

September 2021



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Aberdeen Catholic School System

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GREETINGS FROM THE ACSS PRESIDENT

WELCOME TO THE 21-22 SCHOOL YEAR!!!

I have to begin this year with a word of gratitude to you for entrusting your children and grandchildren to us. I am also grateful that I can share with you the fact that our enrollment is up over 7% from last year! Included in those numbers are 50 Kindergarteners and 29 students who transferred in from other school districts. Our Admissions Dept. put forth great effort to welcome prospective families and help them see the wonderful option that the ACSS could be for them. We can also attribute our increase to several alumni and parents who made personal and intentional invitations to families to consider Roncalli! I want to highlight this so that you can see how much positive power you have in sharing the good news of Roncalli and our mission to not only offer an excellent education but an atmosphere for students to grow in their faith.

In this new school year, we plan to follow the lead of Bishop DeGrood concerning COVID-19.

- Vaccinations are not mandatory for staff or students.
- Masks are not mandatory but certainly permitted.
- Anyone exhibiting signs and symptoms of a COVID-19 infection will be asked to leave school immediately.
- If a person has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus, they are to follow the instructions of their medical provider. The school will not be conducting 'close contact' tracing.

We will continue to stress and follow good hygiene practices with our population and will continue to disinfect our schools once a week with a fogger.

We appreciate the trust you have in us. Please be reassured we will do our very best to keep our focus on student learning while helping students and staff form a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I'm excited to announce a new opportunity for our family of faith here at school and in the Aberdeen community. Beginning September 14, Eucharistic Adoration will be offered at the high school on Tuesday and Thursday each week school is in session. The faculty, staff and students are invited to participate for at least 15 minutes each week. There will be time built into the day for the students to take part. It is our desire to help our students and staff develop strong habits of sacramental participation and prayer. This opportunity to spend time with the Real Presence of Jesus Christ provides time to develop these skills.

Community members are invited to take part as well. Adoration will take place from 8:30am-3:00pm on those days. We would like to have two people present each hour (full hours begin at 9am). Please look to page 5 of the newsletter for more details. To reserve your hour please contact Michala Heller, 226-2100, michala.heller@abernonroncalli.org.

Please continue to keep the school system in your prayers.

God bless

Gentle

REMINDER

Fee Payments are due by **Sept. 20, 2021**, unless already paid, and tuition is due on the 1st day of each month (auto deduct is taken out on the 10th of each month). You may access your tuition and fee balances through Infinite Campus parent portal by clicking the fees tab.

RHS

HOME COMING

Sept. 6-10
details on pg. 4

3rd Annual Roncalli Marching Band Festival

details on pg. 4

PTO KICK OFF

Tuesday, September 21
at 7 pm in the Elementary School Library
details on pg. 8

Online Spirit Store

www.geffdog.com/stores/roncallispiritstore

For complete sports schedule go to northeastconference.com



Central Office:

(605) 226-2100

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."

Help us WELCOME our NEW ACSS FACULTY & STAFF

Shelby Braun– *OST Afterschool
& Summer Coordinator*



-I am from Warner, S.D.
 -I Graduated from Northern State University with a Bachelor of Art degree in Sociology (emphasis in Human Services) and a minor in Psychology.
 -Before joining Roncalli in January 2021 I was at the YMCA Youth Development Center for six years serving as a teacher aid and School Age Coordinator.
 -I am looking forward to getting the chance to impact more lives for today's youth and getting to do that through practicing my faith. I am looking forward to attending Mass weekly with the kiddos and getting to experience that with them and their families. This school year will be fantastic! GOD IS GOOD!

Megan Ogren
Preschool Teacher



-I am from Aberdeen, S.D. and am a Roncalli Alum.
 -I graduated from Northern State University with a Elementary Ed degree.
 -I am in my 8th year of teaching, 4 of those previously at Roncalli Elementary.
 - I am married to Dan and blessed to have 4 children, Maria, Isaac, Julia, and Kathy Sue.
 -I am looking forward to getting to know my students! It's great to be back with my Roncalli Family!

Amy Heinz
7-12 Art Teacher



-I am from Northville, S.D.
 -I graduated from Northern State with a BS in K-12 Art Education/ Music/ELA and from Emporia State University with an MS in Curriculum & Leadership.
 -I am in my 16th year of teaching
 -I am married with three amazing and active boys.
 -I am looking forward to getting to know the students at Roncalli and celebrating the gifts God bestows using art as the vehicle of communication.

Jennifer Aman
Kindergarten Teacher



-I am from Aberdeen, S.D.
 -I graduated from College of St. Catherine with an Elementary Education degree.
 -I am in my 10th year of teaching.
 -I am engaged to Mike and soon his girls Madie and Emma and my girls Olivia, Abigail and Isabelle will make us a family of 7.
 -I am looking forward to being able to share my love of prayer and Jesus with my students.

Terence Rhodes
RES Custodian



-Terence is from Washington and joined Roncalli in the spring of 2021.

Marlene Lorenz
PreK Educational Assistant



-I am from Howard, S.D.
 -I graduated from Northern State University.
 -I taught for 29 years, grades 1-5 before retiring and coming to Roncalli.
 -I look forward to being part of a Christian school where learning about and practicing faith is part of the curriculum.

Cal Nygaard
7-12 School Counselor



-I am from Wagner, S.D.
-I have been a school counselor for 22 years.
-My wife Barb teaches Special Education at Aberdeen Central High School. I have 2 daughters: Stephanie is the elementary school counselor at Simmons Elementary and Sami works for Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls as an Occupational therapist.
-I am looking forward to making connections with the students at Roncalli and helping them in the process of growing as young adults and helping them in their transition to the next phase of their lives whether it be college, tech school, military, work or whatever they choose to do.

Sarah Schafer
7-9 English Teacher



-I am from Flasher, N.D.
-My degree is from Northern State University, Bachelor in English Education.
-I am in my first year of teaching.
-I am the daughter of Wayne and Norleen Schafer who raised myself and my four older siblings on a farm/ranch in western North Dakota. I now have seven nieces and nephews.
-As I begin my career at Roncalli, I am most looking forward to being a part of the strong Catholic community that focuses on the spiritual development of all. I look forward to growing in my own faith, but also helping others grow in theirs.

Jill Sieh
1st Grade Teacher



-I am from Lake Havasu City, A.Z. .
-I graduated from Northern Arizona University with a B.S. degree in Elementary Education and from Northern Arizona University with a M.S. degree in Elementary Education.
-I have 21 years of teaching experience.
-I have been married for 12 years to my husband Jason who is originally from Leola, SD. We have two daughters Abigayl (5th grade) and Natalie (3rd grade).
-I am excited to share my love of reading and Jesus with my students as well as grow in my faith.

THANK YOU.....

To the benefactors, supporters and friends of Roncalli who made the new practice track at Roncalli High School a reality. The track was completed this summer and the practice areas for the field events were in place last spring. Pictured below is the cross country team as they used the track during an early practice in August. In addition, we are grateful for the memorial gift that provided a new score board on the practice football field. This is not only a great benefit to the Junior High and JV football teams at game time, but the track and cross country teams will be able to use it during their practice time as a training tool.



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SEPTEMBER 6-10

7-12 Grade Activities**Tue. 7th:** *Dress up theme: Mathletes vs Athletes*

- Mass @ 9:15am
- VB vs @ Waubay, starts at 4:30pm

Wed. 8th: *Dress up theme: Class Color Day*

- 7th gr. Gold - 8th gr. Green - Freshman Pink
- Sophomores Red - Juniors Blue - Seniors Black
- Coronation of the 21-22 Lord and Lady, 7:00 pm
- @ RHS followed by the burning of the 'R'

Thur. 9th: *Dress up theme: Pajama Day*

- Varsity Cross Country vs. Aberdeen Central @ Lee Park, 3:00 pm
- VB @ Tiospa Zina Wambdi, starts at 5:00 pm

Fri. 10th:

- Homecoming Parade: *Decades is the theme*, begins at 1:00 pm at RPS, then north on Kline street to Mother Joseph Manor, then east on 12th Ave. to RHS.
- All School Pep Rally to follow parade at RHS. Students dismissed from the high school.
- FB VS Redfield @ Swisher Field, 7:00 pm

K-6 Grade Activities**Tue. 7th:** *Dress up theme: Olympics***Wed. 8th:** *Dress up theme: Class Color Day*

PreK Red - K Orange - 1st Yellow - 2nd Green
3rd Blue - 4th White - 5th Gray - 6th Black

Thur. 9th: *Dress up theme: Decades***Fri. 10th:** *Dress up theme: Spirit Day*

- Homecoming Parade
- All School Pep Rally at RHS following the parade. Students dismissed from the high school at 3pm.

OST students who are signed up will return to the primary school after the Pep Rally.

Please stay alert to a letter containing details that will be being sent home with the K-6 students

Congratulations to the 2021-22 RHS Royalty Candidates**Lady Candidates:**

Jeci Ewart, Morgan Fiedler, Rose Gutenkauf, Olivia Hanson,
Halle Kuck, Hayley Schmidt and Olivia Ulmer

Lord Candidates:

Anthony Brunmaier, Mason Carrels, Logan Gruenstein, Carson Helms, Benjamin Lohman,
Matthew Martinez, and Zeezrom Mouna

MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL**3rd Annual Roncalli Marching Band Festival****Wednesday, September 29**

The parade of bands begins at 9:30am and will travel east on 15th Ave NE from Main Street to Dakota Street and into the RHS parking lot. All are welcome to attend!



*When we spend time with
Jesus, we become like Him.*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Is being offered this year in the Roncalli High School Chapel each Tuesday and Thursday that school is in session. Students and staff will be taking time during these days to pray before the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ.

You are invited to join them in a holy hour of prayer!!

Starting Tuesday, September 14 volunteers will be offering a holy hour from 8:30am-3pm (full hour slots start at 9am). We need to get two people assigned to each hour. Please consider committing to one of the hours. If you are interested please contact Michala Heller @ 226-2100 or michala.heller@aberdeeroncalli.org.

What is Eucharistic Adoration? It is a Eucharistic practice in which the Blessed Sacrament is adored by the faithful. This practice may occur either when the Eucharist is exposed, or when it is reserved in a place such as a tabernacle.

Adoration is a sign of devotion to and worship of Jesus Christ present in body, blood, soul, and divinity, under the appearance of the consecrated host, that is, sacramental bread. During this time of sacrificial prayer before Jesus in the Eucharist a person can grow deeply in devotion and their ability to listen to Christ's direction and guidance. Meditation on scripture and intercessory prayers are some common ways people pray during this time.

Find out more here: <https://staugustinecatholicparish.org/news/spend-time-in-eucharistic-adoration>



Roncalli HALL OF FAME 2021 Induction Banquet

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL
REGISTRATION AND SOCIAL HOUR: 5:30 PM
DINNER: 6:30 PM
CEREMONY TO FOLLOW

The Aberdeen Catholic School System is honored to announce the 2021 Roncalli Hall of Fame Inductees:

Arts and Academics – Dan Noble, Class of 1977
Athletics – Meg Kugler Larson, Class of 1998
Benefactors and Founders – Earl and Arlene Randall
Employees – Mary (Jeanne) Webb
Volunteer Service – Rita Pettigrew



INDIVIDUAL TICKETS \$35
SUPPORTER SPONSOR \$300
FOUR TICKETS AND RECOGNITION IN VARIOUS PROMOTIONS.
TABLE SPONSOR \$500
EIGHT TICKETS AND RECOGNITION IN VARIOUS PROMOTIONS.
CALL 605-226-2100 BEFORE SEPTEMBER 23 TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT.



PARISH NEWS

Sacred Heart News

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

Sacred Heart Bazaar!

Sunday, September 19th from 10:30am-6:30pm

Cor Jesu Youth Large Group

Wednesday, September 22nd @ 7pm-9pm
(open to all youth grades 7-12)

First Reconciliation/First Communion Parent Meeting

Sunday, September 26th @ 4pm

Confirmation Student/Parent Meeting

Sunday, September 26th @ 7pm

St. Mary's News

stmarysabr.tumblr.com

Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Mary's

September 15

8am– Solemn Mass

6pm– Litany in the church followed by a Potluck
(bring an item to share with a large crowd)

6:30pm– Games and tours of the Rectory

8:30pm– Night Prayer in the church

ST. MARY'S FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 10

SAVE THE DATE!


****SPECIAL REQUEST:** Fr. Andrew is looking for a person or persons from St. Mary's & Sacred Heart who might help organize a Mission trip for post-confirmation students. He has many leads so you would not be starting from zero. These experiences have proven life changing for all involved.

Contact him at 229-4422

St. John XXIII, Pray for us.



The annual March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington DC will occur once again this year from January 19-23, 2022. The march is the largest pro-life rally in the country and is open this year to any student (grade 9 and older) and adult wishing to attend. An informational meeting for those from Aberdeen interested in learning more about this opportunity will be held on **Monday, September 13th at 7pm** in the St. Mary's Parish social hall (409 2nd Ave NE). Any questions can be directed to the parish offices (St. Mary's - 605.229.4422, Sacred Heart -



ACSS 21-22 Help Take a Child to School Days

September 24, 2021

October 22, 2021

November 19, 2021

December 17, 2021

January 14, 2022

February 11, 2022

March 4, 2022

April 8, 2022

May 6, 2022

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.



To all our Cavaliers this school year...

IF YOU SEE A STUDENT

- struggling to make friends
- being picked on
- who is new or shy
- who is eating lunch alone
- who is at recess or always alone

BE A LEADER! BE A CAV!

Say hello. Ask to join them. Include them in what you are doing. You may be the best part of their day.

YOUR KINDNESS MAKES A
DIFFERENCE IN OTHER
PEOPLE'S LIVES.

COMMUNICATE THEY MATTER!



PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Greetings Fellow Roncalli Parents!

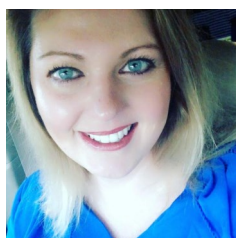
What a delight to be back into our school routines and enjoying the change of seasons in so many senses of the words. I am honored to share with you my role this year as your PTO Ninja, Leader of the Pack, Volunteer Extraordinaire, or whatever crafty name you'd like to equate me with. I am ready to expand my role as a fellow parent and assist in our Parent Teacher Organization.

My Husband, Leland, and I have four delightful daughters. We chose to make Roncalli our home when we relocated from Atlanta in 2019 to be closer to our families. It was a very obvious choice that we wanted our children to be enrolled at campuses that embraced who they were, provided above and beyond for their academic needs but mostly it was the true community we were welcomed into that made the choice clear.

I want to be the first to welcome YOU! Whether you are a seasoned Roncalli family or this is your first year attending- welcome! You are also part of the PTO and together we get to provide many opportunities not only for the children but the impeccable staff. It's because of the PTO that Roncalli gets to offer so many special events, classroom perks and teacher's wishes come to fruition- making each day our students and staff are present an amazing day.

I welcome you to join us for our PTO Kick-Off in the Library at the Roncalli Elementary Campus on **Tuesday, September 21 at 7 pm.** Here we will brainstorm a wish list for the year and prepare for the best year yet.

Your Fellow PTO
Comrade,
Aleshia Armbright



Join us for the annual



Saturday, Sept. 18

4-person Scramble at Lee Park Golf Course

All proceeds benefit Aberdeen Catholic School System

TEAM ENTRY \$500

Individual Entry \$125

(includes cart, golf, and food)

8:00 a.m. – registration/light breakfast

9:00 a.m. – shotgun start

1:30-2:00 p.m. – awards/prizes announced

(Food available on the course throughout the day)

Not part of a foursome?

We can match you up!

Call ACSS Development Office at 226-2100, jill.young@aberdeenroncalli.org for details

The Cavalry supports all activities and athletics at Roncalli. They specifically focus on the students and parents in 7-12 grade. If you would like to get involved please contact Will Griffin, Will3897@icloud.com

Green and Gold Memberships are available to purchase in the Central Office, 226-2100.



VOLUNTEERS:

CMG CONNECT website

<https://siouxfalls.cmgconnect.org>

If you will be driving or volunteering in the classroom you must complete the requirements of our school Safe Environment Program. We work under the directives of the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls. The Online Safe Environment System is called **CMG Connect**. Each volunteer is asked to complete all the requirements to be clear to volunteer in the classroom or serve as a volunteer driver. If you are a first time volunteer there is a training sheet found on the school website to get you started, click the **ACADEMICS** tab then the **FORMS** tab. Please contact Mrs. Heller in the Central Office with questions or problems (226-2100). The required steps are listed below. If you are a returning volunteer and don't remember your Username or password contact Mrs. Heller, please do not create a new profile!!!!

-Online Training Program– This is required each year. There is a certificate of completion you can send to Mrs. Heller or simply email her with notice that you are done.
michala.heller@aberdeeronclli.org.

-Background check– conducted through the Diocese every 6 years. **DO NOT** do this on the CMG website unless you are a brand new volunteer or are a veteran volunteer who has been notified your background check has expired!!!!!!

-Volunteer Driver Form– please complete and turn into your school secretary before you transport any students. The secretaries have forms at their desks or you can access on the school website, click the **ACADEMICS** tab then the **FORMS** tab.

SCHOOL MASS SCHEDULES

RES– Wednesdays at 8:30am Sacred Heart Parish

RHS– Wednesdays at 9:15am Roncalli High School

RPS– Thursdays at 10:10am St Mary's Parish

Important Dates:

September 10- Homecoming Parade 1:00 PM, beginning at RPS

Homecoming Football Game 7:00 PM @ Swisher Field

September 13– March for Life information meeting at St. Mary's, details on pg. 6

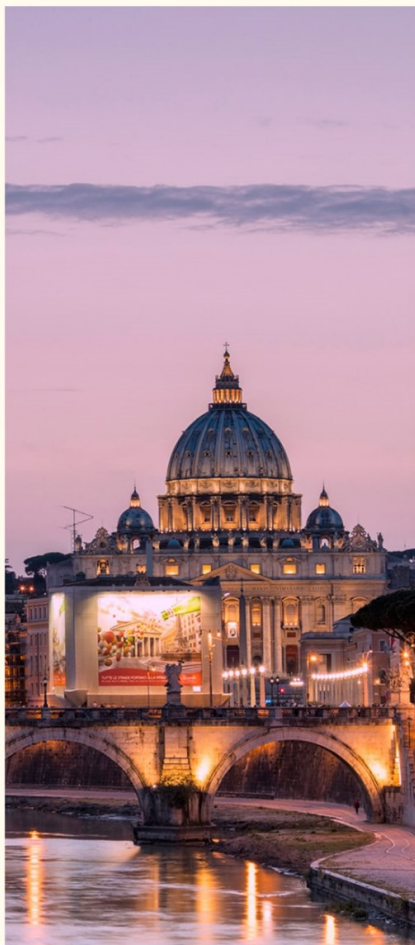
September 14– RPS School Picture Day

September 15– Morning Pre-School Picture Day

September 15– RES School Pictures Day

September 24– Help Take A Child To School, no uniform day fundraiser

September 29- Parent/Teacher Conferences for grades PreK-12 grade



Interested in learning more about
the Catholic Church?

**Join us for the Aberdeen Area
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

**Sundays from 3:30 - 5pm
In the School Library at Sacred Heart
Begins September 12, 2021**

SACRED HEART PARISH & SAINT MARY'S PARISH
TO REGISTER CONTACT SACRED HEART AT 605-225-7065
OR ST. MARY'S AT 605-229-4422



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Ken's SuperFair Foods gives us 1% back for most purchases through their Ken's Karing for Kids program. Turn in your Ken's receipts to your child's school or box located in Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Parishes.

Kessler's Dollars for Scholars program gives us 1% back for most purchases. Turn in your Kessler's receipts to your child's school or box located in Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Parishes.



KESSLER'S
YOUR HOMETOWN GROCER



Drop empty aluminum cans off at RHS. The CAN trailer is located behind the high school.

**Show off your Cavalier
Pride! License plate decals
are available in the ACSS
Central Office - \$10/pair!**

Roncalli Nearly New
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Donate to and shop at this thrift store - all proceeds benefit Roncalli directly. They are a great resource for gently used uniforms, too!

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Like to shop online?
Use Amazon Smile and designate the Aberdeen Catholic School System as your charitable organization. ACSS receives a percentage of all your Amazon purchases!



Look for Box Tops for Education on General Mills products. Simply clip them and send them to your child's school or drop them off at the box at St. Mary's or Sacred Heart.
OR - download the 'Box Tops' phone app, locate Roncalli, and scan your receipts. Roncalli automatically gets the points!

Did you know . . .
tuition and fees cover less than 50% of the actual cost of a child's education at Roncalli? Help bridge the gap by supporting these programs!