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.)

Don't waste your time in anger, regrets, worries, and grudges.

Life is too short to be unhappy.

ROY T. BENNETT

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 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

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Water's Up!!! Last cleaning. Please visit the 2 Lost and Found bins. Any water bottle left would be donated for a good cause.



NEW!

Attention All Grads: You are invited to contribute to a time capsule in honour of your grad year 2024. The intention is to open the capsule upon your 30<sup>th</sup> high school reunion. Yes, the year is 2054, you have gathered at RWA to meet and greet old high school friends and staff. The highlight of the night is to open up the time capsule you "buried" 30 years prior and reminisce of all the good times as a grade 11 RWA student. Each student will be permitted to contribute two items to the time capsule.1. A typed letter describing your best memories as a student at RWA. The letter should be dated, signed and sealed in an envelope addressed to yourself. 2. An original or copy of a picture to look back on the good times you had with friends, people you love and/or the people who inspired you.

The deadline to submit your items is **Monday, May 27th.** All items should be brought to room 311 during homeroom, recess and lunch time. The 'burial' ceremony will be announced in due course. Let's make this a meaningful and special moment for all.

#### NEW!

# **Grad Committee**

Attention secondary 4 students: there will be mandatory grad committee interviews today, May 14<sup>th</sup> at lunch in room 312.

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## **Paint by Numbers**

Attention all participants who haven't retrieved their paint-by-numbers kits since our FINAL session: Please make sure to stop by room 312 to collect your kits by the end of this week. Thank you!"

#### NEW!

## PISA PARTICIPANTS

This is a reminder for all students participating in PISA. On May 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am, head directly to your designated PISA room (206 o 208) instead of going to homeroom.

#### NEW!

## **ATTENTION HOMEROOMS 206 & 208**

Thursday, **May 16th**, your homeroom will be temporarily relocated. Homeroom 206 will join homeroom 205, while homeroom 208 will go to the library. Attendance will be taken as usual so ensure that your teacher sees you.

### NEW!

### Park'n'Lot

Next session is tomorrow! We will sow our radishes and carrots! You may register on Classroom to follow our sessions.

https://classroom.google.com/c/MzkxNTQ0MjY4OTEw?cjc=bf5rdqs

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### SLA INTERVIEWS

Are you interested in participating in a dynamic group filled with young leaders? The RWA Student Life Association will be holding interviews this Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup> at lunch, Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup> at lunch and afterschool and next week as well. Please sign up outside of room 306. Interviews last about 5 minutes.

### NEW!

### Cafeteria

Please note the last day to use your lunch card is June 6<sup>th</sup>, that will also be the last day of cafeteria services.

## **Diversity Caravan Reminder!**

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

## GAUSS MATH COMPETITION (ALL Sec 1 and 2)

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### SEC 3, 4, and 5 ROOM CHANGES

Some Sec 3, 4, and 5 classes will move rooms on **May 15<sup>th</sup> during period 1** due to the Gauss Math Competition. Please see the table below.

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 24<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. in order to audition.

# Royal West Rivalries

May 16<sup>th</sup> 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).