

# Royal Review

September - October 2025

#### **PLAN AHEAD:**

**Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>** - School closed, Columbus Day

Oct. 31st - End of the 1st quarter

**Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>** - School closed, Veteran's Day; Parent Teacher Conferences

**Nov. 26-28<sup>th</sup>** - School closed, Thanksgiving Break

## MY SPIRITUAL GOAL FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

My spiritual goal for the River Valley Mennonite School students and staff for the 2025-2026 school year is found in the first verse of our September memory work passage, which is Psalm 42.

# As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God.

I want us to become like deer.

A deer, perhaps due to heat, fear, or exhaustion knows what it needs: water for refreshment and survival. Do we know how greatly we need God?

A deer wants water from a stream, not a puddle. It wants the best. We should want the best from God and not settle for something less (which we often do).

Mr. Larry Boldt

# 2025-2026 Monthly Memory Work passages

September: Psalm 42 NIV

October: Romans 8:1-4, 10-17 NIV November: Philippians 2:1-11 NIV December: Luke 2:1-15 KJV

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



#### **RVMS Wish List**

- Crayola brand, colored dry erase markers (They last the longest.)
- gallon-size Ziploc baggies
- bandaids
- disinfectant wipes

### **Renovation Project**

Our downstairs area recently underwent major renovations, all made possible by a dedicated volunteer team led by Al Roes. The team completed extensive work, including:

- \* Gutting the downstairs walls
- \* Spray-foaming the exterior walls
- \* Installing new wall sheathing
- \* Installing new windows
- \* Installing new white trims, casings, and baseboards
- \* Painting all necessary areas



Thank you to everyone who dedicated their time to help make this project a success. May God bless you for your kindness. -Edwin Mast

Note: The building was built in the early 1980's. Since then, the building had been maintained, but the time had come to need major work. Interesting bit of history – the basement was first used for break/gym, the present Library/Math room was the Kindergarten room with Mrs. Barb Taube teaching. See below for pictures of the work in progress.

Where did the funding come from for renovations? The Capital Improvement Fund. This Fund is available because the School Board prepares a delicious Sweet and Sour Meatball/Roast Turkey Meal each January and welcomes the community to come for dinner. Additional funds come from donations that are earmarked specifically for capital



#### **SENIOR SPOTLIGHT!**

## "My spiritual and academic goals for my senior year are:..."

**Kaydi Ardison:** "My academic goals for my senior year are to get my work done and finish the school year. My spiritual goals for my senior year are to trust God more and draw closer to him and to pray more."

**Cameron Hirschey:** "My spiritual goals this year are to continue to grow closer to God and to follow His will for my life. My academic goals are to be out of school by the end of the second quarter."

**Laura Keegan:** "My spiritual goal for my senior year is to grow closer with God and find where God is directing my life to go. Academically, I would like to go to college and earn a Physical Therapy degree."

**Carson Mast:** "My spiritual goal for the 2025-2026 school year includes taking deeper looks into scripture to better understand the passages I am reading. My academic goals include graduating from River Valley. After that, I plan to go to Rosedale for the fall semester to complete Biblical studies and complete some of the prerequisites for nursing school."

**Seth Moser:** "Some of my spiritual goals for my senior year are to try to grow in my faith and grow closer to God. My academic goal for the year is to get my work done."

**Isaac Roes:** "My spiritual and academic goals are to 1) continue to strengthen my relationship with Christ and my friends, 2) finish up my work, and 3) end my school years on a good note."

**Broder Staab:** "My spiritual and academic goals are these: Academically: I want to get grades that honor God, I want to act in a way that honors God, and I want to obtain those grades in a way that honors God. Spiritually: I want to be depending on God every day. I want to draw closer to Him and help other students draw closer to Him if able. I hope to end the school year being closer to God than I was at the start."

**Jediah Zehr:** "My spiritual and academic goals for my senior year is that my relationship with God might grow and that I become more spiritually wise. My academic goal is that I may get done with my schoolwork by the end of the second quarter."

## Alumni Spotlight: RVMS prepared me for life after graduation!

Michelle Moser Zehr, Class of 2003

"A couple ways RVMS has prepared me for life is by learning to set goals and work until that goal is accomplished. Also, the Bible memory that was included in each PACE and Monthly Memory Work has been beneficial in the fact it gave me a better understanding of the Bible."