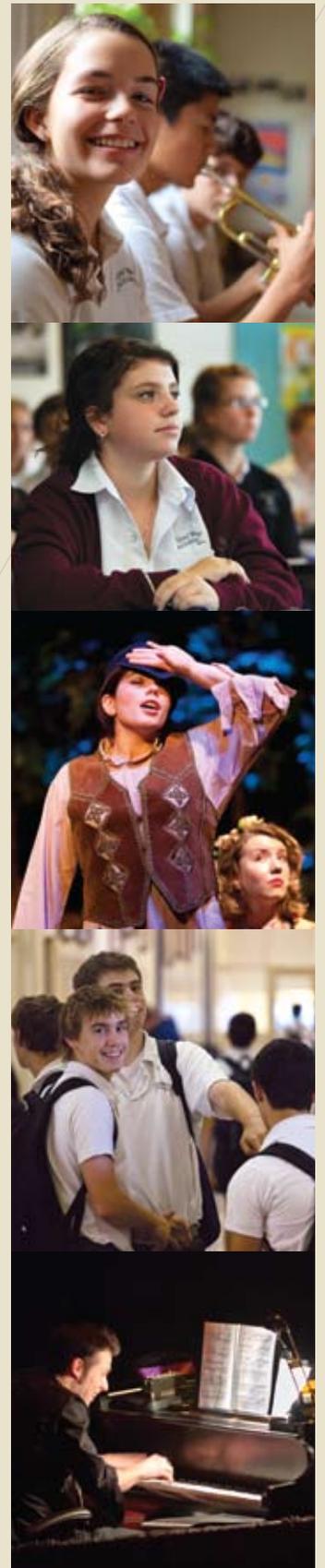


SHARING THE STAGE WITH YOU



Auditorium Campaign

ROYAL WEST ACADEMY

AN APPEAL TO SUPPORT EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Although its name sounds private and exclusive, Royal West Academy is actually an alternative public high school within the English Montreal School Board. Royal West Academy began in 1983 by occupying a public high school that had been closed due to declining enrolment in the local area. The school building was originally constructed in 1931 as Montreal West High School.

From the beginning, Royal West Academy seized its opportunity with vigour and a sense of purpose that has earned the school a reputation for excellence. The school's philosophy of merit-based admission and enrolment, combined with the outstanding talents of a dedicated staff and administration, have made **Royal West Academy the top-ranking English public high school in the Province of Québec.**

The school building is now 80 years old. Although its architecture is unique, the aging facilities represent a barrier to progress. Volunteer parents incorporated the RWA Foundation in 1997 to raise funds for three essential capital improvement projects: the construction of a new gymnasium, the renovation of the auditorium, and the enlargement of the library.



\$2 MILLION



In 2008, a new gymnasium was built primarily with \$2 million raised from the provincial government and the school board, plus \$300,000 raised independently by the RWA Foundation. The gymnasium has proven to be a very well-used addition to the school.

Now it is time to renovate the auditorium, at an approximate cost of \$2 million. Provincial funds are not available for this project; and once again, Royal West parents are prepared to contribute all they can.

The RWA Foundation is also appealing to the philanthropic community in Montréal because we believe the city has an interest in keeping Royal West Academy strong. The excellence Royal West fosters has found, and will continue to find, its way into the corporations, professions, and institutions of Montréal. Your donation will support the next generation of leaders by enhancing educational opportunities for thousands of Royal West students over the coming decades.

TODAY FOR TOMORROW

A SCHOOL LIKE NO OTHER

From the moment you step through the front doors of Royal West Academy, you encounter an atmosphere charged with energy, enthusiasm, and motivation. You can see it in the faces of our students.

Royal West strives to be different. Our school is the prototype of a high-achieving public school; one that provides a well-rounded French immersion education to a diverse student body and represents a viable alternative to private education. We are continuously driven to improve — measured not only by our students' achievements, but by their learning environment as well. Our goal: students who graduate as independent, knowledgeable, versatile, bilingual and creative individuals well-equipped to handle life's challenges and opportunities.

Consistently ranking at the top of public schools in the province, Royal West Academy features enriched French, Science, Math, Music, Drama, and Visual Arts programs that attract academically and artistically gifted students from across Greater Montréal.

All students follow the Enriched or Accelerated Math program and 100% are enrolled in Enriched or Accelerated French. Nearly 100% of Royal West students continue with higher education. All students must participate annually in cultural, community and athletic extracurricular activities. Every year, student life is enriched by international exchanges, and trips to underdeveloped countries are part of the school's global awareness policy.

IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT ROYAL WEST ACADEMY

- Enrolment is limited to **880** students.
- 700 – 800 apply annually for Grade 7 and only the top **20% are accepted**.
- Admission depends partly on the results of an entrance exam.
- Girls and boys are equally represented.
- The student body mirrors the ethnic, cultural and economic mosaic of Montréal.
- Students in accelerated French graduate with a French certification and automatically qualify for French CEGEP.



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A CENTRAL ROLE

THE PERFORMANCE OF A LIFETIME. A LIFETIME OF PERFORMANCE.

The auditorium plays a central role in the complete academic life of the school, and in the wide variety of extra-curricular learning opportunities at Royal West Academy. It is the public face and community gathering space of the school. Every year, Royal West Academy counts on the auditorium as its venue for:

- concerts
- dance recitals
- debates
- musicals
- Shakespearean plays
- public speaking competitions
- variety shows
- science fairs
- grade 7 “Invention Convention”
- art exhibitions
- graduations
- awards presentations
- assemblies
- parent-teacher meetings

Performing arts are very important to Royal West Academy. They develop well-rounded students and instill a unique sense of confidence that comes with the experience of performing. Drama productions and concerts are also the ultimate team projects, where many students must work unselfishly toward a common goal with a clear focus on performance quality.

Every year, the Royal West drama program stages a popular Broadway musical and its Bardolator group (a Shakespeare study program) performs two Shakespeare plays that are open to the community. Royal West’s award-winning Honour Band performs to full houses at two annual concerts. The variety shows highlight the visual art, dramatic, and musical talents of students. The annual UN debates provide a unique forum for lively and creative exchanges on political issues by the Secondary V students.

THE AUDITORIUM TODAY

The Royal West Academy auditorium absolutely needs improvement—the current facility is inadequate for the scale and quality of productions being mounted. The building that houses Royal West Academy was constructed during the Great Depression, and facilities that are often included in modern high schools were not affordable at the time. After 80 years, the school now has the opportunity to create an auditorium that supports its advanced educational goals.



TOMORROW

To ensure maximum use, the new auditorium has been designed for versatility. A large flat floor will accommodate art exhibitions, science fairs and parent-teacher meetings, while a balcony will enhance the appreciation of performing arts productions.

The new space will have the concert hall features of an enclosed box, shaped to optimize acoustical resonance and sight lines. Performances will benefit from professional lighting and sound equipment. Stage facilities will be modernized with backstage and scene changing technologies. Other improvements will include:

Electrical upgrades

Mechanical upgrades

Theatre-style seating

New sound engineering booth

Larger music room with improved access

Storage areas for scenery and costumes



PRELIMINARY BUDGET

PHASE 1	\$1,422,320
PHASE 2	\$248,906
PHASE 3	\$551,149
TOTAL	\$2,222,375

The above amounts include professional fees, maintenance and general operating costs as well as design and construction contingencies.

ARE YOU IN THE NEXT SCENE?

At the RWA Foundation, we believe our education project will deliver extraordinary value for the amount of money invested. As a capital project, this Performing Arts Centre will stand for decades, helping generations of students for years to come.

We also ask prospective donors to consider the type of education Royal West Academy provides, and what that means to the community. Royal West allows future leaders to develop and flourish before taking their places in adult society.

Our school also represents a vibrant cultural cross-section of Montréal. The school is public not private, economically accessible, and available to all genders, races, religions and cultures. Although it is operated by an English school board, Royal West's dedication to advanced French-language instruction is most certainly representative of the broader community.

We realize that you might ask, "Why not seek government funding for a public school?" We believe government is doing the best it can, including helping Royal West construct a new gymnasium three years ago. However, in a building as old as Royal West Academy, government funds will be needed to renovate washrooms, classrooms, and to maintain an 80-year-old structure. The auditorium project is a particular upgrade the school needs to continue developing the quality of its education — and that is why we have launched a capital campaign with an appeal to the philanthropic community.

Please help us complete this necessary and worthwhile project!

A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Since its founding in 1983, Royal West has taken its place as one of the top schools in the province — public or private. We are immensely proud of our bright, committed students and teachers, and of our outstanding academic and extracurricular programs.

For more than a decade, we have consistently identified the gymnasium, the auditorium and the library as essential facilities that needed to be improved. With the successful completion of the gymnasium project in 2008, we now look forward to developing a new auditorium to open up new possibilities in the performing arts and other creative endeavours. A modern facility of this kind will enable us to foster student talent in ways that are currently impossible given the outmoded structure and limited resources of our present auditorium space.

Please join us in this project that will most certainly propel our school forward. On behalf of our students, I thank you for your consideration!

—Tony Pita

Donor Recognition

Naming of Performing Arts Centre (Donation of \$500,000 or greater)

Platinum (Donations of \$100,000 - \$499,000)

Naming of a room
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Silver (Donations of \$25,000 - \$49,999)

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