



ROYAL WEST ACADEMY
GOVERNING BOARD
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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
January 10, 2024

1. New Year Wishes

RWA would like to wish the entire RWA community peace, health and happiness in 2024!

2. Mid-Year Exams

Mid-Year Exams were cancelled for the Board. This does not affect students' application to CEGEP because other boards do not have mid-year exam periods. Term 2 grades will be based on class tests and assignments.

End of year exams will be held in May/June. The Secondary 5 French and ELA exams are held in the months of April/May beginning with the FLE exam process which begins on April 25, 2024.

3. Parent-Teacher Meeting 2

A virtual parent-teacher night will be held on March 14, 2024. Priority of appointments will be offered to parents of students whose academic success is in question.

4. Capital Equipment Grant

I am pleased to announce that RWA was awarded a \$8,163 Capital Equipment Grant which will be used to buy a tympani for the music department. Special thanks to Ms. Purdy for submitting the grant proposal on behalf of RWA.

5. COURSE SELECTION 2023-2024

In January, all returning students will be required to submit their course selections for the 2024-2025 school year. The process will be carried out electronically, via an online Google Form. Parents and students will receive a link to a grade-level specific form on Thursday, January 11. The link will only become active after students have had a visit from an administrator or guidance counsellor. The deadline to submit the course selection is Tuesday, January 16, 2023. All submissions are timestamped ensuring that priority of requests and course capacity is respected. Every effort will be made to provide first choice options wherever possible. Courses for which there are prerequisites (i.e.: minimum grade requirements, teacher recommendation, etc.) will only be confirmed once results are available at the close of the school year.

6. ADMISSION APPLICATIONS FOR UPPER GRADERS (2024-2025)

We have completed the Secondary 1 Admissions process. Families on the wait list will be offered a spot as soon as one becomes available.

The upper grade applications continue to come in as the deadline is in January.

7. Navigating the Digital Landscape

On December 18, Madeline, RWA's youth counselor, and Sima, Student Services school climate consultant, did a presentation aimed to educate students about the potential risks linked to excessive screen use. Throughout the session, they delved into topics such as understanding one's digital footprint, the legal consequences of specific online activities, and the impact of screen use on interpersonal relationships. The presentation is meant to support students as they navigate this ever-changing digital landscape, while empowering them to make informed choices in their screen interactions.

8. COOKIES AND MILK

On December 21, staff members treated all students to oatmeal cookies and chocolate milk. This special treat kicked off the start of the holidays for our students and staff. Special thanks for Ms. Senior, our cafeteria manager, for baking the 860 cookies!