

February 2021



# RONCALLI

Aberdeen Catholic School System

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

1400 N DAKOTA STREET, ABERDEEN, SD 57401

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## FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS

now being  
accepted,  
details on pg. 6

**High School  
Winter Semi  
Formal,**  
tentatively resched-  
uled to March 6  
8pm @ RHS

### **\*\*NOTE\*\***

The school offices  
will be closed  
Wednesdays from  
2-3pm through Feb.  
24 so all staff can  
participate in the  
Bishop's book study.

**Online Spirit Store**  
[www.geffdog.com/stores/  
roncallispiritstore](http://www.geffdog.com/stores/roncallispiritstore)

For complete sports  
schedule go to  
[northeastconference.com](http://northeastconference.com)



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**Central Office:**  
(605) 226-2100

**High School Office:**  
(605) 225-7440

**Elementary School:**  
(605) 229-4100

**Primary School:**  
(605) 225-3460

## GREETING FROM THE ACSS PRESIDENT

February is upon us and I find myself looking forward to Ash Wednesday on February 17 and the season of Lent. For myself, it is a season for taking stock and reflecting on my spiritual health. A time to lay at the foot of the cross everything in my heart and in my life and use the opportunity to fast, and pray as a means for greater spiritual growth.

In the spirit of Lent and the personal reflection it brings, I invite us all to contemplate our role within the ACSS family. How do we participate in the life of Roncalli and how does that interaction enhance or detract from our mission and God's will? From the beginning I have requested your prayers for Roncalli and will continue to request those prayers. When we start with prayer no matter what comes next, good or challenging, we have the foundation to move forward with confidence and strength. My prayer this Lenten season is that we both are led to greater spiritual growth.

That prayer foundation certainly came into play a year ago. It is hard to believe it has been a year since my heart attack. I think of many blessings that have come as a result of that event. One blessing has been a greater spirit of appreciation. Appreciation for everything in my life but most profoundly a renewed appreciation for the power of prayer and a reminder of what my priorities should be. Also con-

firmed in that event was the reality of how special Roncalli is and how much I value this family.

I will end with a THANK YOU to all those who are being ambassadors for our school system. The best marketing initiative in the world isn't a match for face to face testimony and promotion of Roncalli. Please continue to invite others to check us out.

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Tim Weisz  
ACSS President

### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

**February 17**

Sacred Heart Parish:  
7:30am, 12:00pm, 5:30pm,  
7:00pm

St. Mary's Parish:  
7:00am, 12:10pm, 5:30pm

### Full Time Preschool and OST Parents

**Sign up for care during no school days  
in February and March.**

**Please refer to page 3 of the  
newsletter for details!!!**

*"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".**

They qualified for the State One-Act Play Festival with their performance at the region competition on Tuesday, Jan. 26 at the Capitol Theater in Aberdeen. They will perform on Saturday, Feb. 6 in Rapid City. The cast and crew include *sitting left to right*: Director Stephanie Litzen, Anna Mitzel, Sidney Hansen, Brinna Zikmund, Capri Hellwig, Rachel Knapp, Grace Kline, Sierra Kokales, Rose Gutenkauf, *middle left to right*: Eva Madsen, McKenna Weekly, Chloe Bent, Ella Ulmer, Elizabeth Russell, Anna Schmidt, Sarah Mitzel, Lilian Jensen, *back left to right*: Simon Bickford, Sean Bickford, William Goscicki, Thomas Griffin, Jackson Henrich, Zachary Behrends, Ben Livermont, Hope Chamberlain, Hannah Chamberlain, Zachary Daggett

#### **The following students won Outstanding Acting Awards at the Region Contest:**

William Goscicki, Zachary Behrends, Brinna Zikmund, Ella Ulmer, Hannah Chamberlain, Rachel Knapp, Chloe Bent, Capri Hellwig, Anna Schmidt, McKenna Weekly, Thomas Griffin, Anna Mitzel, Eva Madsen

### CONGRATULATIONS

To 5th Graders Olivia Dix, Karsyn Davis and Hazel Kannegieter for being selected to sing in the 2021 Elementary Festival Honor Choir at SDSU this Spring.

The following Fall and Winter activities earned the SDHSAA Academic Achievement Team Award for having their students compile a GPA of 3.0 or above. Good work Cavs!

**Girl's Soccer - 3.9, Volleyball - 3.81, Girl's Tennis - 3.77, Boy's Golf 3.73, Boy's Soccer 3.45, Girl's CC - 3.73, Boy's CC - 3.70, FB Cheerleaders 3.77, Football - 3.19, Competitive Cheer - 3.54, Oral Interp 3.63 Basketball Cheerleaders - 3.83, Girl's basketball - 3.82, One Act Play - 3.75, Vocal Small Group - 3.53, Band Small Group - 3.73, Boy's basketball - 3.23, Wrestling - 3.3**

Keep up the good work!

## 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](mailto:pat.buechler@aberdeenroncalli.org) for more information or to schedule a tour.

## Roncalli SonShine Patch 2021 SUMMER Program I STREAM, you STREAM, we all scream for STREAM!

Are you looking for a summer program that will keep your child's mind active while having summer fun? Then 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!

Contact **Shelby Braun** at 225-3460 or [shelby.braun@aberdeenroncalli.org](mailto:shelby.braun@aberdeenroncalli.org) to register or for more information!



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

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.



## NO SCHOOL DAYS:

All Full time Preschool parents and all OST parents should have received an email to sign up for all day care on the upcoming no school days:

February 15th, March 18th, 19th. You must sign up by **February 8th** if you need care those days.

Contact Mrs. Buechler or Shelby with any questions.  
225-3460



## ***Catholic Schools Week***

### ***January 31-February 6, 2021***

**Don't forget the change** in schedule on Wednesday, February 3. Because we will be celebrating the All School Mass with Bishop DeGrood school will be dismissed at after the All School Mass from Roncalli High School. **RES/RPS** students will be bussed to the high school for Mass and **need to be picked up after Mass**. Sonshine Patch students will be transported back to RPS after the Mass.

### **All School Mass: Wed. February 3 @ 1:30 pm RHS Gym**

Most Reverend Bishop Donald DeGrood presiding

All are welcome to attend, masks will be required.

**Bishop's reception:** following the All School Mass, in the RHS cafeteria

### **"Cavaliers Give Back": during Catholic Schools Week**

Joining together as a community we would like to collect **Personal Care items** to donate to our parish food pantries. The items listed below are generally in short supply for folks in need and they are items that can't be purchase with Food Stamps. If you feel called to donate to the effort please **bring your item to the ALL SCHOOL MASS**. If you cannot attend the Mass, items can be dropped off at the Central Office in the high school or sent with your child to school. Thank you!!!

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| • Shampoo/conditioner (2 in 1 is good) for adult and kids | • Dish soap                            |
| • Deodorant   | • Laundry soap, smaller jugs           |
| • Body Wash & Body Spray                                  | • Trash bags                           |
| • Bar soap  | • Paper towels & Toilet paper          |
| • Lotion  | • Tissues                              |
| • Denture cream   | • Clorox wipes (NO LIQUID, just wipes) |
| • Feminine products                                       | • Toothbrushes/paste                   |
| • Bladder Control products                                |  |
| • Hand Sanitizer or wipes                                 |  |
| • Baby wipes  |  |





Your Roncalli School Counselors (no longer called "guidance counselors") work to create a future world where ALL students THRIVE! We design and deliver your school counseling program that improves student outcomes. We advocate and collaborate to promote equity and access for all students. Our common goal is to serve the KING with all students striving to be "Happy, Holy and Healthy" life-long learners.

## WE PROVIDE:

- individual student academic planning and goal setting
- school counseling classroom lessons based on the needs of students and teachers
- short-term counseling to students
- referrals for long-term support
- collaboration with families/teachers/administration/community for student success
- advocacy for students in individual plan meetings and other student-focused meetings'
- data analysis to identify student issues, needs and challenges
- and act as a systems change agency to improve equity and access, achievement and opportunities for all students.

Please take time to visit our new page on the school's updated website. You will find many helpful resources. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact either Mrs. Jackie Braun ([jackie.braun@aberdeenroncalli.org](mailto:jackie.braun@aberdeenroncalli.org)) or Mrs. Sara Vetch ([Sara.vetch@aberdeenroncalli.org](mailto:Sara.vetch@aberdeenroncalli.org)) at your convenience. Christ's peace to you.



### Catholic United Financial Catholic Schools Raffle

**ALL \$ RAISED STAYS AT RONCALLI!!!!**  
Each of our students in Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are selling raffle tickets (\$5 a ticket).

The students are doing great selling and there is still time to sell even more!!

#### Don't forget

**ALL TICKETS SOLD OR UNSOLD** must be returned to the school secretary. Thank you!

## 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](mailto: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/>



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

To give, go to [www.aberdeenroncalli.org](http://www.aberdeenroncalli.org), click 'Donate to Roncalli' and choose 'Cavalier Campaign'.

## PARISH NEWS

### Sacred Heart News

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

Wed. February 3rd: Cor Jesu Youth Large Group Night, 7-9pm

Wed. February 17th: Ash Wednesday Mass times: 7:30am, 12:00pm, 5:30pm, 7:00pm

Parish Wide Lenten Book Study at various times throughout Lent.

See [sacredheartaberdeen.net/lent](http://sacredheartaberdeen.net/lent) for details

Sun. February 21st: Confirmation Class #4 4-6pm

### St. Mary's News

[stmarysabr.tumblr.com](http://stmarysabr.tumblr.com)

Wed. February 10 – 7:00pm Confirmation Class

Wed. February 17th: Ash Wednesday Mass times: 7:00am, 12:10pm, 5:30pm

Wed. February 24- 7:00pm Confirmation Class

### ALL PARISH YOUTH EVENT

Saturday, February 13th: Aberdeen Youth Ski Trip to Great Bear (grades 6-12). Contact

Thomas Eskro at 225-7065,  
[thomas@sacredheartaberdeen.net](mailto:thomas@sacredheartaberdeen.net) or  
Sarah Barstad at 229-4422,  
[sarah@stmarysabr.com](mailto:sarah@stmarysabr.com)

## 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.presentationisters.org/ministries/education-ministry/\(link is external\)](http://www.presentationisters.org/ministries/education-ministry/(link%20is%20external)) (Deadline is March 12)

**South Dakota Partners in Education:** [https://www.sdpartersinedu.org/\(link is external\)](https://www.sdpartersinedu.org/(link%20is%20external)) (check website for scholarship application availability and deadlines)

Contact Vickie Haiar, 226-2100,  
[vickie.haiar@aberdeenroncalli.org](mailto:vickie.haiar@aberdeenroncalli.org)

**A**  
*Sweet*  
**TREAT**



**JUST  
FOR** *You!*

**Through Feb. 19 - purchase two tickets  
to the Roncalli Ball  
(held Friday, April 23 at the DEC)  
for \$150, a savings of \$20!**

**Tickets are available by:**

- **Purchasing at February 9 and February 18 home basketball games**

**OR**

- **Calling 605-226-2100 to order by phone**

**OR**

- **Stopping by the ACSS Central Office with cash or check**

**OR**

- **Scanning the QR code and buying online (fees apply)**

