

# NOTE!!!

Roncalli Phone App to be discontinued

We are in the process of creating a newly designed website. Due to this we have decided to discontinue offering the app.

LOOK FOR THE NEW WEBSITE the first part of JANUARY 2021

THANK YOU TO BRIAN LUNQUIST For all his help with our live streaming

DATES TO NOTE and OST Schedule: on page 4

SCHOOL VIDEO UPDATE for 10.27 did not get recorded. Look for next week's update

Online Spirit Store www.geffdog.com/stores/ roncallispiritstore



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(605) 225-3460

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# GREETING FROM THE ACSS PRESIDENT

As the month of gratitude approaches, there are many thoughts on my mind.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY: This topic is always on our minds and we are in the process of finding ways to communicate this better with different stakeholders. As part of Bishop DeGrood's vision, he would like all the Catholic schools in the Diocese to give attention to this aspect of their ministry. It is who we are and what we are about.

ACCREDITATION: We are excited to announce we have met all the requirements set forth by the State of South Dakota Dept. of Education to be recognized as an accredited school district in the state. The accreditation process happens every 5 years. Our virtual visit took place on October 20 and we felt it went very well. The process involves the culmination of staff members pulling together data and documentation current practices and procedures. Of special note is the fact that we passed the first time without having to address any 'fixes'. We are the first school in the state to through the review process this year, which makes us the first school to be accredited. Thanks be to

MOVING DIRT: Many of you have probably noticed we are moving dirt west and north of our junior/senior high building on Dakota Street. Thanks to the wonderful support we received for our BACK ON TRACK Fund Drive, we are able to start work on re-furbishing our track and field practice facility this fall. The athletes in field events (long jump, triple jump, pole vault, shot/discus) will now have a place to practice. Work on the actual track and high jump will start when the snow disappears next spring.

BUS: We are happy to say that our new bus will be arriving earlier than first anticipated. Long term, this bus will serve us well. Fiscally this was a sound decision and operationally will make it much easier to have full control of our transportation needs. We have been working hard at finding storage but have yet to find a spot suitable. Please call me if you are able to help solve this issue, 226-2100.

**THANKSGIVING:** I imagine many of us will be celebrating Thanksgiving differently this year. My hope and prayer is, no matter what our celebration looks like, we take stock of the many blessings we enjoy and thank our Lord and Savior for the gifts He bestows on us.

**COVID-19:** The first nine weeks saw a total of nine positive coronavirus cases among our student population. Currently, all have recovered and are doing well. As we move into November we are encouraging our staff and students to recommit to best practices. It is natural to relax a bit when things are going relatively well, so we will be re-emphasizing the practices of social distancing and mask wearing when appropriate. We are currently taking a second look at policies and procedures and will make decisions based on local conditions. We will continue to respond through thoughtful discernment, respecting the virus but not fearing it. Thank you for your patience and please continue to keep the entire Roncalli family in your prayers.

God bless,
Tim Weisz
ACSS President

# SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS.....

#### WE INVITE YOU TO HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!!!

RONCALLI KINDERGARTEN

# Open House

#### Tuesday, November 17, 2020 • 5:30 pm

Please join us for our Kindergarten Open House. Meet the kindergarten teachers, tour the classrooms and learn what it's like to become a member of the Roncalli community. All are welcome to attend! Refreshments and childcare will be provided.

#### SPECIAL OFFER

#### Free \$250 Tuition Voucher

Parents that attend the open house will receive a \$100 tuition voucher. Register for school by Nov. 20th and receive an additional \$150 voucher!

#### For more information

Contact Donna Mangan at: 605-225-3460 or dona.mangan@aberdeenroncalli.org





#### WINTER SPORTS MEETING

Thurs, November 12
6:30pm in the RHS gym.
Athletes and at least one parent need to attend.



#### **BUTTER BRAID FUNDRAISER**

RHS Student Council members are selling these delicious breads from Nov. 16– Dec. 1. Please contact brenda.artz@aberdeenroncalli.org

**First Lego League** is hosting an online sales fundraiser through Charleston Wrap to raise money for our competition and shirts. If your are interested in ordering please contact Ms. Veal, tiffany.veal@aberdeenroncalli.org, Mr. Larson, derek.larson @aberdeenroncalli.org, or a First team member at the Elementary School. We will send you an email invite to shop with our code. There are Christmas goodies, food, gifts, candles, kitchen gadgets, and more! **ORDERING DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 17.** 

#### ORAL INTERP

The Roncalli Oral Interp Team has been working diligently since late August. After scripts were chosen, practice began. The young team fills all seven categories. All meets will be held virtually, meaning that each piece is recorded and uploaded for judging. Regions and the State Festival will be on-line. Duo and Reader's Theatre must be recorded on Zoom using separate rooms. We are entered in the Governor's Cup and the Lewis & Clark Invitational with results to be posted on Facebook. The team is coached by Mrs. Cherie Shishnia, aided by Mr. Nik Holweger and Oral Interp alum, Christina Grettler '20.

**Oral Interp Showcase:** will be held at RHS on Mon., Nov. 9th, 7:00 pm for students and parents.

## TEAM RESULTS

Virtual meet in Lennox:

#### Duo-

Leah Carda & Anya Unser: 1st Lucy Gutenkauf & Jaxon Keller: 5th Ben Goebel & Elizabeth Lohman: 7th

Non Original Oratory-Sean Bickford: 2nd

Poetry-

Lucy Gutenkauf: 4th **Storytelling-** Madison Ritter: 8th



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## **MORE GOOD NEWS**



STATE A GOLF INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION

MICAH DOHR (pictured below)

Congrats to the entire team on a successful season!!

REGION CROSS
COUNTRY

Roncalli Boys and Girls cross country teams competed well at the Region meet. The boys varsity team placed 4th and the girls 2nd. The State meet in Rapid made for a snowy run! The girls team placed 7th and boys placed 15th. Congratulations to Paige Schmidt, who placed 3rd and Sarah Schmidt who placed 10th individually.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped behind the scenes at the Roncalli Marching Band Festival. Your time was very much appreciated!

# Roncalli Marching Cavaliers

# Roncalli Marching Band Festival 9/30/2020

- Tied for 1st Place
- Won Best Brass & Woodwind Award
- Won Best Percussion Award

# Lake Region Marching Band Festival 10/9/2020

- Gold Award
- Won Best Flag Corps Award
- Received Top Score of the Day













## MORE HIGHLIGHTS.....

## **DATES TO NOTE:**

Mon. Nov. 9: PTO Mtg. at RES, 7pm

Thurs. Nov. 12: WINTER SPORTS MEETING, for athletes and at least 1 parent, 6:30pm @ RHS gym

Fri. Nov. 13: Help Take A Child to School NO Uniform Day, contribute \$1 to take part

Wed. Nov. 18: Confirmation Class @ St. Mary's, 7pm

Wed. Nov. 25: 1pm Early Dismissal....NO STAFF INSERVICE & NO OST SERVICES THIS DAY

Thurs. Nov. 26 & Fri. Nov. 27: NO SCHOOL, Happy Thanksgiving

## PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteering has proven to connect and empower people and build up whole communities.

Parents, we are so thankful for your willingness to volunteer at Roncalli and in your faith communities. We want to help you continue to do so or even start a practice of giving in this way that is unique and best for you and your family.

Please click on the attached link to see if there are any volunteer opportunities you may not be aware of. Indicating different areas doesn't mean you are committing; it just means you may be interested in receiving more information! Thank You!!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094DACA928A6FF2-roncalli1

# RONCALLI BLOOD DRIVE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

2:00 PM - 6:45 PM RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

BLOOD DRIVE SPONSORED BY RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL

TO SCHEUDLE AN APPOINTMENT SEE MRS. GRIFFIN

ALL SUCCESSFUL DONATIONS WILL BE TESTED FOR THE COVID-19 ANTIBODY

Mrs. Griffin contact info: amy.griffin@aberdeenroncalli.org, 225-7440

MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO DONATE

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#### Roncalli High Fall 2020

11/1- Spring Duel Credit Opens

11/2-6- Colleg App Week

12/1- ASVAB: notify Mrs. V. if you want to take it

12/12- Next ACT date

# SENIOR DATES AND EVENTS TO KNOW

# ACSS 20-21 Help Take a Child to School Days

September 18, 2020 October 16, 2020 November 13, 2020 December 11, 2020 January 22, 2021 February 19, 2021 March 26, 2021 April 16, 2021

May 7, 2021

On these special no uniform days, every student wishing to participate is asked to bring \$1 and is not required to wear a uniform for the day. Money collected is put into the Take a Child to School fund to help provide tuition assistance to families with financial need.



Let's pray together the St. Thomas Aquinas Novena for the health and well being of our school system and for increased enrollment.

Pray the first 9 days of each month all year.

Takes only 5 minutes. Thank you.

http://www.praymorenovenas.com/st-thomasaquinas-novena/



The momentum is amazing toward reaching the goal of a new practice track at RHS.

To donate contact

Jill Young

jill.young@aberdeenroncalli.org

The results of the 2020 Roncalli Survey have been received, and we are still sorting through all the feedback, but . . . THANK YOU! We had a household response rate of 80%! Here are some quick takeaways:

-Communication issues have improved - you are loving Class Dojo and our video updates, and Facebook continues to be a STRONG resource to keep informed. We aren't resting, though - we will keep working on communication, as there is always room for more improvement!

-The top three reasons you chose Roncalli are: faith-based curriculum, quality of education, and small class size.

-Your ideas to increase enrollment are awesome!

Be watching as we amp up our social media presence

over the next few months!



The 2020-2021 Cavalier Campaign kicks off Nov. 1. Your participation in this campaign will make a difference now and in the future as evidenced with the testimony of new Roncalli Hall of Fame Inductee Brigadier General Jeff Hurlbert, "What I know to be true is, I'm no different than any of my Roncalli classmates or our incredible body of alumni. I am who I am today, first and foremost by the grace of God. Then, because of my dad, Hollis, who was a True Gentleman; my Mom, Jean, who is a Proverbs 31 Woman; and crucially, because of the tremendous education and Catholic values I received through my 12 years in the Aberdeen Catholic School."

Please consider contributing to the 2020-2021 Cavalier Campaign. Your donation is 100% tax deductible. THANK YOU! Donations can be mailed to 1400 N. Dakota St, Aberdeen, SD 57401 or visit the aberdeenroncalli.org website.

## **PARISH NEWS**

## **Sacred Heart News**

http://www.sacredheartaberdeen.net/

"St. Maria Goretti" Movie to be shown Sunday, Nov. 1 after the 11:30 Mass.
Pizza will be served.

## **Election Day Night of Adoration**

Tue. Nov. 3 from 8-9pm in the main chapel.

#### **Altar Server Training & Pizza**

Attend one of the following times. For new and existing servers. Please RSVP to Fr. Kapperman, 225-7065.

<u>Sat. Nov. 15, 4-5:45 pm</u> <u>Sat. Nov. 21, 12-:1:45 pm</u>

#### **Women's Advent Retreat**

Mon. Nov. 30, 5:30-7:30 pm All women in the community invited to attend. Please RSVP by Nov. 27 to kalaheller5@gmail.com

# St. Mary's News

stmarysabr.tumblr.com

Wed. Nov. 11: Confirmation Class, 7 pm Wed. Nov. 18: Confirmation Class 7 pm



No doubt, 2020 has been a challenging year. A number of our Roncalli families were stunned by the effects of COVID. If you can, please prayerfully consider a gift of tuition assistance for those families.

Our Roncalli "FAST" (Fund a Student's Tuition) Fund is helping those in need. Call Rick Kline, 226-2100 or myself, 605-218-0072 with questions

Keep Praying!
David Vetch, Director
Aberdeen Catholic Foundation

# **DIOCESAN Youth EVENTS**

#### "ENCOUNTER" with NET Ministries

Free and for the whole family. Events near us: 3/7/21– Ipswich; 4/18/21– Sisseton 5/2/21– Watertown

Contact gtibbetts@sfcatholic.org, 988-3766

# "HEART Speaks to HEART" a Going Deeper Retreat

for teens who desire to go deeper in their faith life. 12/11-13/21- Dell Rapids & 4/9-11/21- Abbey of the Hills

#### **SMALL GROUP INITIATIVE**

This initiative is a Diocesan-wide effort encouraging the faithful around the diocese to experience leading and/or participating in a small group. For more information go to https://www.sfcatholic.org/youth/

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# AN EVENING OF APPRECIATION AND CELEBRATION TO BENEFIT THE ABERDEEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

# Friday, April 23, 2021

at the Nakota Event Center

COCKTAILS 5:30 PM DINNER & PROGRAM 6:45 PM DANCING 9:00 PM

Tickets are \$85 and can be purchased in the ACSS Development office or by calling 226-2100.

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