

The Baffled cook deep-frying the samosas

Hallelujah

Ahh Samo-sa

Ah Samooooosa

Halleluuuuuujah

(THURSDAY RECESS)

LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH FACT OF THE DAY!!

IN 1979: Montreal organized its first Gay/Lesbian pride week. At first this was a marginal event and no public leaders participated. Today, it is necessary for all public politicians and leaders (even conservatives) to participate and show their solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community, showing our advancement as a tolerant society.

NEW!

Tote bag painting club

Are you interested in designing and painting your own reusable tote bag? Come to an information meeting on Friday October 27th at lunch in room 113.

NEWI

Secondary 3 Vaccination Schedule

When: Wednesday, November 1st, 2023, FOR SECONDARY 3 STUDENTS

Where: Performing Arts Center (Auditorium)

Vaccinations will be given in alphabetical order. Students should present themselves, at the scheduled time in the Auditorium (at side entrance in caretaker hallway) with identification (proof of age i.e., medical card, birth certificate, student card, official copy of your timetable showing date of birth) and vaccination booklet.

Vaccination schedule for Secondary 3 on November 1st, 2023:

Time Last name starts with

8:35 N-Z (ONLY STUDENTS GOING ON ART TRIP; 11 students)

8:45 A-B (30 students)

9:20 C-D **(27 students)**

9:50 E-G (11 students)

10:05 H-K (12 students) 10:45 L-M (31 students)

11:20 N-O (3 students)

11:30 P-R (17 students)

11:55 S (11 students)

|13:16 T-Z (19 students)

13:40 Any remaining students with conflicts (note required)

Halloween treat bags

Grads are selling Halloween candies on Friday in the main lobby. Come out and support for a sweet treat! Bags are \$1.00 and individual treats are 25 cents.

Juvenile Boys' basketball.

First practice takes place this coming Wednesday (Oct 25) @ 3:10 PM in the Foundation Gym. Please ensure you are present for our 1^{st} official practice.

Mr. Manstavich & Mr. Aiken

RWA Beehive

Are you interested in taking part of the RWA Beehive and learning about bees and their all-important honey? If so, see you in room 204 at lunch on Wednesday, October 25.

Mr. Girardin

Track and Field

Practice Thursday, October 26th after school (outdoors). Make sure to dress warmly for the weather.

RWA GRADE 7 and 8 SCHOOL DANCE

The dance is scheduled for Friday October 27th from 4-6PM in the memorial gym. Ticket prices are 5\$ and they will be sold in homeroom starting Tuesday October 24th. The theme for this dance is "SPOOKY". Students are encouraged to wear costumes. Food and snacks will be sold at the event. Guests are not permitted at the dance.

Pickleball

There will be a practice, for all those involved in Friday's upcoming tournament at Bialik, on Wednesday, at 3, in the Foundation Gym. Please bring your own paddle if you own one. Looking forward to seeing you all there! Mr. Aiken

EMSB LEADERSHIP CAMP - GRADES 7-11

Are you interested in improving your leadership skills? Would you enjoy participating in an overnight leadership camp with similarly-minded people from other EMSB schools? This year, the EMSB Leadership camp is taking place at Camp Papillon from April 24th-26th. Royal West students have been guaranteed at least 10 spots and the opportunity to participate as either delegates, animators or organizers. If you would like to know more, please see Ms Macleod or send a message via Teams or email at smacleod2@emsb.qc.ca.

Environment or Community ½ Credit - Waste Reduction Week

This week is Waste Reduction Week! Searching for an easy and quick way to get a half credit? The Environment Committee is offering fun workshops at lunch every day of the week! Come to 4 workshops and complete our challenge of bringing a waste-free lunch to school to get half of an environment or community credit! You can get the second half of this credit in the same way in April during Earth week or combine it with a different ½ credit from another activity in the same category! Sign-up sheets are outside room 104. -Environment Committee (10/25)

School store

The school store is open Monday – Friday at lunch. Student volunteers are welcomed for an ECA credit (environmental or community) Sign up at the store. Uniform donations are welcome and RWA Spirit wear clothing is also available.