

Royal West Academy Student Bulletin

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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.)

Thoughtful
Tuesday:
Every journey is
different
One thing at a time
Celebrate small wins
Honor your feelings
Make someone smile



Upcoming events

- ❖ Sep. 16 – 18 – Sec. 1 Guidance visit
- ❖ Sep. 19 – Open House
- ❖ Sep. 20 – Ped Day
- ❖ Sep. 21 – International Day of Peace
- ❖ Sep. 22 – Car Free Day
- ❖ Sep. 23 – 27 – MindPoP French
- ❖ Sep. 24 – Orienteering Day
- ❖ Sep. 27 – RWA Spirit Day
- ❖ Sep. 28 -29 – Canoe Camping Trip
- ❖ Sep. 30 – Extended Homeroom
- ❖ Sep. 30 – Orange Shirt Day
- ❖ Oct. 3 – I.D. Photos

NEW!

Grade 7 Walk & Talk - Tuesday Group

Yes 'walk & talkers', today is the day! For those of you who were fortunate enough to have signed up for the Tuesday group, we look forward to meeting you today at lunch time. Please come at the beginning of the lunch hour and meet at the picnic tables in the Park 'N Lot on Ainslie avenue for what promises to be a fun-filled lunch time activity. For those of you not familiar with the park, simply meet at the Ainslie door exit for directions on where to go. Oh, and of course, bring your lunch! H. Held - Student Services

NEW!

LGBTQ+ Club

If you're looking for a safe space to discuss LGBTQ+ issues, participate in community projects and events, and learn how to be a great ally, come join the LGBTQ+ club! Meetings are every **Day 6 at lunch in Room 209** beginning on Wednesday, September 18. All students are welcome. ECA credit offered.

- Ms. Amro

NEW!

TCBY Fundraiser

The Prom Committee will be selling TCBY for \$3.25 during lunch on Thursday, September 19th in the west wing and the foyer.

NEW!

Grad Chocolate Fundraiser

Attention Secondary 5 students: If you have already sold your first box of chocolates and would like a second, please bring your money to room 312 anytime to pick up your next box.

NEW!

Movie Production Club

Our second general meeting for movie production club, will take place this Wednesday September 18th at Lunch, in the PAC. We will begin at 12:40 so you have time to eat your lunch quickly before, because there is no food allowed in the PAC.

- Mr. Rafael & Mr. Northey

NEW!

Cross-Country

Practice will take place on Wednesday, September 18th after school. Please note that you will NOT be able to attend the race unless your forms are returned.

NEW!

Girls grade 9 volleyball practice

Practice on Wednesday at 3pm in the Foundation gym and a morning practice on Thursday, Sept. 19 at 7am - 8:15am in the Foundation gym.

NEW!

Juvenile Boys Basketball Tryouts

First tryouts for juvenile boys basketball will be today after school in the Memorial Gym! Sign-up sheet is posted.

NEW!

BANTAM BOYS FLAG-FOOTBALL PRACTICES

We will be having practices in the **Back Field** on the following days:

Wednesday, September 18th 3:00pm – 4:30pm

Monday, September 23rd 3:00pm – 4:30pm

Our first game is Tuesday September 24th (details to come)

- Mr. Macpherson

NEW!

FEM CLUB

We will start on Wednesday, September 25th, 2024, in room 107. Following this meeting we will meet every day 3.

NEW!

Girl's Rugby Meeting

There will be an information meeting this Thursday at lunch (12:30PM) in room 306 for any girls interested in playing rugby.

NEW!

Open House Greeters and Tour guides

If you already signed up, please come to a meeting at lunch today (Tuesday) in the memorial gym at 12:30.

Trivia Tuesday:

What is the northernmost capital city in the world?

Trivia club will have its first meeting on **Tuesday, September 17th after school in room 216.**

All are welcome!

- Ms. Bateman and the TCE

Open House Volunteers

To all those who signed up to volunteer at the open house this week please make sure you have read the updates on google classroom.

Please sign up ASAP in the google form for what you would like to do. See Ms. Fogel in 304 with any questions.

BANTAM BOYS BASKETBALL - TRY OUTS

Sign-up sheets for the boys Bantam basketball are posted outside the Foundation Gym! Try outs will be held after school on **Wednesday, September 25th** and **Thursday, September 26th** from **3:00-4:30pm**. Please come with your gym shoes (no outdoor shoes are allowed in the gym). See you then!

Kitchen Clean-Up

Looking for an environment or community credit? Help us prepare the kitchen in room 104 for Open House and the Green Bean Café. Four hours gives you a half credit and eight hours gives you a full credit. Room 104 will be open at lunch everyday this week to build your hours. There is space for approximately 10 students each session.

- Ms. Almeida (09/18)

RWA Choir auditions extended!

If you want to join the RWA choir but were unable to audition this week, please sign up and come to our last day of auditions on **Tuesday, September 17th**. Auditions will take place in room 106 at lunch and after school. All skill levels are welcome, whether you're a seasoned performer or just starting out, come and give it a try. Please prepare a short piece to showcase your voice and be ready to shine. Don't miss the chance to be part of this amazing group of singers who perform at exciting events throughout the year. The sign up sheet is on the door of room 106.

- Melody Marrone (and Ms Macleod)

Calling all readers: it's time to sign up for Book Club!

It's that time of year! School has started, the leaves are changing colours, and the list of books on your Goodreads TBR is piling up. If you are interested in a cozy lunch time ECA where good books are discussed over a cup of hot coco and the occasional baked good, come join BOOK CLUB! Book club is divided by grade level, and each section meets 1-2 times a month at lunch. **Sign up with Ms. Germain in the library. Upon signing up Ms. Germain will provide you with your first meeting date and location!** Community/Cultural credit available.

EMSB CHORALE AUDITIONS FOR THE 2024-25 (45th) SEASON

This junior and senior EMSB choirs are open to students currently in Grades 4 to Sec. V. Auditions are September 14th and 21st at Royal Vale School (Auditorium). For more information, please see the bulletin board outside of the music room. (room 117)

- Ms Macleod

BANTAM BOYS BASKETBALL - TRY OUTS

Sign-up sheets for the boys Bantam basketball are now posted outside the Foundation Gym! Bantam is grade 7.

More details will be posted in the bulletin next week!

Cadet Girls Basketball

A sign-up sheet has been posted outside the Foundation Gym. Please fill in the needed information accurately; your experience level is necessary, as it may determine the division in which we must sign-up to play. The first tryouts are currently scheduled for after school on October 2nd & October 7th in the Foundation gym. Looking forward to seeing you there! Mr. Aiken

Golf

Our first session will be held at Meadowbrook Golf Club's driving range (8370 Cote St-Luc Rd) on September 18 at 4pm. You can walk or take the 162 bus. Clubs will be provided, but feel free to bring your own; usually just bringing your driver and/or a couple of irons is sufficient. The activity will likely finish between 5-5:30. Students are responsible for getting to and from the activity on their own. This will be used as a gauge as to which students can be taken out for an 18-hole round of golf at a later date. Please see Mr. Aiken should you need additional information. Thank you.

Orienteering

There are still a handful of spots remaining for our orienteering day on September 24th. They are open to grade 7 & 8 students. We will be taking a rented bus to and from Parc Maisonneuve for some outdoor activities; sport or environment credits are possible. Please see Ms. O'Neil asap should you want to claim a spot!

- Ms. O'Neil & Mr. Aiken

Orienteering

We will be having a gym session on Thursday September 19th at 12:30 in the memorial gym. Come with your lunch ready to run around.

SCIENCE FAIR 2025

It's everyone's favorite time of year! Time to kick off the 2025 Science Fair. In the coming days, your science teachers will present the information for the Science Fair and how to register. For now, if you are interested, join the Science Fair Google Classroom with the code **krua2wg**.

As a reminder, all students (except those currently in grade 10) must participate in the science fair once from grade 8 to grade 10. **All grade 11 students in physics/chemistry must participate as well.**

Registration can be completed using the Google Form that is found in the Google Classroom, and is due October 11th!

If you have any questions, come see Mr. Wiltzer in 201!

Photography club

Do you have a flair for creativity? Do you like using technology to express your artistic side? If so, then the RWA Photography club is for you. With the chance to obtain a Community or Cultural Credit, and yes even an Environment Credit under the right circumstances, there are so many reasons to join! Beginners/Juniors will meet on Day 5 at Lunch in Room 206 while Experienced/Seniors will meet on Day 6 in Room 206 at lunch. Signup Sheets will be on the door of Room 206. First Meetings will be on the following dates:

Beginners/Juniors: Tuesday September 17th

Experienced/Seniors: Wednesday September 18th

See you there!

Daily reminders

1. Before school and at lunch time, students **MUST** enter by the side doors (Ainslie or Easton).
2. If a student arrives to school late, they must enter by the Main entrance. Buzz and look at the camera so the office can see who you are. If asked, please identify yourself as a 'student'. Go to your locker first to get ready for the day. If you can make it to your Homeroom before 8:40am, go straight there. Otherwise, a student arriving after 8:40am must come to the office for a late slip.

Montreal Brain Bee

Have you always been interested in neuroscience? Would you welcome the idea of participating in the Montreal Brain Bee? It is a two-day competition for students grades 9-11 that tests their knowledge about the brain and neuroscience research. RWA is starting a Brain Bee ECA to prepare for this event that will take place **April 7th and 8th, 2025**. This group would meet once a cycle (starting soon) and go over topics such as memory, sleep, intelligence, emotion, perception, stress, aging, brain imaging, neurology, neurotransmitters, genetics and brain disease. There would be an element of extra learning (beyond what you learn in your science classes) and studying, but there would also be the major payoff of competing with students from other schools, extra learning (again...beyond what you learn in your science classes!) and a way to bolster your CV. If interested, sign up outside Room 305 and stay tuned for an information session.

- L. Kissin