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.)

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"Any day spent with you is my favorite day. So, today is my new favorite day."

—Pooh, Winnie the Pooh

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- Jan. 29 Action against Islamophobia Day
- Jan. 31 -Feb. 2 Sec. 4 Ski Trip
- Jan. 31 Feb. 2 Sec. 2 Ski Trip
- Feb. 1 Grad Photos
- Feb. 2 Grad Photos
- Feb. 2 Term 2 Ends
- *Feb.* **5** *Term* **3** *begins*
- Feb. 6-9 Sec. 5 New York Trip
- Feb. 7 Piece De Theatre Sec. 4

NEW!

Science Games Club:

Reminder, we meet today, Thursday, Jan. 25 during lunch Rm 307. New members welcome!

NEW!

Grade 10 Ski Trip

Friendly reminder that we will be loading the buses at 7:30am on Easton and the buses will leave the school at 8:00am. Please use the following link to view the **condo lists and the bus lists.**

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1PHi2M577Dd2r1jTq0Gy6dQXAwma2Fw4Kw057Z6w0vXE/edit?usp=sharing

NEW!

Lost Helmet

Did anyone lose a black CCM hockey helmet during tubing? (Please see Ms. Di Pietro in room 226)

Stoneham Ski Trip; Grade 8

Reminder: all the paper work should be signed and handed in.

Medicare card is mandatory to get on the bus next Wednesday.

Meet in the cafeteria at 7.30 departure at 8am. Bring lunch for the first meal.

BADMINTON TRYOUTS

Reminder: 2nd bantam girls' tryouts are today (Wednesday) at 3pm.

Reminder: 2nd cadet/juvenile girls' tryouts are today (Wednesday) at 4:30pm.

The LAST bantam boy's tryout is Thursday January 25th at 3pm. Please come to see me if you cannot be there.

Callback list is posted outside the New Gym.

The LAST cadet/juvenile boys' tryout is Thursday January 25th at 4:30pm. Please come to see me if you cannot be there. Callback list is posted outside the New Gym.

SAMOSAS

Thursday, West Wing, Recess

MAKEUP CREW (ALL GRADE LEVELS WELCOME)

Would you like to become a makeup artist to the stars of RWA?! For all those interested in joining the makeup crew for this year's musical, there will be an important information session after school on **Thursday**, **January 25**th in room **209**.

Students who signed up to go to the Opera, must bring back the parental permission form signed. The first show will take place on February 1st at Place des Arts. **Without a written authorization you cannot take part in this event.** If you did not sign up and would like to experience a night out at the Opera, there are still a few tickets available. See Mrs. Benamron in room 112 at lunch or after school to get the parental authorization. See you at the Opera!

Basketball -girls (all levels)

Next basketball practice will be held Friday January 26th during lunch in the boy's gym (memorial gym).

Tyndale Week Fundraiser

Congratulations to all the RWA students and staff involved in the Tyndale Week Fundraiser held before the holidays. RWA raised a total of **\$8,251** this year for the Tyndale St-Georges Community Center. This increases our total amount raised since 2007 to an incredible **\$133,171**.

Since 1927, Tyndale ST-Georges Community Center has provided empowering educational programming for residents of Little Burgundy from birth through adulthood!

BADMINTON ROBOTICS PROJECT

Interested in robotics, coding, badminton, engineering, or computers?

We are looking for volunteers to help set up our badminton machine!

Community or sport credits are on offer.

Please speak with either Mr. Aiken or Coach Isaac if you are interested or for more information.

To all Artists at Royal West!

This is your chance to have your art featured in the yearbook. We're collecting mini-Phoenix drawings. Send in your work to the yearbook committee's Instagram or the yearbook committee's email: rwayearbook2024@gmail.com before **February 5th.**

- Yearbook Committee

Battle of the Books 2024

There are 3 available places left on the 2024 Battle of the Books team! If this activity interests you, sign up will be on a first come, first serve basis. See Ms. Germain at the library ASAP if you are interested in representing RWA in this incredibly fur and exciting competitive reading activity!

Library Hours

Please note that the library will once again be open 5 days a week! Come by and welcome our temporary library technician **Ms. Lukic**, who will be with us on Mondays and Tuesdays from 8 AM to 4 PM for the next month. Our librarian, Ms. Germain, will continue to be available 7:30AM - 4 PM for the remainder of the week.