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**

- Jan. 10-11 Course Selection Visit (Sec. 1 & 2)
- Jan. 10 Course Selection Presentation (Sec. 3 & 4)
- Jan. 11 Sec. 5 CEGEP Assembly P.4
- Jan. 15-19 MindPOP History
- Jan. 15 Sec. 1 Parent Seminar (7PM)
- Jan. 16 Course Selection Due
- Jan. 16 Winter Concert Matinee
- Jan. 17 Winter Concert
- Jan. 18 Semester 1 Ends

### NEW!

### Winter Carnival January 22<sup>nd</sup>

OPTION A and B: Skiing/Snowboarding - (Cost 60\$ rentals or 35\$ no rentals)

OPTION C: **Tubing** (Cost 35\$)

OPTION D: Rock climbing and Bouldering (Cost 25\$)

OPTION E: In- school Activities (Free)

OPTION F: **Cabane à Sucre** (Cost 40\$)

OPTION G: Winter Survival Course (Cost 10\$)

REGISTRATION: Students are asked to bring their cheque or cash to their homeroom teachers once they have been registered online. On the **front of the cheque** the following information should be included: **name of student, homeroom, and activity.** 

Registration will continue till Monday January 15th. All activities are based on a first come, first served basis. Space is limited FOR SOME ACTIVITIES so register early!!! See link below.

https://forms.gle/DYcJXhzozcRDKBRX8

### NEW!

Mr. Bateman has your rings!! If you gave your rings to Mr. Bateman but forgot to get them back, please drop by and ge them back. (Yes, you will have to identify them)

### NEW!

### Tote bag club

Reminder that grade 7 and 8 students are on Day 1 and grades 9, 10 and 11 are on Day 3.

### NEW!

### **Ultimate Frisbee**

Tryouts start on Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:10 pm in the Foundation Gym. All grades are welcome.

### Club de BD et chocolat chaud

Il n'y a pas de rencontre cette semaine. Notre prochaine rencontre sera le mercredi 17 janvier au 207 sur l'heure du midi.

Madame Gouin

# GRADE 8 - Stoneham ski trip

If you are renting equipment, there's an **important liability form** for your parents to sign. This form cannot be filled out online - paper versions are posted on the door of 314. Please pick up a form and have it returned to 314 by Monday Jan. 15th.

Medical / dietary forms should be filled out by now.

Rooming list and bus list will be posted on Classroom as well as on the door of 314.

Ms Belina

# Swim Meet #1

A reminder to all swimmers that we will have our first swim meet this Wednesday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>. All the info pertaining to the meet are in th Google Classroom so PLEASE CHECK THE MESSAGE there. ED will be at 11:30am at the Ainslie exit.

# Track and Field

Practice Thursdays January 11th after school in the Memorial Gym.

### Basketball

Basketball practice for girls (all levels) Friday January 12th during lunch in the Memorial Gym.

#### **BADMINTON TRYOUTS**

Tryouts for the **boys'** badminton team will be held in the Foundation Gym on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Bantams (sec 1-2) will be from 3 to 4:30pm.

Cadets and Juveniles (sec 3-4-5) will be from 4:30 to 6pm.

Please bring your phys ed uniform and your racket if you have one. You will not be allowed into the tryout if you do not have phys ed shoes.

The girls' tryouts schedule will follow shortly.

Sign-up sheets are posted outside the Foundation Gym

#### Card Making Club

Want to make a difference to a senior citizen's day! Enjoy a creative outlet when you join the card making club. Whether it's a birthday holiday, or simply a positive message it can make a difference in someone's day. You can also decide to color a mandala if you wish. If interested sign-up on the bulletin board outside room 224. Community or Cultural ECA credit offered. Session begins Monday, January 15th in room 214 during lunch. For more info. please see Ms. Di Pietro in room 226.

### Yearbook Nominations for Grads 2024

To the GRADS ONLY, it is time to nominate your peers and staff members for this year's yearbook. You will be sent an email shortly containing the links to both forms. One form will be for staff nominations and the other for student nominations. For each category you can nominate one person. For the student nominations it is very important that you write their **full name** without spelling mistakes. This is only the first round. You will be asked to vote again once we put together all of the nominations. Only those with the most nominations will appear on the final ballot. **The deadline for this first round is Friday January 12**<sup>th</sup>

Yearbook Committee

### Blackout Period

The few days before an exam period are traditionally allocated to be a blackout period – where no major tests or assignments can be scheduled. Given that mid-year exams have been cancelled, the blackout period has also been removed from the calendar.

# **Tyndale Early Dismissal**

Congrats to the Sec 5s for winning Penny Wars! Your prize is an early dismissal at 12:26pm on March 1, 2024. No need to sign out.