



RONCALLI

Aberdeen Catholic School System

We Serve the King..... We are Cavaliers

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GREETING FROM THE ACSS PRESIDENT

It's December and the season of Advent is upon us! The blessings continue to be felt at Roncalli. As a school system, the 1st day of December indicates only one positive case of COVID-19. This reflects what I would consider a successful fight thus far. To be sure, today's one case is no guarantee that tomorrow or next week or next month will produce the same results. We are often a reflection of the community and therefore we may well see our numbers increase in the next few weeks as we anticipate a peak in Brown County midway through December.

We will continue to use common sense tactics in fighting this virus. Our strategy of combating the spread of the virus includes: teachers and students wearing masks, social distancing, and cohorting. These practices have served us well. Another aspect of this strategy that is especially important to us at Roncalli is the power of prayer. Please continue to pray for everyone at ACSS and in our local community. It is one of our greatest weapons in fighting adversity and trial.

Be assured this December is about much more than fighting COVID-19. It is also about HOPE, ANTICIPATION, FAITH, and FAMILY. The anticipation of celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ brings with it the hope of eternal life. But the hope of the season could very well be dampened by our current situation, and the looming threat of despair. For myself, this Advent and Christmas season I will be especially

challenged to avoid letting the situations around me steal the excitement and hope. I anticipate a great opportunity for spiritual growth and a renewal of faith and trust.

One positive aspect of celebrating this special season in times like this is that we are forced, in a way, to let the normal holiday buzz and rush quiet down and turn the focus to Jesus, the real reason for the season, our family and our faith.

My prayer is that you and I can both make this Advent and Christmas season, by the grace of God, especially beautiful and blessed.

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas

Tim Weisz
ACSS President



ADVENT
A season of
HOPE

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 JANUARY 2021

BUFFALO WINGS AND RINGS

Roncalli Fundraiser to help fund the Post Dinner Dance event. Dec. 2 from 5-8 pm

High School Winter Semi Formal

Sat. January 23
8pm @ RHS

Online Spirit Store

www.geffdog.com/stores/roncallispiritstore

For complete sports schedule go to northeastdsconference.com



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High School Office:

(605) 225-7440

Elementary School:

(605) 229-4100

Primary School:

(605) 225-3460

"Instilling Catholic values and promoting academic excellence by nurturing mind, body and soul."

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS.....

2020 ACSS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

7-12 Concert—Monday, December 7 . . . 7:00 pm in Roncalli High School Gym

K-2 Concert—Tuesday, December 8 . . . 6:00 pm in Roncalli High School Gym

3-6 Concert—Tuesday, December 8 . . . 7:00 pm in Roncalli High School Gym

The Roncalli Music Department is proud to present our annual Christmas Concerts.
We are currently at Tier 2, so the student body and immediate family are welcome to attend.
However, since the situation is fluid, that tier is subject to change.

Masks are required at all of the concerts.
We welcome you to view all the concerts on our live stream site
<https://portal.stretchinternet.com/hubcityroncalli/>

Thank you to Hub City Radio and Mrs. Goscicki, our STREAM coordinator, for providing this service
and for adding a personal touch to these concerts!



ORAL INTERP

Roncalli Oral Interp Team Advances to State Festival

These Roncalli Interpers will be entered in the On-Line South Dakota State Oral Interp Festival during the first week of December

- The Duo of Leah Carda & Anya Unser placed 3rd with "Ditzies".
- "Trading Schedules" Readers Theatre troupe of Leah Carda, Anya Unser, Elizabeth Lohman and Ben Goebel - placed 2nd.
- Storytelling piece "The Night the Moon Went Away" performed by Madison Ritter placed 2nd
- Lucy Gutenkauf, performing poetry pieces, "Little Miss Sunshine and Paper People" earned top honors.
- Serious piece "The Last Promise" performed by Elizabeth Russel also took top honors.

Roncalli finished over all with 31 points - second to Milbank who placed 35. Congratulations Interpers for your hard work and dedication in telling your story. Go Cavs!

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>

COUNSELORS CORNER

SADD: November was a productive month in the Junior High and High School, SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) partnered with Mr. Holweger's Game Club for a "Mash Up" event on November 6. About 15 students gathered for board games and pizza; building relationships and practicing good sportsmanship. SADD promotes healthy, happy, holy students, and has a lot of fun along the way!

The holiday season is not easy for everyone. SADD is working to promote mental health and well being during December. Their efforts include several weekly activities ranging from student locker affirmations, mental health awareness posters, and resources for those struggling with anxiety and depression.

ACT: The next ACT testing date is December 12. Students interested in ACT Math Prep with Mr. Kevin Dix are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible, class begins December 2, a form has been posted in each grade's Google classroom stream.

Seniors continue to meet with Mrs. Vetch for a "**Senior Conferences**," reviewing graduation requirements, course planning for spring semester and student needs for post secondary planning.

November 23 Mrs. Vetch and Mrs. Goscicki partnered to provide support for seniors in the process of writing their resumes, helping students discern their gifts and skills in light of scholarships, employment opportunities and possible career goals.

Top 20: Mrs. Vetch and Mrs. Braun continue to partner on promoting TOP 20 Social Emotional Learning as part of professional development for teaching staff and classroom guidance. TOP 20 people may not be able to pick their circumstances, but can always choose their response to it. We help equip students and staff to put the daily challenges of the pandemic in perspective. Supporting teachers and E-learners during challenging conditions is also an important part of counseling services. Both Mrs. Braun and Mrs. Vetch are able to video chat with E-learners via Google Meets.

As we move into the holiday season, the primary and elementary schools have been focusing on conflict management skills by talking heart-to-heart rather than toe-to-toe! Gratitude and respecting others by using manners and better listening skills are tools from our TOP 20 curriculum.

BEHAVIOR: Life is filled with choices! We have choices all day and every day to come prepared to be better learners and friends. Some choices are better than others! We are also incorporating a "behavior sheet" in grades K-6 which will hopefully help students understand their choices at school. If your student is coming home with a behavior sheet, please simply talk through what happened and what they can do to take responsibility for their actions. The sheet can be returned to the office so that we know that you have been informed. "Failure is an event, not the person!" We are hoping our students will realize that we learn from our mistakes and that is how we grow. We continue to work in small groups during lunch bunch on friendship skills.

On November 23, the Golden Rule Crew supplied the 1st responders of the area with a cup of coffee, donut and prayer card for their hard work and dedication. They have been working with the younger students at recess on conflict mediation and helping in the lunchroom.



GAME NIGHT
"MASH UP"



2021 PRESCHOOL AND OST (OUT OF SCHOOL TIME) REGISTRATION:

We will begin registrations for Fall 2021 preschool in January! Preference will be given to current families, then Roncalli families, then public families. We will also start our registration in January for Fall OST (K-5 afterschool care) and our SUMMER 2021 PROGRAM to gain a prospective list of those who may utilize these services. There will be an opportunity to sign up later on as well.

Watch for a flyer to be sent out the beginning of January!

Questions? Please contact Pat Buechler at pat.buechler@aberdeennroncalli.org

Our sincerest thanks to these wonderful people and businesses for being a main sponsor of the 2020-21 PTO Calendar!

**Auto Max, Kelly Krause
Remax, Elizabeth Stoks
Barton Heating and Air**



**PARENT TEACHER
ORGANIZATION**

The Blessing Store will again be open. While shopping at the Blessing Store our K-6 grade students can purchase gifts for their families at a very, very low cost. There are new items and gently used items to choose from. WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE DONATIONS. We are in special need of GIFTS FOR THE GUYS (dad's, grandpa's and brothers). Please bring your items to either the elementary or primary school.

Blessing Store Schedule:

Monday Dec 14th at the Elementary School
Tuesday Dec 15th at the Primary School

PTO MEETING: December 14, 7pm @ RES
-main agenda item....PTO Carnival

Roncalli High Fall 2020

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

December 11, 2020

January 22, 2021

February 19, 2021

March 26, 2021

April 16, 2021

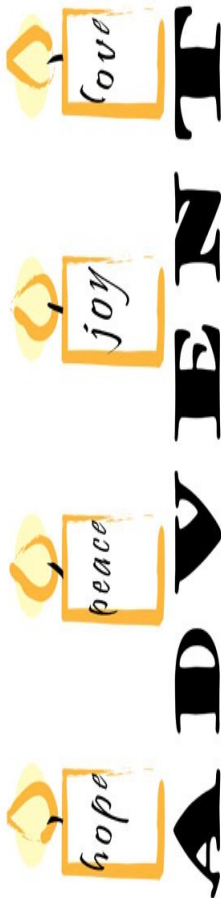
May 7, 2021

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. <http://www.praymorenovenas.com/st-thomas-aquinas-novena/>



Here are more results of the 2020 Roncalli Parent Survey:

-Facebook is overwhelmingly the social media network you prefer - over 85% of you agree it is the network you use most often. Insta was second, and Twitter, YouTube and SnapChat were distant choices. Roncalli uses Facebook most often, with Twitter and Insta occasionally - and we are promising you more regular posting on those platforms!

-Over 60% of you agree or strongly agree that our website is a good source for school news, updates and information. Although that is the majority, we believe we can do better -- which is why we have committed to a website redesign to make finding information faster and easier!

Our new site is scheduled to launch in January!

We are thrilled to be able to use YOUR feedback to improve Roncalli. THANK YOU for all you do!



With deepest thanks ... we appreciate your gift to the Cavalier Campaign!

To give, go to www.aberdeenroncalli.org, click 'Donate to Roncalli' and choose 'Cavalier Campaign'.

PARISH NEWS

Sacred Heart News

<http://www.sacredheartaberdeen.net/>

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

Advent Vespers and Benediction:

Each Sun. of Advent at 5 pm (through Dec. 20th)

Organ recital at Vespers:

Sunday, December 6th with guest organist

Benton Schmidt

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8th

Holy Day Masses Mon. 12/7 at 5:30 pm, Tue., 12/8 at 7:30 am, Noon, and 5:30 pm.

Misa en Español on December 12th at 8:15am for **Our**

Lady of Guadalupe. Confessions en Español on

Jueves, 10 de Diciembre a 7:00 pm a 8:30 pm.

Confession during Mass;

Nov. 28th-Dec. 20th, Confessions during Sunday Masses in the back sacristy (SW corner of Church) from 5 min prior until the "Holy Holy Holy"

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Dec. 24th at 2pm, 4 pm, 6 pm, 10 pm

Dec. 25th at 7:30 am, 9:30 am

Feast of Our Lady, Mother of God, Jan. 1

Holy Day Masses Thur. 12/31 at 5:30pm,

Fri. 1/1/21 at 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

St. Mary's News

stmarysabr.tumblr.com

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The Aberdeen Catholic Foundation is proud to assist those in need, especially in this time of the COVID pandemic. If you would like to help, please consider donating to our COVID Relief Fund. Your donation will go directly to aiding those that have been affected through this pandemic. Please call 605-218-0072 or email me at david.vetch@acf.network

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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Roncalli Ball

GRATI⁺UDE GALA



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

Friday, April 23, 2021

at the Dakota 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.

