

March 2021



RONCALLI

Aberdeen Catholic School System

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

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FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS

now being
accepted,
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**High School
Winter Semi Formal**
March 6
8pm @ RHS

WE ARE HIRING

For Summer
Sonshine Patch

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Taking registrations for
2021-2022 Preschool
Summer Sonshine Patch
K-12 Enrollments

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Online Spirit Store

[www.geffdog.com/stores/
roncallispiritstore](http://www.geffdog.com/stores/roncallispiritstore)



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(605) 226-2100

High School Office:

(605) 225-7440

Elementary School:

(605) 229-4100

Primary School:

(605) 225-3460

GREETING FROM THE ACSS PRESIDENT

We celebrated Catholic Schools Week the first week of February. Standing out during the activities was the All-School Mass. Bringing together our entire student body, family, and friends in this Eucharistic celebration was inspiring. My hope is that next year COVID-19 will be in the rearview mirror and even more family and friends will join us for this important event led by Bishop DeGrood.

Bishop DeGrood's vision for our Diocese is to become LIFELONG CATHOLIC MISSIONARY DISCIPLES THROUGH GODS LOVE. He has been very attentive to our youth and specifically to the Catholic schools in our diocese. Helping our students become lifelong missionary disciples is something Roncalli aspires to do. As we continue to follow Bishop's lead, I invite you to join us in helping to form our young men and women into Warriors for Christ.

The difference we can make by nurturing the souls of the youth is a privilege. As we continue forward toward the goal of creating academic excellence, we are also aware of our awesome responsibility to deliver a Catholic education, attempting to form our graduates into servant leaders of moral courage.

God bless,

Tim Weisz

ACSS President

Special Message from one of our Pastors:

Each year, I love to gather with the People of God for the Eucharist and to pray the beautiful words of the First Preface for Lent:

*For by your gracious gift each year
your faithful await the
sacred paschal feasts
with the joy of minds made pure...*

It is such a wonderful reminder that, first of all, Lent is a gift. We tend to forget that, thinking about suffering and penance, "giving up" and the like. Yet, we are given this gift, a "gracious gift" at that, a time for us to embrace the truest meaning of life, a time to get our priorities in order again.

This brings us the greatest of Lent's gift, joy. It may seem odd to think of Lent as the harbinger of joy, and yet the very name of this Season, Lent, means "springtime," and what brings us joy faster than the ending of winter and the warming wonder of spring.

As it is for the world around us, so it is for us, we come to life these holy days, from the winter of our fear, our incorrect priorities, our faults and failings, we enter into the springtime of joy and love.

It is great to see Lent being celebrated so happily in our schools; our staff, administration and students are embracing this gift with joy. Those young hearts, walking the joyful road of Lent, teach us what these days can mean for us all.

Find the joy of these days, embrace the gift of them, and together, we will celebrate the paschal feasts with joy.

Peace to you.

Fr. Michael Griffin

Pastor

Saint Mary

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

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS.....



CONGRATULATIONS

To the RHS One Act Cast and Crew of “SNOW WHITE”.

The cast and crew of Snow White received a SUPERIOR at the state festival in Rapid City! Congratulations also to the 7 Dwarfs: Sophia Madsen, Sarah Mitzel, Sierra Kokales, Elizabeth Russell, Rose Gutenkauf, Sidney Hansen, and Grace Kline and to the Forest Animals and Dancers: Chloe Bent, Capri Hellwig, Rachel Morrison, Anna Schmidt, McKenna Weekly, Thomas Griffin, Ben Livermont, Eva Madsen, and Anna Mitzel on receiving Superior Ensemble awards...AND Congratulations to Brinna Zikmund and Ella Ulmer on their Individual Superior Acting Awards! Great Job everyone!!

Campus Ministry Update:

We ask for your prayers for the following students:

10th grade girls on retreat February 28th-March 1st. An opportunity to experience the love of God and discover how to live their Christian life as empowered women of the Gospel.

10th grade boys on retreat March 28th-29th. We will encourage, build-up, and equip the young men of Roncalli to see their mission as men of service and love in the Church.



Music In Our Schools Concert/Supper/Bakesale Fundraiser on Monday, March 22 at the RHS Gymnasium

- Dinner 5:00-6:15 p.m., take out option available, watch for order form in email & on facebook
 - Concert begins at 6:30 p.m. , livestream at <https://portal.stretchinternet.com/hubcityroncalli/>
 - Bake Sale will feature individually wrapped homemade items
- featuring the Roncalli High School and Junior High Bands and Choirs

Free Will Offering will benefit the Roncalli Music Department

****MASKS ARE REQUIRED****

March is Music in Our Schools Month!



~~ Mark your Calendars ~~

Scholastic Book Fair

Coming to RES and RPS Libraries

March 29 - April 1

More info on the times to follow



Hop on Over because Every Bunny Needs a New Book

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

RHS Spring Play *"The Tragicomedy of Julia Caesar"*
Performed April 8-10, 2021 at Roncalli High School



Senior, William Goscicki is spending two weeks in Pierre as a Legislative Page working with the House of Representatives. He attends meetings and House Sessions and makes himself available to assist any of the Representatives. Pictuews lft to right: Chris Johnson, Assistant Majority Leader; Representative Drew Dennert; William Gossicki, Aberdeen Roncalli Page; Representative Carl Perry in SD House

RONCALLI E-SPORTS

The Rocket League Esports team of Cason Hellwig, Jayden Reecy, and Landon Zikmund finished 33rd in the Nation.

Congratulations to this hard-working, effective communicating, quick decision-making team!

First Lego League at RES

The teams (4th grade & 5/6 grade) have their mock competition March 1st, 6:30 at the elementary school. The mock competition will be led by the high school robotics team and coach Jennifer Goscicki. The actual state competition will take place digitally the first week of March. The FLL coaches are Derek Larson and Tiffany Veal.

GOOD LUCK AND GOD BLESS!!!!

Junior/Senior Science Fair

The Science Fair took place on February 23rd, 2021. Six volunteer judges and three instructors from Roncalli's science department were the judges for one hundred fifty-six projects. The students were excited to show the judges their experiments and explain the science principles behind their projects. The students have been working on these projects since the last week of August.

Each year approximately ten junior projects and twenty senior projects typically advance to the Northern SD Science & Math Fair at Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD. In order to advance to the next level of science fair participation, the Junior and Senior Division entrants must receive a blue ribbon placing at the local event and then be selected by their science instructors to be eligible to move on to the higher-level contests.

Junior Division participants advancing to the virtual Regional Science Fair at NSU on March 25th are: Derek Arunasalam- Animal Science Division; Matayah Henrich and Reese Henrich- Chemistry Division; Leah Carda- Medicine and Health Division; Ava Hanson and Jesse Hernandez- Microbiology; Bryson Lane and Gannon May- Physics Division, and Heather Hall- Plant Science.

Senior Division participants advancing to the Regional contest include: Abbygail Lohman and Olivia Ulmer- Behavioral Division; Halle Kuck- Biology Division; Rose Gutenkauf and Sawyer Henrich- Chemistry Division; Zachary Behrends, William Gosciacki and Sara Mitzel- Computer Science Division; Jackson Henrich- Energy and Transportation; Peter Duenwald, Ella Hanson and Sophia Madsen- Engineering Division; Morgan Fiedler- Environmental Sciences; Lillian Jensen and Anna Schmidt- Medicine and Health Services Division; Simon Bickford and Elizabeth Russell- Microbiology Division; Rachel Knapp and Brinna Zikmund- Physics Division.

The overall **First Place Junior Division** project award was given to Ava Hanson with her project "*Bye-Bye Bacteria*". In her project, Ava tested the effectiveness of antibacterial gels.

Overall **Second Place Junior Division** project award was given to Gannon May with his project "*How Fast is Your Puck.*" In this project, Gannon tested the speed of hockey pucks at different temperatures.

The overall **First Place Senior Division** project award was given to Anna Schmidt with her project "*Effect of Pesticides in Vaping Solutions on Embryonic Development.*" In this project Anna tested the effect of pesticides found in vaping solutions on the embryos of zebra fish. Overall **Second Place Senior Project** was awarded to Simon Bickford with his microbiology project "*Recombinant Bacteria Capable of Expressing Type 1 Collagen Proteins.*" For this project Simon was able to clone a type of bacteria that is able to express collagen proteins.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the 2021 Roncalli Science Fair. Special thanks to the parents, grandparents, and other family members who encouraged and supported their loved ones in this process. Well done to all students who competed in this year's local science fair!

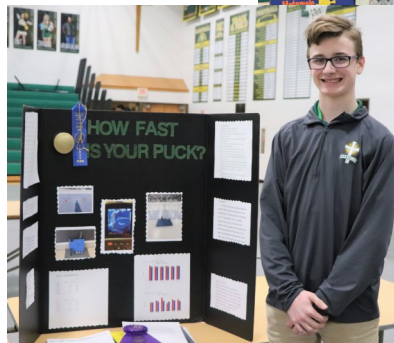


ANNA SCHMIDT

SIMON BICKFORD



GANNON MAY



AVA HANSON

FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIP

The goal of the ACSS is to make a Catholic education available to any family who chooses it. Because of the tremendous financial support of St. Mary's and Sacred Heart parishes our tuition is one of the lowest in the region.

Annually, Roncalli offers \$100,000 in tuition assistance for K-12 in the form of scholarships and work-study grants to make a Roncalli education even more possible. We invite you to take advantage of this opportunity.

The deadline to apply for the 2021-2022 school year is **MARCH 12.**

All of the information and forms below can be found on our website: <https://www.aberdeenroncalli.org/admissions/financial-aid-scholarships>

#1: Complete **Online Aid Application** found here: <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/413ND>(link is external).

#2: Complete **K-12 General Scholarship/Financial Aid Application**, found on website

#3: Students entering grades 4-12, complete a **Work Grant Application**, found on website

Please review additional scholarship opportunities on the website to determine if others are appropriate for you. Also available are:

Presentation Sisters: <http://www.presentationsisters.org/ministries/education-ministry/>(link is external) (Deadline is March 12)

South Dakota Partners in Education: <https://www.sdpartersinedu.org/>(link is external)
(check website for scholarship application availability and deadlines)

Contact Vickie Haiar, 226-2100, vickie.haiar@aberdeenroncalli.org with questions.

Roncalli High School Semi Formal Dance

The Semi Formal will be held Saturday, March 6 from 8-11pm at Roncalli High School.

No outside dates will be allowed this year due to COVID-19.

Cost is \$10

Tickets can be purchased in the Roncalli High School Library.



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/>

Friday, March 5th: KC fish fry starting at 5:30pm
 Fridays: Stations of the Cross throughout Lent at 7pm
 Sunday, March 7th: Diocesan Encounter event at Holy Cross in Ipswich for youth and families. 4pm-6pm
 Wednesday, March 10th: Parent formation series 5:30-6:30pm. Topic: The dynamics of family prayer with Jim & Kala Heller
 Saturday, March 13th from 9am-2pm: Church cleaning. Volunteers needed for any part or all of the time!
 Thursday, March 18th from 6-9pm: Cor Jesu youth large group night - spring break edition! Pizza supper starts at 6 - all youth grades 7-12 welcome.
 Friday, March 19th: St. Joseph's feast day men's breakfast - 6am-7:15am.
 Friday, March 19th: St. Joseph's feast day parish wide celebration! 5:30pm Mass, 6pm KC burger meal, 7pm Stations of the Cross.
 Saturday, March 20th: Evangelization 101 workshop from 9-11am.
 Thursday, March 25th: Feast of the Annunciation Women's Breakfast: 6-7:15am
 Wednesday, March 31st: Lenten Penance Service at St. Mary's from 6-9pm.

St. Mary's News

stmarysabrtumblr.com

Wed. March 10 – Confirmation Class
 Wed. March 24 – Confirmation Class

this LENT

Fast from whatever comes between you and God

Pray to grow closer to God

Give because you have received from God

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.

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/>

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.



SUMMER SONSHINE PATCH INFO



Summer 2021

**I STREAM, You STREAM,
We all scream for STREAM!**

First Day: TBD Last Day: August 6th

Come join us for a STREAMY good time this summer!
Flexible scheduling, fun-tastic field trips & water days, along
with STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering,
Art, & Math) activities will keep your child occupied all
summer long!

Registration due: April 12th
Registration form found on our website:

(<https://www.aberdeenroncalli.org/schools/summer-program>)

Registration can be mailed or dropped off at:
Roncalli Primary School (419 1st Ave NE)

"If anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creation"
- 2 Corinthians 5:17

Any Questions?
Contact Shelby Braun
shelby.braun@aberdeenroncalli.org



SUMMER SONSHINE PATCH INFO

Roncalli SonShine Patch Preschool Registration 2021-2022 School Year

Do you or someone you know have a 3, 4, or 5 yr old preschooler who would love to join us for preschool in a fun, faith filled learning environment? Sign up NOW for either full day preschool/ childcare or a part time preschool experience.

<https://www.aberdeenroncalli.org/schools/preschool>



Contact **Pat Buechler** at 225-3460 or
pat.buechler@aberdeenroncalli.org
for more information or to schedule a tour.

42ND ANNUAL
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.



Making it Possible

Continue Your Commitment to
Aberdeen Catholic School System
with Help from
Catholic United Financial



School Support

Proud Supporter of Catholic Education
and Sponsor of the 2021 Catholic
Schools Raffle.



Student Support

Make your child a member and continue
their educational journey with a boost
through our tuition grant program.

NEW!

Members of Catholic United Financial can apply for PreK-12 Tuition Grants!

Membership has its benefits.

Find out how to qualify for grant programs.
Capture this code on your smartphone camera
to visit our website and learn more.



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Questions?

Contact your local
representative for details



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This Lent
CHOOSE...

NOW HIRING for Summer positions

"I STREAM, you STREAM, we all SCREAM for STREAM!!

Do you want to enjoy a fun-filled summer with some amazing kiddos?
Come join our team at the SonShine Patch to keep their little minds going
all summer long! Sunny outside time, field trips, and SO MUCH MORE!!

Call us at (605) 225-3460 or email Shelby Braun
(shelby.braun@abernoncalli.org) for more information!

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