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

- Feb. 19 23 MindPoP French
- Feb. 19-22 Musical Production
- Feb. 21 Computer Science Competition
- Feb. 23 RWA Spirit Day
- Feb. 27 Report Card posted
- Feb. 28 Math Competition
- Feb. 28 Pink Shirt Day
- Feb. 29 Locker Clean Up
- Mar. 1 Tyndale Early dismissal
- Mar. 4-8 March Break
- Mar. 11 Grad Photo Re-take
- Mar. 12 Calculus Competition

NEW!

<u>Lights and sound</u>

Meeting this Friday at 12: 35 PM in room 308.

NEW

Variety Show 2024

This is a call to all of you talented RWA performers who have not yet signed up for the Variety Show auditions. Auditions begin today at lunch in room 106 and it is not too late to sign up. The next audition sessions are after school this Thursday and Friday and next Monday at lunch. Sign-up sheets are posted on the stairwell bulletin board between the first-floor west wing and the main building. You can audition alone or as a group and we welcome a wide variety of acts. We look forward to seeing you all at the auditions.

Ms Macleod, Ms Gagliano and the Variety Show Execs.

NEW!

CARDAMOM

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And when you are young, they assume you know nothing

But I knew Samosas linger like an exotic hunch I knew they`d haunt each and every lunch The smell of cardomon would hang around this song 'Cause I knew everything when I was young

I knew I'd curse Cukier for the long wait time She`s Screamin at' seniors buttin into line There might be no samosas left in that precious box And I`ll need to check myself into samosa detox.

But there's a samosa for me A warm samosa for me A warm samosa for meeeeee

And when I felt like I was an old samosa Under someone's bed You`d sweep me out and said I was delicious

THURSDAY RECESS

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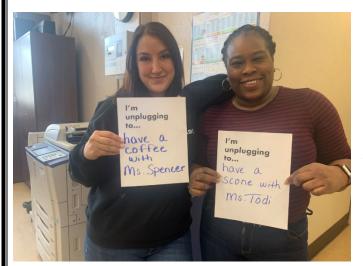
Black Canadian Trailblazers and Changemakers

Did you know?

Jean Augustine is a trailblazing politician and social activist. Ms Augustine was a teacher who volunteered at my not-for-profit organizations in Toronto advocating for immigrant and women's rights and to combat violence against women, drug abuse and poverty.

She was elected the first Black female Member of Parliament in 1993. In 1995 she introduced the motion to officially acknowledge February as Black History Month in Canada.

How do you unplug? Global Unplugging Day begins the evening of March 1 for 24 hours. RWA encourages all students, staff, and their families to take anything from 1 hour to all 24 to consciously unplug and take a break from technology. This year, RWA is planning to show a slideshow on March 1 with pictures of the student body! If you are willing to submit your photo, please email it to Madeline Crist, the youth counsellor, by Friday Feb. 23 and be entered in a raffle to win a prize! Mcrist2@emsb.qc.ca Here's an example of a photo from last year. If you need a sign, swing by the hallway in guidance or Miss Di Pietro's office.



Need an idea? Paint, take a walk, play an instrument, play a board game, read a book, ice skate, go out for poutine with a friend, host a spa night, bake cookies, or anything else! For more information or other creative ideas, please consult the website. Happy Unplugging!

https://www.globaldayofunplugging.org/

Attention Grade 11 students! You received, on Friday, an email regarding your Graduation Ceremony on June 20th. In the email, you were asked to join a Google Classroom for the grad ceremony and fill out an attached google form. Please ensure you complete this form by the deadline of March 1st.

If you have any questions regarding the email or the google form, please see your Vice Principal as soon as possible.

- Ms. Lumsden & Mr. Manstavich

Bracelet Club

Next meeting is on Thursday Feb 22 at lunch. See you in the art room.

WATERLOO MATH COMPETITION SEC 3, 4, & 5

All Sec 3, 4, and 5 students will write the Waterloo math contest Feb 28th during periods 1 and 2. More information about room assignments will come next week. For practice, check out https://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/contests.html (Note: Sec 3s write Pascal, Sec 4s write Cayley, and Sec 5s write Fermat).

SENIOR SKI TRIP

I am happy to announce the senior ski trip (grades 10 and 11 only) is scheduled for March 15-17 / 2024. To register for the trip please follow the link www.rodroy.com/rwa11. Please note no beginners will be accepted on this trip. Students must be intermediate to advance in their skiing and snowboarding abilities. Registration deadline is February 29th.

Ultimate Frisbee

The next practice is on **Thursday February 22nd** at 3:10 pm in the Foundation Gym.

