

February 2022



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Feb. 7

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15% off everything through Feb. 6th

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

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# RONCALLI

Aberdeen Catholic School System

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

1400 N DAKOTA STREET, ABERDEEN, SD 57401

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## GREETINGS FROM THE K-6 PRINCIPAL

Mr. Weisz is home sick so he has asked me to share a few thoughts with you and I am happy to do so!

As we begin the celebration of National Catholic Schools Week for the 48th year, our thoughts turn to gratitude for the Aberdeen Catholic School System. We remember all those who have come before us, who have played some role in leaving the legacy that formed us into who we are today. We have been blessed beyond measure and we continue to flourish, planting the seeds of Christ's amazing love for us. As a mission of Sacred Heart and St. Mary's parishes, we strive to live our Catholic faith in a real and meaningful way, as we hope to fulfill Bishop DeGrood's vision of "Lifelong Catholic Missionary Discipleship Through God's Love".

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week has been an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. The theme for 2022 is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." We use this time to come together as a faith community to focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation.

The Lord is doing amazing things at Roncalli as He works through our students, staff and families. We humbly ask for your prayers as we continue our mission of providing

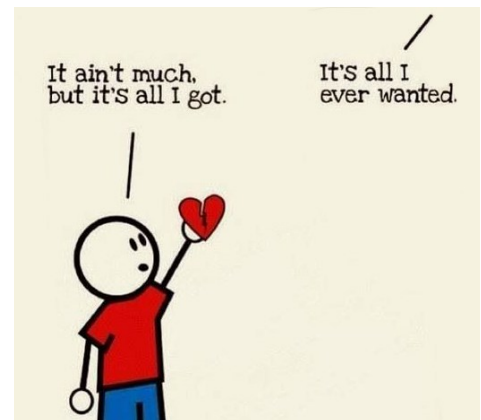
Catholic education in the Aberdeen community.

Our All School Mass will be held in the high school gymnasium on Wed., February 2nd at 8:30 am, and we invite you to join us. His Excellency, The Most Reverend Donald DeGrood, will concelebrate the Mass with our area priests. This is such a special occasion when all of our students gather together to celebrate that which unites us.

*"Start children off on the WAY they should go, and even when they are old they WILL NOT turn from it.*

*Proverbs 22:6*

Blessings,  
Mrs. Tammy Kost K-6 Principal



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

## SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS.....



# National Catholic Schools Week

## January 30-February 5, 2022

### HIGHLIGHTS

**PTO Family Bowling-** PreK-6th graders take your family bowling courtesy of PTO on either Sun, Jan. 30 from 4-7pm or Wed, Feb. 2 from 1-4 pm. For you this includes 2 free games and free shoe rental. Family & Friends discount prices. \$3 a game & \$2 shoes.

**Golden Rule Crew Fun Day-** Mon, Jan. 31 @ RES. 3:30-5:30 pm for 3-6 gr. \$2

**Kindergarten Information Night-** Mon, Jan. 31 @ RPS. 5:30 pm

**5th Grade Invention Convention-** Tue, Feb. 1 @ Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 9-10am & 12:05-1pm. Come and see our great inventions.

**All System Mass & Activity Day-** Wed, Feb. 2 @ Roncalli High School. All students report to RHS by 8:10 am. Mass begins at 8:30 am in the gym.

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

We are very proud of all our students and staff. We want to especially highlight and congratulate the following people.

**Mrs. Kimberly Carda-** *5-12 Grade Instrumental Music Director*- Mrs. Carda has received the Phi Beta Mu Outstanding Bandmaster Award from the South Dakota Bandmasters Association. Phi Beta Mu is a music fraternity that seeks to, among other things, promote instrumental music in South Dakota. To receive this award, you must be nominated by someone from the fraternity and be chosen from a committee. Thank you for your hard work Mrs. Carda. This is well deserved recognition.

**Roncalli Elementary Choir** will be singing the National Anthem at the Wings Hockey game on Saturday, February 26th at the Odde Ice Arena. They are under the direction of Mrs. Camille Fischer.

**RHS Horn Quartet** has been chosen to play the National Anthem at the State B Boy's Basketball Tournament. The group is made up of Sophia Madsen, Hannah Chamberlain, Ben Goebel and Ava Danielson.

**One Act Play Cast** of The Phantom Tollbooth placed first at the Region competition and will compete in the State One Act Festival in Rapid City the first part of Feb. Cast and Crew are pictured on the opposite page.

**ROBO Cavs** have qualified for the North Dakota State Championship. They will compete the first part of February in Bismarck. The team is pictured on the opposite page.



*left to right, front row:* Matthew Mitzel, Sarah Mitzel, Ella Ulmer, Rachel Knapp, Sidney Hansen, Sierra Kokales, Sophia Madsen, Elizabeth Russell, Rose Gutenkauf *middle row:* Leah Carda, Sarah Schmidt, Faith Danielson, Eva Madsen, Isabella Martinez, Anna Mitzel, Paige Schmidt, Gianna Mitzel *back row:* Mrs. Litzen, Landon Zikmund, Cason Hellwig, Sawyer Henrich, Garrett Griffin, Zach Daggett, Thomas Griffin, Andrew Lewno (*not pictured Olivia Ulmer*)

## ONE ACT PLAY CAST AND CREW

## ROBO CAVS

*left to right, front row:* Ben Lohman, Bryson Lane, Derek Arunasalam, Ben Bradley

*back row:* Josie Mitzel, Sarah Mitzel, Anna Mitzel, Elizabeth Russell, Gianna Madsen, Eva Madsen, Sophia Madsen.



According to our 2021 Roncalli Parent and Student survey, several of you mentioned our JH/HS halls were a bit dark - and you are right! Interestingly, when the building first opened there were skylights that flooded the hallways with light. However, due to problems with leaking, they were boarded up several years ago.

We are excited to let you know installation of new lighting for the hallways has been approved, scheduled, and will be happening soon.

In addition, Mrs. Florey is leading a group that will be repainting our halls and other areas this summer. We cannot wait for a little 'refresh' in the JH/HS building! God Bless!



According to our 2021 Roncalli Parent Survey, 95% of you are aware we offer tuition assistance and scholarships, but nearly 50% of you did not know we also have a referral program.

If you refer a family to Roncalli, they indicate your name on their registration, and enroll their children, there is a tuition discount available for you. Please help us show others how God is working through our students, families, faculty and staff at Roncalli. God Bless!





## 1ST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

Last Name	First Name	Grade	Honor Roll
Ewart	Jeci	12	4.00 & Above
Fiedler	Morgan	12	4.00 & Above
Gutenkauf	Rose	12	4.00 & Above
Hansen	Sidney	12	4.00 & Above
Hanson	Olivia	12	4.00 & Above
Kuck	Halle	12	4.00 & Above
Madsen	Sophia	12	4.00 & Above
Mitzel	Sarah	12	4.00 & Above
Morgan	Allie	12	4.00 & Above
Russell	Elizabeth	12	4.00 & Above
Schmidt	Hayley	12	4.00 & Above
Ulmer	Ella	12	4.00 & Above
Ulmer	Olivia	12	4.00 & Above
Carrels	Mason	12	3.75 - 3.99
Scott	Lindsay	12	3.75 - 3.99
Helms	Carson	12	3.50 - 3.74
Knapp	Rachel	12	3.50 - 3.74
Kokales	Sierra	12	3.50 - 3.74
Martinez	Matthew	12	3.50 - 3.74
Mounga	Zeezrom	12	3.50 - 3.74
Bragg	Madelyn	12	3.00 - 3.24
Gruenstein	Logan	12	3.00 - 3.24
Lohman	Benjamin	12	3.00 - 3.24
Daggett	Zachary	11	4.00 & Above
Hanson	Ella	11	4.00 & Above
Henrich	Sawyer	11	4.00 & Above
Cicero	Ricardo	11	3.75 - 3.99
Griffin	William	11	3.75 - 3.99
Chamberlain	Hannah	11	3.50 - 3.74
Eschenbaum	Zachary	11	3.50 - 3.74
Jensen	Lillian	11	3.50 - 3.74
Lewno	Andrew	11	3.50 - 3.74
Mounga	Ilima	11	3.50 - 3.74
Zens	Phillip	11	3.50 - 3.74
Luu	Michael	11	3.25 - 3.49
Bellefeuille	Jacob	11	3.00 - 3.24
Chamberlain	Hope	11	3.00 - 3.24
Gamboa	Daniel	11	3.00 - 3.24
Griffin	James	11	3.00 - 3.24
May	Maddox	11	3.00 - 3.24

Last Name	First Name	Grade	Honor Roll
Crawford	Claire	08	3.75 - 3.99
Danielson	Ava	08	3.75 - 3.99
Davis	Elliot	08	3.75 - 3.99
Helms	Morgan	08	3.75 - 3.99
Henrich	Reese	08	3.75 - 3.99
Jones	Nyannah	08	3.75 - 3.99
Lane	Bryson	08	3.75 - 3.99
Madsen	Gianna	08	3.75 - 3.99
Opitz	Madalyn	08	3.75 - 3.99
Voeller	Rylee	08	3.75 - 3.99
Bradley	Benjamin	08	3.50 - 3.74
Falken	Joshua	08	3.50 - 3.74
Gutenkauf	Lucia	08	3.50 - 3.74
Jensen	Elizabeth	08	3.50 - 3.74
Keller	Jaxon	08	3.50 - 3.74
Berndt	Mason	08	3.25 - 3.49
Hoerth	Noah	08	3.25 - 3.49
Price	Isaac	08	3.25 - 3.49
Reecy	Zacchary	08	3.25 - 3.49
Swisher	Julia	08	3.25 - 3.49
Armbright	AvaMarie	08	3.00 - 3.24
Arunasalam	Derek	08	3.00 - 3.24
Feickert	Sophia	08	3.00 - 3.24
Feickert	Ezra	08	3.00 - 3.24
Hernandez	Jesse	08	3.00 - 3.24
Schmit	Austin	08	3.00 - 3.24
Scott	Hayden	08	3.00 - 3.24
Cogley	Joseph	07	4.0
Johnson	Claire	07	4.0
Daggett	Lucas	07	3.75 - 3.99
Erdmann	Dawson	07	3.75 - 3.99
Feickert	Ella	07	3.75 - 3.99
Keller	Riley	07	3.75 - 3.99
Kost	Lydia	07	3.75 - 3.99
Kramer	Ian	07	3.75 - 3.99
Lohman	Scott	07	3.75 - 3.99
Meyers	Ava	07	3.75 - 3.99
Siebert	Jayda	07	3.75 - 3.99
Vipond	Rebecca	07	3.75 - 3.99
Aguirre	Roxanna	07	3.50 - 3.74

## 1ST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL continued....

Feickert	Cambry	07	3.50 - 3.74
Fisher	Austin	07	3.50 - 3.74
Haverkamp	Courtney	07	3.50 - 3.74
Shelton	Quinten	07	3.50 - 3.74
Anderson	Finn	07	3.25 - 3.49
Carrels	Simon	07	3.25 - 3.49
Thomas	Jean-Anthony	07	3.25 - 3.49
Geary	Thomas	07	3.00 - 3.24
Helvig	Jayden	07	3.00 - 3.24
Johnson	Linus	07	3.00 - 3.24
Mitzel	Josephine	07	3.00 - 3.24
Olivier	Kara	07	3.00 - 3.24

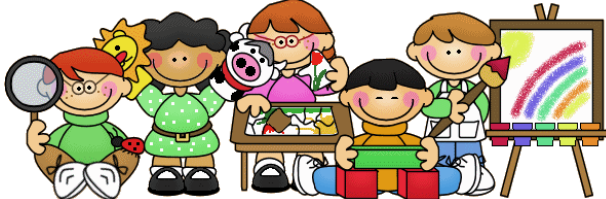


The Catholic United Financial Raffle is happening NOW!  
Ticket sales run through February 13 - and every dollar raised stays at Roncalli!  
Students have their tickets and are ready to sell!

### Roncalli SonShine Patch Preschool Registration 2022-2023 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 a 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 2022 Summer Program Welcome to Camp Kindness

Are you looking for a summer program that will keep your child's mind and body active while having summer fun? Then join us for a spectacular summer while learning the importance of being kind to one another! Flexible scheduling, STREAM, fun-tastic field trips, water days, and SO MUCH MORE will keep your child occupied all summer long!

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

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

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up,  
just as you are doing."  
~1 Thessalonians 5:11

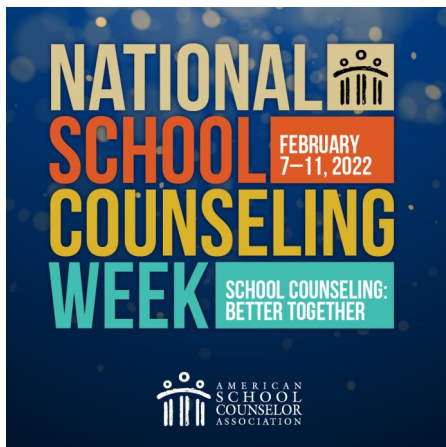


## COUNSELORS CORNER

To kick off our new year, our Top 20 committee is striving to make our learning environment at Roncalli a safe and trusted place for our students. This month our theme will be: Focusing on Acceptance and Diversity. We want our students to trust each other and accept others for who they are and where they come from. It is important that we listen to others with open minds and be able to accurately interpret messages that we receive from others. This is a valuable Top 20 skill! Each "Top 20 Tuesday" our schools will challenge our students to do a specific activity that helps them to think about our theme and practice this life lesson.

In our collaboration and professional development time with the Top 20 coaches, it was emphasized that messages that we receive from others impact who we are and what we do. Messages influence our beliefs about ourselves. Each human being is wired with three Core messages that are intended to guide and direct our lives towards fulfillment. These CORE messages have to do with Identity, Worth and Purpose.

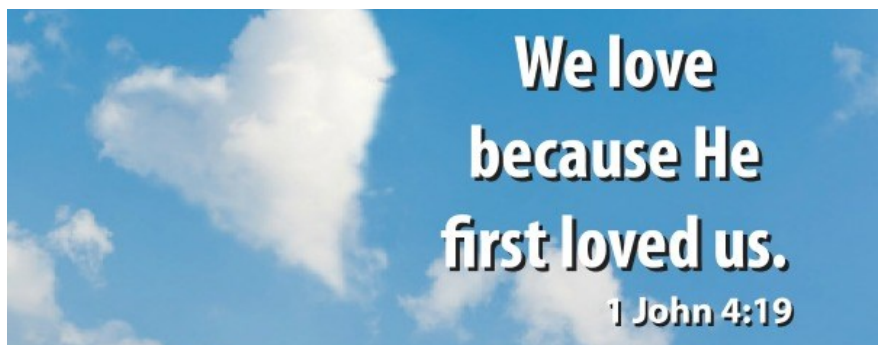
During classroom counseling instruction, we will be talking about OPOs/Other People's Opinions and learning how to work with people who have different values, skills and opinions other than our own. OPOs are not who we are unless they ARE POSITIVE! Our future should be shaped by our faith foundation, family values and personal goals that glorify God and NOT other people's opinions. "OPOs should be LET GO!" Let's honor the absent and help other people succeed by accepting people for who they are as well as taking the time to build positive relationships.



This is not necessarily a time that school counselors need to be recognized but a time to know what we can do for our students, staff and families. One of our goals is to help students learn new skills to help them succeed. Though we have very different tasks to accomplish each day, our most important job is working together to help all of the students in this school succeed. As we talk about being "better together," I would like students to remember that embracing our differences makes us so much more interesting. We all have different abilities, different attributes, different interests, different goals, different families, different perspectives. Imagine what a boring world we'd live in if we were all the same. Piglet, of Winnie the Pooh fame, said, "The things that make me different are the things that make me ME."

**Please check out our school counselor tab on the school's website for helpful resources - Contact us for questions or concerns.**

**Mrs. Braun**



## 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 2022-2023 school year is **MARCH 11**.

**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.factsmtg.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:** <https://www.presentationisters.org/ministries/education-ministry/> (check website for scholarship deadlines and application)

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

Contact Vickie Haiar, 226-2100,

## PARISH NEWS

### Sacred Heart News

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

February 8 - Theology on Tap @ 7pm

Feb. 17-19 - Seminary visit for young men (age 16-25) in St. Paul. Contact Fr. Kapperman to register

February 17- Local Synod Gathering in Sacred Heart social hall @ 7pm

February 20- Sacred Heart/St. Mary's youth ski trip to Great Bear in Sioux Falls - open to kids grades 6-12, register at either parish

February 22- Evangelization 101 workshop @ 7pm

March 2nd - Ash Wednesday. Sacred Heart Mass times: 12pm, 5:30pm, 7pm

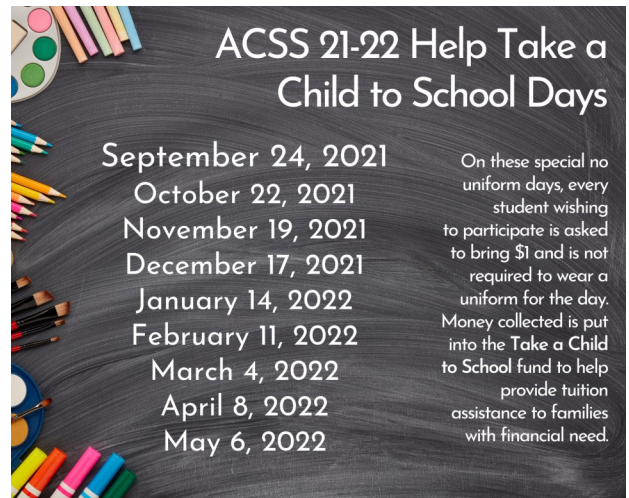
### St. Mary's News

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

February 9- 7:00pm Confirmation Classes

February 20 - Great Bear Ski Trip

February 23 - 7:00pm Confirmation Class



**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.





SOUTH DAKOTA

**Partners in Education**

*South Dakota Partners in Education (SDPE) offers scholarships to qualifying students to attend participating private schools in South Dakota.*

## **The 2022-2023 Application opens on February 8, 2022.**

**Interested in knowing if your child qualifies for a scholarship?  
Visit the South Dakota Partners in Education website at:**

**[www.sdpartnersinedu.org](http://www.sdpartnersinedu.org)**

**Click on **Apply for a Scholarship** on the home page,**

**Or go to the **For Families** tab and scroll down to **Apply Now**.**

**Students can apply at any grade level – K-12.  
To qualify, students must be income eligible.**

### **Who Must Reapply This Year?**

- **Gen 1 (Students qualifying for the first time in 2016-2017)**
- **F19 (Students qualifying for the first time in 2019-2020)**

**If you have questions, contact your school or contact SD Partners in Education.**

**(605) 679-0112    [sdpartnersinedu@gmail.com](mailto:sdpartnersinedu@gmail.com)**



## SAVE THE DATE



ALL-AREA CATHOLIC MASS

JUNE 5, 2022

NSU BARNETT CENTER

Jesus calls us to be closer to Him. Join the Aberdeen Catholic School System, Avera Health Missions, the Newman Center, Presentation College, Presentation Sisters, Sacred Heart Church, St. Mary's Church, our Aberdeen and area faith communities and parishioners in coming together as One Body in Christ to celebrate the Holy Mass. All are invited!

## DIOCESAN Youth EVENTS

DEVOTED a Going Deeper Retreat @ The Abbey of the Hills– March 25-27. Going Deeper retreats are for youth and adults who are actively involved in their parish or have participated in other retreats and events and who have a fervor to grow in the faith.



For more information on these and other Youth Discipleship & Evangelization events go to:  
<https://www.sfcatholic.org/youth/>

At Broom Tree Youth and Family Camp  
 June 20-23, 2022 (High School Camp)  
 July 10-13, 2022 (High School Camp)  
 July 14-17, 2022 (Jr. High Camp)



Cavalier Scholarship Fund

# Fund A Students Tuition Scholarship

## WHY:

- Ensure *all* students have access to a Catholic education
- A diverse student body is essential to a quality education

## WHAT:

- Needs based scholarship fund
- Since establishment, 4 years ago, the FAST account has distributed over \$69,000 to families in need of tuition assistance
  - Two gift options:
    - Immediate needs: allows immediate impact to families in need now
    - Endowed funds: will allow for gift in perpetuity

## GOAL:

- Scholarship distributions of \$90,000 annually to Roncalli Families from FAST
- Ensure that every family is afforded a Catholic Education

## HOW:

- Asking for your prayerful discernment to financially support FAST
    - 25 donors committing to \$100/month for immediate assistance (\$30,000 annually)
    - 50 donors committing to \$50/month for immediate assistance (\$30,000 annually)
    - 100 donors committing to \$25/month for immediate assistance (\$30,000 annually)
- Donors also are asked to consider including FAST in a planned major gift or estate gift to build a \$2.5 million endowment for perpetual funding of tuition scholarships.

***\*The FAST Committee is inspired to match the impact of the Nearly New Ministry.***

“Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” Mt. 25:40

*Saturday, March 26, 2022*  
at the Dakota Event Center



Cocktails 5:00 pm  
Dinner 6:45 pm  
Program 7:00 pm  
Dancing 9:00 pm

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





**ABERDEEN AREA CATHOLIC YOUTH (GRADES 6-12)**

## **PRESIDENT'S DAY TRIP SKIING | SNOWBOARDING | TUBING**

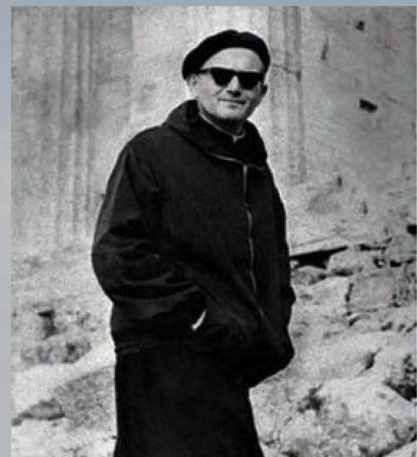
Cost of \$50 per student will cover  
Lift Ticket, Equipment Rental, and Travel

- Bring lunch and supper meals or send  
additional funds for meals -

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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH**

**RSVP DEADLINE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH**



**TO REGISTER CONTACT THOMAS ESKRO (SACRED HEART, 225-7065)  
OR SARAH BARSTAD (ST. MARY'S, 229-4422)**

**- ALL YOUTH INVITED, CHAPERONES NEEDED AS WELL! -**