



RVMS ROYAL REVIEW

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2025

Principal's Note

How do we keep Christ in Thanksgiving and Christmas at River Valley?

It's a great question because of the reminder that doing so has to be desired and intentional. Otherwise, it's easy to get caught up in the "trappings" (or traps?) of the holidays.

In Philippians 2: 4 (part of our memory work passage for November), the Holy Spirit through the Apostle Paul encourages us by Christ's example to look "...also to the interests of others."

Each year at this time, we invite River Valley families to join together in a special Christmas project. This year we want to consider the needs of others in the local area by contributing to the Lowville Food Pantry. "When did we see you hungry...?" (See Matthew 25: 31-45.) This is one way we want to keep Christ in Thanksgiving and Christmas!

Larry Boldt, Principal

2025–2026 Monthly Memory Work Passages

January: Psalm 41 NIV

February: Deuteronomy 6:1-12 NIV

March: James 1:17-27 NIV

April: 1 Peter 3:8-18 NIV

May: Psalm 119:97-108 NKJV

Monthly Memory Challenge

See the Monthly Memory Challenge to Parents & Grandparents on page 2 of the newsletter!

Upcoming Events

- Christmas Program: December 11
- Christmas Vacation: Dec. 22-Jan. 2
- School Resumes: January 5
- End of 2nd Quarter: January 16
- School Closed, MLK Jr. Day: Jan. 19

Why We Chose RVMS to Educate Our Children

by Karl and Kristy Keller

I once read a book about education called "For the Children's Sake" by Susan Schaefer Macauley. The point of the book was to:

1. Look at the world around you,
2. Assess your options and
3. Pick the best education option available specific to your family's needs.

In California the best option for our family was to homeschool. In our community here, the best option for us is RVMS.

The children are taught independence, they are able to make friends and establish themselves in the community. Cuyler needs orderliness and not too much noise.

Above all this- Jesus is honored at school, Bible verses are learned, and the kids see a good way to live for and love Jesus. We are grateful for RVMS and thank God for this option.

Monthly Memory Challenge to Parents/Grandparents

The Monthly Memory passages set a foundation for our children's lives. It also reinforces the foundations for our lives. Therefore, this challenge- Parents/Grandparents are encouraged to memorize the January through April Monthly Memory passages and say them to your student(s). When your student allows you to pass, they will keep track of the progress. By May 4, students will notify Mrs. Megan Moser indicating you have memorized all four. Mrs. Moser will submit your name for the prize! Yes, the ultimate prize is hiding God's Word in your heart. The second prize will be a gift certificate towards the purchase of an ice cream cone! All in? Questions? Call 315-778-1637.

The RVMS Boys Winter Basketball Team had a Team verse: "Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." Proverbs 27:17. When asked how they are intentional to accomplish this, the Team Captains gave this response-

Isaac Roes:

Some of the ways we are intentionally sharpening each other on the team is by holding each other accountable for things on and off the court. We try to make sure we are always showing max effort in athletics and academics. We try to challenge each other to have integrity and respect on and off the field/court as well. That's the beauty of having a team, the fact that there are ten or more men on the team that can help you become a better player and a better man. Our ultimate goal is to become stronger men of Christ.

Cameron Hirshey:

The team and we, as captains, intentionally sharpen our teammates on and off the court. On the court, we push each other to their limits and encourage each other to do their best. Off the court, we encourage each other and our fellow school members to stay caught up in their schoolwork and encourage each other to continue growing in their relationship with Christ.

Senior Spotlight!

"I am thankful for River Valley Mennonite School because..."

Kaydilyn Ardison – "I am thankful for the learning experience and that I have great teachers that help me and all the friends I have made over the years."

Cameron Hirshey: "I am thankful for River Valley for giving me a Christian education that has helped me grow in my faith."

Laura Keegan: "River Valley has given me the opportunity for a Christian education. The curriculum works well for me because I can learn at my own pace."

Carson Mast: "I am thankful for the strong Biblical basis River Valley provides, which is the foundation on which to build our lives. Opening, Chapel, Memory Work, the curriculum-they all provide the building blocks for a strong life built on Christ."

Seth Moser: "I am thankful for River Valley because of the Godly education they teach us and for helping us have a more Godly attitude and character."

Isaac Roes: "I am thankful for River Valley for helping me get a solid Christian education and allowing me to develop many good relationships within the school. I am also thankful for all my teachers sacrificially serving here to help teach me."

Broder Staab: "I am thankful for RVMS because they give a faith-based education. I am also thankful because they let us ask Mr. Boldt any questions about Christianity."

Jediah Zehr: "I am thankful for the Christian teachings and the teachers. I have learned a lot about God, and I continue to learn about Him through the schoolwork and the teachers."

To do list

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