



### Words From The Admin



*Principal Tony Pita (center)  
with Vice-Principal Steven Manstavich (right)  
and Vice-Principal Catherine Lumsden (left)*

### NYC

Secondary V students explored the sites of New York City in February experiencing a walking tour, visiting museums, seeing professional sporting events and Broadway shows. RWA would like to recognize the organizers and chaperones who made this possible and so much fun for all involved.

### RWA at the LCC Debate Tournament

RWA debaters participated in the LCC Debate tournament Feb 9-10. The senior teams, Gianluca S. & Matthew E., and Anya F. and Chloe B., ranked 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> respectively. The junior team, comprised of Beatrice R. and Dylan M., placed 9<sup>th</sup>. Congrats debaters! Both senior teams have qualified for nationals in Vancouver, BC.



### Ski Trips

In early February, Secondary II students set off for Stoneham while Secondary IV students headed to Quebec City all for a wonderful few days of skiing and fun. A tremendous thank you goes out to all the organizers and chaperones who made these trips happen.



### Voices Of Olympia Canada

On February 5<sup>th</sup>, representing their respective teams, Sae Ah P. and Yedda B., presented their project at the United Nations. Sae Ah's team presented the impacts of poverty on the financial security and the mental health of underprivileged single mothers in Montreal. Yedda's team unpacked the intersectionality between poverty, digital literacy, and financial empowerment of single mothers in Montreal. Congratulations to both teams!

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**Commemorating, Celebrating, and Educating**

Through moments of silence, book displays, bulletin messages, and guest speakers, Royal West Academy has commemorated and celebrated diversity with International Holocaust Remembrance Day and Action Against Islamophobia Day. Below is an image of the Steelpan performance in the cafeteria, one of the activities to celebrate Black History Month.



**Drop-off Safety and Neighbourhood Relations**

Drop-off and pick-up is limited to Easton Avenue. Parents and guardians should not drop-off their children on Ainslie as this is a no-stop zone (see school agenda p. 16). This protocol is in place for the safety of our students and staff as well as to ensure the school maintains a good relationship with the residents in the area. If you are in a rush, we recommend you drop your child off away from the Westminster/Ainslie traffic zone and avoid the area altogether. We hope traffic in this area will improve when the construction of the building on Westminster is complete. We do not have any updates regarding the timeline for its completion.

**Tyndale**

Members from Tyndale St-Georges were presented with a cheque for nearly \$10,000 raised by RWA students this year. A large portion of these funds comes from the Penny Wars fun by Mr. Bateman's Leadership classes. Remarkably, RWA has been dedicated to fundraising for Tyndale St-Georges for 24 years, accumulating a total of over \$160,000.

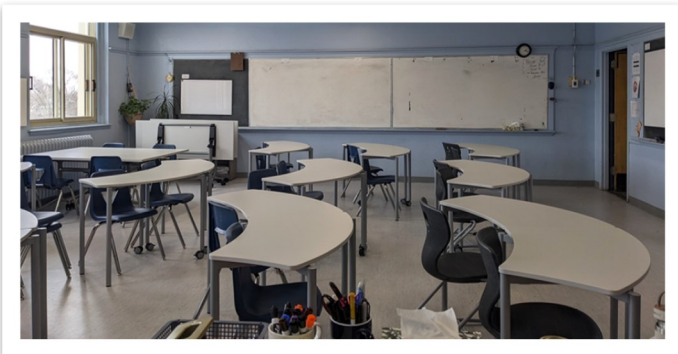


**Sec IV student represents RWA at World Scholar's Cup**

Anya F. is once again representing RWA at the World Scholar's Cup. At the regional round held early February, Anya was paired with two teammates from private schools. Their team won many trophies including Overall Champion Team. Anya ranked very well individually in many events including top score in the Art & Music Challenge, the Social Studies Challenge, and the History Challenge. Congratulations to Anya and good luck in the next round!

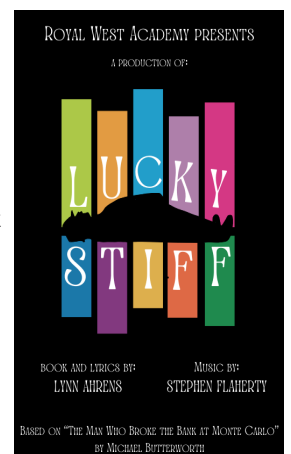
**Foundation 301**

Through tremendous efforts and perseverance, RWA's Foundation saw to the completion one Active Learning Classroom. Students in room 301 can now enjoy flexible seating, movable desks, and a rejuvenated space. A big thank you to RWA's Foundation and all of the donors.



**Lucky Stiff**

Those privileged enough to see RWA's musical Lucky Stiff, will agree that the show was stupendous. RWA is grateful for the time and passion of alum and musical director Chris Barillaro. A huge thank you to Ms. Kuch, Mr. Bateman, and Ms. Amro for your dedication to coordinating all of the details. A big congratulations to the cast. And a job well done to students in Lights and Sound, makeup crew, and set building.



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### Science Fair

No classes were held on February 15<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the Science Fair with 250 participants from Secondary II-V presenting 142 projects! A big shout out goes to Mr. Wiltzer and Ms. Pevec for organizing the event. RWA would also like to sincerely thank the judges who helped determine this year's winners in the following categories:

#### Biological sciences

Junior: Mold Growth Inhibition by Yeast Solutions  
by Mathilda K. & Regan F.

Senior: Green Gold: Unlocking the Potential of Algae  
by Yiran L. & Aurora O.

#### Behavioral sciences

Junior: Peeping Perception  
by Esme B. & Jacqueleen D.

Senior: The Effects of Time on Opinion  
by Matthew E. & Benjamin O.

#### Engineering

Junior and Third Place Overall Junior: The Perfect  
Traffic Light  
by Anubhab B. & Srijith P.

Senior: Climate Compass  
by Noah V. & Jacob F.

#### Health sciences

Junior and Second Place Overall Junior: Testing the  
Effectiveness of a Homemade Water Filter  
by Charles S. & Kieran S.

Senior and Third Place Overall Senior: The Key to  
Athletic Performance: Post-Activation Potentiation  
by Brent S.

#### Pure sciences

Junior: Make Popping Boba Balls Out of Your Drinks  
by Malik A. & Zachary L.

Senior and Second Place Overall Senior: Nutrition  
Facts or Fiction  
by Olivia T.

#### Environmental science

Junior and Top Overall Junior: Powering Potential  
by Abby I. & Beatrice R.

Senior and Top Overall Junior: eCO2: Watt Matters  
by Cassidy E. & Lauren E.

### Invention Convention

All Secondary I students showed off their ingenuity at *Le salon des inventions*. A big thank you goes out to all the secondary I science teachers for their mentorship and judging. Congratulations to all participants.

Winners include:

Invention la plus créative : Nacho-nator  
by Ludovic C., Zach C., Shane R

Invention la plus utile: Nourri-scenseur  
by Malik B., Liam H., Benjamin M.

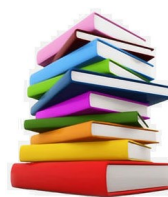
Invention la plus ridicule: Umbrella-matic 9000  
by Mate B., Charles M., Ethan A.

La meilleure publicité: Splash-mania  
by Connor V., Ashton S.

La publicité la plus drôle : Le long baton  
by Vanyah S., Louise A.

### Waterloo Competitions

Some RWA upper graders participated in the University of Waterloo's Computer Science Competition and/or the Math Competition. Certificates for students ranking in the top 25% of the country will be awarded at a future ceremony.



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BOOK FAIR

RWA's annual Book Fair will take place in the Performing Arts Center on the following dates:

•Wednesday, May 8th - 8 am to 8 pm

•Thursday, May 9th - 8 am to 1 pm

Payment options include cash, debit, credit card, and Apple Pay.





**Do You Want a Half Day!?**

By: Findley L.



Royal West Academy, do you remember this year's *Penny Wars*? It was exciting and fun and there was so much energy! For the parents or new students who don't remember what it is, *Penny Wars* is an event where each grade has its bucket. Students put coins in their grade buckets for points or drop bills (also known as bombs) in other grade buckets to take off points. All proceeds collected from the buckets go to Tyndale St-Georges Centre. The grade that collects the most points wins a special prize: a half day off school, an afternoon reward vacation for participating in raising money for a great cause.

*Penny Wars* is an annual RWA tradition and is always a good time. Stellan E. from Secondary IV said this about *Penny Wars*: "*Penny Wars* is always really fun. There's always so many people and a lot of energy. One thing I can remember from one year of *Penny Wars* is when someone dropped a lot of money in one of the buckets and everyone started screaming. It's one of the things I'll remember about Royal West Academy." The Secondary V's won this year's *Penny Wars* with an amazing comeback. The hype on the last day was unreal! The money raised from *Penny Wars* goes to the Tyndale St-Georges Centre. This charity provides services to the people of all ages in Little Burgundy. This is important because RWA values education deeply, and being able to help people of different ages is something we are proud of. Tyndale has a big presence in Little Burgundy, and the charity helps develop and empower the neighborhood. Tyndale has been helping people in need since it was founded in 1927.

**Green Bean Café: Sustainability, Healthiness, and Deliciousness**

By: Joseph C.

*Green Bean Café* is back with its environmental fervor!

It's through its first few weeks in working capacity, starting with a sweet and simple menu of vegan cookies and brownies to give new customers an introduction to what the café has to offer. You might be asking: What exactly is Green Bean? As a member of the Royal West Academy Environment Committee, I hear

often about everything that goes into making this project possible. I had the opportunity to ask our EC Coordinator, Ms. C. Almeida, a few questions to flesh out the idea further. Green Bean is a small café started back in 2010 based on the idea of creating healthy and delicious food. Its main goal is to be self-sustaining, being supported solely on the profits of its own sales, and using produce grown in the school's own Park n' Lot garden (also started by the Environment Committee)! Traditionally, Green Bean cooks on Wednesdays or Thursdays after school and then sells the day afterward during lunch. Right now, it's keeping things simple with a dessert menu. Later on, as the project becomes more established, we can expect the food options to grow. Soups, salads, and main meals are usually added, but Ms. Almeida has made it clear that she is "very open" to new recipe suggestions from students! Still, menu changes often depend on the seasonal produce available in the garden. Due to issues related to the pandemic and lack of membership in EC, Green Bean has been out of operation for some time. While the members of its preparation team might be small in numbers, their commitment is incalculable! Still, if you're interested in learning new vegan and vegetarian recipes, or if you enjoy working in the kitchen, joining the Green Bean team might be for you! Unfortunately, you will have to wait until next year because spots only open in January. If you have any questions, feel free to speak with Ms. Almeida or Ms. C. Suarez, who have both been very dedicated Green Bean coordinators. The café has its schedule posted outside of room 104, so consider stopping by sometime for a sweet but healthy snack!



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The Royal West Academy school store (RWA CO-OP) began in 2023. It is a volunteer run enterprise, open daily at lunch, which serves as a second hand uniform shop, school supply store and swag/spirit wear boutique. This may be a store, but it is so much more! Students can volunteer on their lunch hour to earn ECA credits and referrals for summer job applications. Students create art pieces for decoration and signs for the store, they create "spirit wear" through tie-dye workshops, they express themselves on our "chalk-wall", they stock shelves, do inventory, work the cash, triage the donations, lead the merchandising of our display case, stock the vending machine, all while collaborating with a parent volunteer as well as their peers. Staff and students alike have been influential in what we carry and sell. From art pencils, locks, and science boards, to popcorn and RWA tuques, the store is more than a fundraiser for the school. It is a space where students can purchase items, recommend items, donate items, and be a part of their school store.

RWA Educational Project 2024-27

Parents: Did you know that the 2024-27 RWA Educational Project was approved at the March Governing Board meeting? This document, which each school in Quebec creates with consultation from stakeholders, including parents, is now available on the RWA Governing Board website under "Documents" (link to:

[https://www.royalwestacademy.com/?page\\_id=7191](https://www.royalwestacademy.com/?page_id=7191)) Families may be particularly interested in page 17, which reports on issues relating to School Climate such as anxiety, bullying and victimization, and school safety. You may also want to look at pages 24-27, which document specific RWA initiatives to deal with these issues.

We encourage all parents to take a look at the Educational Project and feel free to ask questions about it at the Governing Board open question period (next meeting is on April 15, 2024 in the school library at 7pm).

Feel free to contact us at:  
[ParentParticipationOrgRWA@gmail.com](mailto:ParentParticipationOrgRWA@gmail.com)



- March 26 - 28 - Social Justice Week
- March 29 - Holiday
- April 1 - Holiday
- April 5 - Dessert Concert
- April 8 - Ped Day
- April 9 - Grade 7 Public Speaking
- April 10 - Grade II UN Debate
- April 12 - Variety Show
- April 15 -19 - Sec. 3 Washington Trip
- April 17 - Sec. 5 FLE Sortie Culturelle
- April 18 - Sec. I Classe Verte
- April 19 - Ped Day

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