

# The Royal Review

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### RMS Should get a Tennis Team

By Jenna Mustapha

Our school has many sports teams, but tennis is not one of the sports on that list. There are many reasons why our school should get a tennis team in the next few years.

1. Our high school team would be better.

If our school gets a tennis team, our high school team will be stronger, because they would have practice from middle school and be more experienced.

2. Challand Middle School is potentially getting a tennis team.

I heard from a student at Challand that they might be getting a team this spring, and of course, they need opponents. If Challand gets a team and we don't, their future high school team may have an advantage.

3. It would get more people interested in the sport.

If our school got a tennis team, it would obviously attract more people to the sport. Currently, not many people play tennis. Even though the high school hosts tennis camps for the middle school twice a year, few people attend them. However, if a team were made, people would become more interested in tennis.

For these reasons, I think that RMS should get a tennis team.

I asked a few people who play tennis why they think our school should get a tennis team. Here are their answers:

"I think that is a great idea! Tennis is a lifelong sport and a great thing to get involved in with. It would be great for the high school program if students in younger grades started developing their skills earlier."

- Leah Stees, Sophomore tennis player

"RMS should get a tennis team because it would be great start to bringing more people into the high

school tennis and there isn't a lot of local tennis in Dixon so it would be beneficial to locals."

-Owen Winters, Sophomore tennis player

"I believe that a tennis team would benefit our school because a lot of people like the sport and it's an

interesting sport that people should learn."

-Meerna Elbzour, 6th grade tennis player

"Because tennis is a fabulous sport and it is good for students mentally and physically. It also requires

teamwork amongst the players."

-Mr. Ferguson, 8th grade social studies teacher and tennis player

## Should We Include More Clubs at RMS?

By Ryann Wadsworth and Jenna Mustapha

We interviewed many teachers and a student about whether they believe RMS should include more extra curriculars or just stay with what they have. I found their responses very interesting.

We had many with no hesitation, Mr. Hamel answered with a sophisticated answer. Mr. Hamel quickly told me, “Yes.” he believes that students need a variety of things to participate in. Kids should

come up with ideas for these clubs.” I asked him if he had any specific ideas for sports and he told me that an “e-sports” club would be cool, or a type of “live newscast” for students rather than CNN.

Mrs. Whitcombe answered slowly, but surely. She agreed that we should have more clubs. She also thinks that if the children (us students) are interested, we should have more clubs. On the other hand, she says, “we do not want clubs that people wouldn’t join.” To me, this makes sense because if we don’t know the interests of students, we can’t shape our clubs around their ideas. She suggested a math club (perhaps). Or any other interests of students.

Mrs. Lesage gave us an obvious, yet enthusiastic answer. She quickly responded, “Yes!”

Regarding our question of whether we should have more clubs at this school. She believes there should be something that appeals to every student. Although some might like sports, some might enjoy other

activities like e-sports. Her suggestions were interesting. She proposed computer coding or robotics, drama, a rubix cube club, even a movie club!

Mrs. Abell was zealous with her answer! She said, “Absolutely because kids need things to do and not everyone likes sports.” She thought of clubs that seemed to be based around robotics or science. Next, we asked Mrs. Lind. She gave us a conflicted and careful answer. She believes, “[It would

be] great if we did, but the problem is getting

enough adult support to sponsor them.” This makes total

sense to me. Without enough teachers, we can’t continue these clubs, logically or legally. Her suggestions were also remarkably interesting. She proposed a robotics or coding club. Mostly any sort of

hobby students may have, such as gardening or home ec club. Something that meets once a week during WIN or something. This home ec or gardening club seems like a wonderful way for students to help their concentration and focus, but also to connect more with our environment and prepare us for our future lives.

Maybella was quite confident in her answer. She replied, “Yes, I think we should add more clubs because different people have different interests.” She proposed an authors or bad mitten club. She believes that there are other activities students are interested in. I asked her how she thinks we should survey for these clubs. She came up with a brilliant idea of students should have a pole or form that allows them to add ideas for clubs. She added, “We could take those surveys during WIN.” To me, this sounds like a brilliant idea. The only problem is finding someone who is willing to go through all these

forms to find the most common interests. I’m sure students would be willing to go through some of these for student council. We work for the students at the school anyways, so I’m sure they’d be willing to go through these forms. Overall, I find this survey a neat idea.

## Choir Field Trip

By Annaleise Tranbarger

The middle and high school choir had a field trip to Davenport, Iowa on November 2nd. We sang *Christmastime is Here* and *Auld Lang Syne*. Miss. Almquist said that her favorite part was singing in the church because it is beautiful. I agree with her. The church was humongous and very pretty. Some kids that I talked to said that going to McDonalds after was their favorite part. McDonalds was fun, but my favorite part was the bus ride there and back. We were singing *Auld Lang Syne* there and back and I had a lot of fun with my friends on the bus.

On the way there my friends and I were nervous and anxious because neither of us had ever sung in a church before. I knew it was going to be fun, but I was still scared. Being recorded to be on television is scarier than it may seem. The choir was standing on risers, singing to about three cameras, Miss. Almquist, the camera guys, and the high school choir teacher. It was nerve-wracking, but I had a lot of fun and know other people did too. If you want to watch the television program, it airs December 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> from three to four pm. If you don't have a television channel, you can watch it on the YouTube channel. By the way, I want to thank the camera guys who took time out of their day to film a bunch of middle and high schoolers singing.



## Thanksgiving Traditions

By Isabella Barnes

1. Watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade- In New York City, thousands of people line the streets of Manhattan to watch.
2. Break the Wishbone for Good Luck- After carving the turkey, the wishbone, a Y-shaped bone that carries much superstition, gets set aside to dry. "Once the meal is over, two people make their wishes and break the wishbone." ("Top 10 Thanksgiving traditions in the US < EF Academy Blog") Whoever ends up with the bigger piece is said to have their wish come true and good luck for the upcoming year.
3. Eat a traditional Thanksgiving meal- Must-eats are: roast turkey, cranberry sauce, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, and sweet potatoes and Brussels sprouts.
4. Take a nap- After an afternoon filled with cooking and eating delicious food, many retreat to the couch for a midday nap. Turkey is well known as the culprit of this sudden onset of sleepiness, with its elevated levels of the amino acid tryptophan.
5. Share what you are most thankful for- Whether it is during the meal or while relaxing later in the day, go around the room and share something you are especially grateful for.
6. Watch an American football game- Families and friends gather around to watch their favorite teams compete in one of America's favorite sports. Or, to burn off some of those Thanksgiving calories, some families split into teams and play a game of football themselves.
7. Be grateful for Friendsgiving- Friends gathering, aptly called "Friendsgiving," is a newer tradition.
8. Run a turkey trot- It may seem counterintuitive (or genius) to run a race on America's biggest food holiday, but turkey trots are a trend across the US on Thanksgiving Day. "The name derives from the turkey, the typical centerpiece of Thanksgiving dinner." ("Top 10 Thanksgiving traditions in the US < EF Academy Blog") From 5K fun runs to half marathons, these races bring out runners, walkers and fans in local communities. It's a fun way to earn and burn the calories consumed during the Thanksgiving meal.
9. Shop 'til you drop on Black Friday- Stores all across the country have some of their biggest sales the day after Thanksgiving. Now known as Black Friday, this day is almost a holiday in itself.
10. In the spirit of giving thanks and helping others, many communities across the US hold annual food drives that collect non-perishable packaged and canned foods for those in need.

### Mr. Hamel Interview

By James Cocar

Where did you go to college? S.I.U.E

If you had to teach a different subject what would it be? MATH

What's your favorite movie? Bridge of Spies

Where did you grow up in? Winnebago

Do you have any siblings? 1 brother

What's your favorite video game? Call of Duty

Do you play any instruments? Used to play Trombone

Did you have any jobs before you became a teacher?  
Used to work at a bowling alley, golf course, and pizza place.

What's your favorite food? Cheeseburger

What's your favorite sport? Football

What's your favorite T.V show? Game of Thrones

What's your favorite book? Harry Potter

Do you have an iphone or android? Iphone

If you watch Starwars then what's your favorite Starwars episode? Episode 2

What's your favorite restaurant? Texas Roadhouse

### Interview with Ms. Reul

By Anabelle Coffelt

How long have you been a teacher?  
19 years

Favorite subject? Science

Favorite color? Purple

Age? 41

Have you always stayed in one room?  
For 6 years longest

Favorite thing to do? Outside activities

Kids? Two- twin 13 year old boys

Favorite season? Fall and Halloween

Summer or winter? Winter

Any pets? A puppy Nola, and a cat named sweetie pie

Taught different classes? Taught all classes

What age did you start teaching? 22 or 23

## **Favorite Super Villain**

By Alize Janke

Mr. Hamel, Ms. Newcomer, Bailey, and others said The Joker. A couple of reasons for this pick is he is a sinner, he is funny, he is full of jokes, and he is hot.

Another villain was Voldemort. Ms. Page and Nurse Annie both choose Voldemort. The two reasons for this is because he is the epitome of evil and they just love Harry Potter.

Ms. Lind said Loki because she thinks Loki is still likable.

Ms. Lesage said Megamind because she thinks that he is not really a villain. More so he just wants love.

Ms. Able said the Hulk because he is super strong and can also blend in with others until he gets angry.

Ava said Cruella de Vil she said that she is just cool.

## **Mr. Ferguson**

By Myriah Shinaberger

Are you proud of your book?

Mr. Ferguson "Yes, I am very proud of it when you publish a book it's very exciting."

How many pages are in your book?

Mr. Ferguson "120 pages."

How many chapters are in your book?

Mr. Ferguson "There are 12 chapters."

What is the title of your book?

Mr. Ferguson "The Adventures of Andrew Dunbar."

How long did it take you to write your book?

Mr. Ferguson "1 year and a half process."

What is your book about?

Mr. Ferguson "Nonfiction figures and fake."

Why did you decide to write this book?

Mr. Ferguson "I wanted to write something positive."

How many people do you think would read your book?

Mr. Ferguson "If everyone knew about it, they would read it."

Who would you recommend your book to?

Mr. Ferguson "It's for young adults."

Are you hoping everyone in the school reads/likes this book?

Mr. Ferguson "Yes that's why it's in the library."

## Get Away from the Cold

By Annaleise Tranbarger

There are many places that make amazing vacations for Christmas break. A lot of people say that Wisconsin Dells is a good place to go for vacation. Mrs. Reul (6th and 7th grade science teacher) says that she goes to Wisconsin Dells every year on Christmas break. She says that it's fun. I would trust her.

Another place you could go to if you want somewhere warm is Puerto Rico. This is an island in the Caribbean Islands. One reason you should go to Puerto Rico is because of its weather. It's a tropical island, so Puerto Rico is sunny and warm all year round. You can spend your Christmas on the beach. Another great reason you should go to Puerto Rico for your Christmas vacation is because Puerto Ricans have an amazing Christmas celebration.

You want to venture somewhere fun? There are plenty of wonderful places to visit. Mrs. Clevenger (a 6th, 7th, and 8th grade ELA teacher), said that once she went on a cruise to the Bahamas. She says that it was incredibly fun and exciting. There are beaches and oceans to swim in and watch the view.

Another place you could visit to have fun is Yellowstone National Park. Coach Sandrock went there one time, and he says that he saw bears. You could take his word for it, or you could go see it yourself! You could make wonderful memories there. I don't know about you but seeing a bear would be cool. It would certainly be a place to remember.

So, there you have it, folks! A wonderful list of certainly amazing places to visit! Maybe you might be able to visit these places yourselves! There are more beautiful places to visit for Christmas vacation, of course, but these are just a few of the best.

