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.)

Friends make the world bautiful.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 15-19 MindPOP History
- Jan. 16 Course Selection Due
- Jan. 16 Winter Concert Matinee
- Jan. 17 Winter Concert
- Jan. 18 Semester 1 Ends
- Jan. 19 RWA Spirit Day
- Jan. 19 Semester 2 beginsJan. 22 Winter Carnival
- Jan. 24 Sec. 5 Museum Trip
- Jan. 27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day

NEW!

Opéra de Montréal

Every year, the Opéra de Montréal presents a program to schools that encourages students from **secondary 4 and 5** to attend several shows from the annual Opera repertoire at Place des Arts. This is a unique chance to see these masterpieces as part of the ECA program. It is also a great way to enjoy an evening out with friends, outside of school. Over the years, students from different schools have had outstanding opportunities to see famous opera performances. If you want to enjoy a multi-sensory experience, to see flamboyant costumes, listen to powerful voices and dramatic stories, why not try the Opera?

This activity is absolutely FREE of charge. The only thing that is required is a LOVE for music...

The first show is called **La Reine Garçon.** It is coming very soon, on **Thursday February 1st.** I am sorry for the late announcement but I just received confirmation from the Opera de Montréal.

Although it is a free activity, seats must be reserved in advance and there are a limited number of tickets that will be granted on a **FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS**.

If you are interested in taking part in this ECA, please drop by to Mme Benamron's room: Room 112 where you can sign up at the door and also pick up a parental permission form.

NEW

Club de BD et chocolat chaud

Notre prochaine rencontre sera le mercredi 17 janvier au lunch dans le local 207. Nous acceptons de nouveaux élèves pour la session d'hiver (sec. 3-4-5 seulement).

- Madame Gouin

NEW!

Winter Concert - Music Department

The music department is proud to present TWO concerts this week!

Wednesday - features the sec. 2 and 3 instrumental music classes, senior music class chamber music and the Honour Band.

Thursday - features senior music chamber ensembles, the A Capella Choir, the Jazz Band, The Honour Band and the Quebec Youth Wind Ensemble

Tickets are \$5/ student and senior and \$10/ adult each night.

NEW!

Computer Science Competition - Grade 11

If you were in Mr. Nemeth's Computer Science class last year and are interested in doing the University of Waterloo Computer Science competition, there will be a short meeting on Thursday, January 18th in room 208 at 12:30pm.

- Mr. Nemeth

NEW!

Light and Sound

There will be a meeting today for all members at 12:30 in room 308

Basketball

Practice for all level of girls Tuesday, January 16th during lunch in the Memorial Gym.

Track and Field

If you did not attend last practice, make sure to come pick up your parental permission form ASAP with Ms. Di Pietro (226 west wing).

If you will NOT be participating in track please let Mr. Rafael or Ms. Di Pietro know ASAP.

Next track practice will take place Wednesday, January 17th during lunch for high jump, shot put, and long jump (Memorial Gym) and afterschool for general fitness (Memorial Gym).

Samosas will be sold on FRIDAY this week

Social Justice Club is open to new members. Join us Tuesdays at lunch, Room 215

Green Bean Cuisine/Café

Do you enjoy cooking and baking or want to learn? Anyone interested in participating in Green Bean this year for an Environment or Community credit should come to an info session on Wednesday, January 17th at 12:30pm in room 104. Yo must participate 4 times during the year for the full credit (Thursday after school AND Friday at lunch).

- Green Bean Cuisine/Café (01/17)

Grad Apparel

Attention all grade 11 students: It's time to place your order for Grad Apparel. Come by room 102 Wednesday through Friday this week from 8:00 am - 8:30 am, or at lunch. Bring your order form and cash or cheque.

GIRLS BADMINTON TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the cadet and juvenile girls badminton teams will be on Wednesday the 17th and Wednesday the 24th of January at 4:30pm in the New Gym.

Bantam girls tryouts will be at 3pm on Thursday the 18th and Wednesday the 24th in the New Gym.

Please bring appropriate footwear, your phys ed uniform, and your racket if you have one!

Sign-up sheets are still posted outside the New Gym.

Talk to Isaac in the New Gym office if you have any questions.

Compost Photo for Yearbook

All homeroom reps that take care of the compost, please go to the cafeteria Tuesday, Jan 16, during homeroom for your yearbook photo. Students who take care of the cafeteria compost should also be present.

- Environment Committee

Recycling Photo for Yearbook

All homeroom reps that take care of the recycling, please go to the cafeteria Wednesday, Jan 17, during homeroom for your yearbook photo. Empty your bin at the usual spot and then make your way to the cafeteria.

Environment Committee

Environment Committee Photo for Yearbook

All students involved in the Environment Committee, the group photo for the yearbook will be taken at next week's meeting on Thursday, Jan 18, in room 104 at lunch.

- Environment Committee

Grad Photos

Grad photos will take place at RWA on Feb 1 & 2. Sec 5 students with last names A-L will be given a time slot on Feb 1 and those with last names M-Z will have their photo taken on Feb 2. More details will follow in the coming days. If you already know of a conflict, please email Ms. Lumsden.

Ultimate Frisbee

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