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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someone who you
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won't judge you,
loves you for
you, and, most of
all, makes you
feel like you are
worth something.

<u>UPCOMING EVENTS</u>

- May 13-17 MindPOP Geography
- May 14 Spring Concert Matinee
- May 15-16 Spring Concert (7 PM)
- May 15 Sec. 1&2 Math Competition
- May 16 PISA
- May 18 -20 Bike Trip
- May 20 Holiday
- May 23 Art Vernissage
- May 27 Senior Recital
- May 28 & 29 Sec. 3 Drama production
- May 30 Sec. 2 Drama production
- May 31 End of Year BBQ
- May 31 Summer Accessory Day

NEW!

Diversity Caravan Reminder!

Make sure to come to room 111, on Tuesday, May 14th at lunch for our meeting. It is mandatory in order to receive your credit.

NEW

Beginner's Debate - Today at lunch

A reminder that we are hold a session of beginner's debate at lunch today in Room 211. Bring your lunch and see you there!

— Anya, Victoria and Ms. Holloway

NEW

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PERIOD	COURSE	TEACHER	ORIGINAL	NEW
			ROOM	ROOM
1	HIST3-06	D. DUPUIS	315	311
1	FRAN34-02	M. DESCHENES	109	113
1	MATH5C-06	A. WILTZER	201	202
1	MATCAL-12	M. OHAYON	314	207
1	HIST44-06	W. LAPIERRE	310	302

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Friday Games:

Open to everyone at RWA; come and join, in the Foundation Gym & on the back field, for pickleball, spikeball, molkky, kubb (aka Viking chess), and more! We will meet for the next four Fridays in May; show up to all four & a sports ECA credit could be yours. Looking forward to seeing many students and staff alike!

R. Aiken

Honour Band Auditions

Students interested in auditioning for next year's Honour Band should pick up a form from outside the music room. Forms must be completed and submitted to Ms. Purdy by May 24th at 3 p.m. in order to audition.

Graduation ceremony ticket pickup:

Please note that we are changing the date of pick up for grad tickets to Monday, May 13th at lunch in the Memorial Gym. Please note the change of date. You can pick up your tickets on that day & also pay for your extra tickets. Please remember **extra tickets are to be paid in cash only**.

- RWA Administration

Royal West Rivalries

May 16th at lunch on the back field, we will be hosting an Olympic Games-style event: Royal West Rivalries. Contests will challenge both brawn and brain. Food and drinks will be sold to all with proceeds going to charity. Register your own team of 4 for the chance to compete and be called the champs. Entry fee is \$8 per team. Sign up by messaging your team's name and participating athletes to rwa_rivalries on Instagram.

Women's Self-Defense Workshop: Please hand in your Waiver Form to Ms. Liscio ASAP (Rm 307). The session takes place on Wed. May 15 at 3:10 in the Memorial Gym (wear your Phys. Ed uniform).

Environment Committee 2024-25 Applications

Did you enjoy Earth Week and/or Classe verte, gardening or Green Bean? These are but a few of our activities. Would you like to be part of the team and have fun with us? We are now accepting applications for next year's Environment Committee. Students currently in sec 1-4 are welcome. Please fill out the following form using your EMSB e-mail. Up to two ECA credits are offered over the course of the year. The deadline to apply is Monday, May 13, at 3:00pm. Come see us in room 104 if you have any questions.

https://forms.gle/9iP5tAKinrgbtprp7

Google Forms: Sign-in

Access Google Forms with a personal Google account or Google Workspace account (for business use). forms.gle

Yearbook 2024-2025

It is time to select next year's yearbook committee. I am looking for a group of 5-8 grade 11 students who can design and create the yearbook. You will be taking all the photos and designing each page. This will be your book.

This is an all-year commitment that starts with grade 7 orientation in August and finishes with the distribution of the books in June. You will be moved to homeroom 304 so that we can work together daily. Please submit your team (name, email and homeroom of each team member) to Ms. Fogel (<u>ifogel@emsb.qc.ca</u>) by **May 13th**. If you have any questions, please stop by room 304 during homeroom to speak with this year's committee or email Ms. Fogel. Interviews will take place the following week if necessary.

Ms. Fogel