



ABERDEEN CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL SYSTEM

# NEWSLETTER

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## Featured Article

Tim Weisz- ACSS President

### HAPPY NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**WEEK!!!** Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week has been an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. 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 continues to do amazing things at Roncalli and we are blessed for the opportunity to invite Jesus into our school day, and into our lives.

February begins the Lenten season. Lent is defined as a time of fasting, special prayer and almsgiving in preparation for Easter. I've recently read an article which outlined 10 ways which can help make lent more meaningful. I'd like to share those:

- **Set aside** at least 10 minutes a day for prayer or meditation.
- **Read a good book** - Whether it's a book about the life of a Saint or an inspirational book.
- **Be kind** - Make an intentional effort to do something nice for someone each day.
- **Get involved** - Attend a Lenten lecture, retreat or spiritual program.
- **Volunteer** at a parish activity or mission of the church.

### 23-24 Financial Aid

The **FACTS** application window is open

<https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/413ND>

For those families that have been reminded that they need to re-apply for the SD Partners in Education, it opens Feb 1 (**TADS**).

<https://sdpartnersinedu.org/>

Check out more details and updates on **page 8**

- **Reach out** - Invite someone to Ash Wednesday, Stations of the Cross, Confession or Mass
- **Pray** - Especially for those you are at odds with.
- **Tune out** - Turn off the television and increase quality time with those you love.
- **Clean out your closets** - Donate to Roncalli Nearly New the things no longer need.
- **Donate** to a mission of the church - Your time, talent, or treasure is needed and appreciated.

Some items may be relatively easy, others will be a challenge. I invite you to join me in making this upcoming Lenten season a time of growth and preparation of celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Please keep us in your Prayers.

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

## CONGRATULATIONS

*We are proud of our One-Act Play participants! They received 1st place at Regions with their performance of 'Anatomy of Gray'. Congratulations also to Andrew Lewno, Gianna Mitzel, Eva Madsen, Zach Daggett, Anna Mitzel, Landon Zikmund, Paige Schmidt, Faith Danielson, and Cade Young on winning Superior Acting Awards! This cast, under the direction of Mrs. Stephanie Litzen, costume design/construction by Susan Gutenkauf and Mary Gutenkauf, and music consultation courtesy of Mrs. Kim Carda, will perform at State next Friday, Feb. 3 at 8:30 pm at O'Gorman High School. God bless.*



Congratulations to sophomore, Leah Carda, flute player, on being selected to participate in the SDSU Honor Band, February 24-25 in Brookings, SD.

## BIG NEWS!!!!

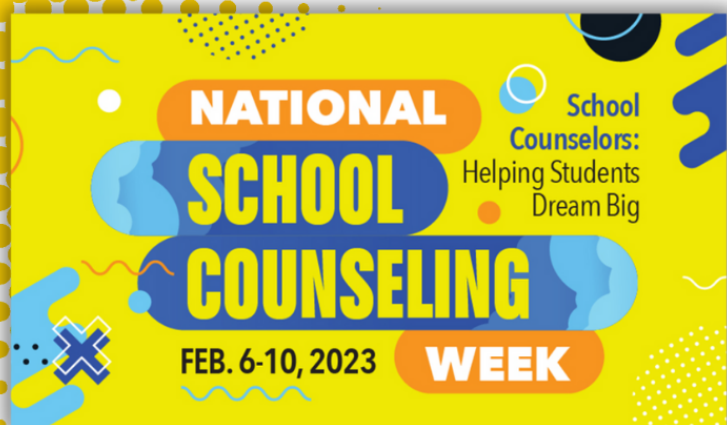


The Catholic United Financial Raffle is still going strong. Because of the delay in getting more tickets, we will be **EXTENDING** the selling period at Roncalli by one week. The **FINAL DAY** to turn in tickets will be **Tuesday, February 21!** Thanks for your support, Cavaliers!



*This year's GRC (Golden Rule Crew) helped provide a fun-filled afternoon of activities for the 3rd through 6th grade students as well as sponsored a food drive. They are going to be examples of sharing the light of Christ this month.*





## COUNSELORS CORNER

*Mrs. Jackie Braun*

*The purpose of this week is to not only promote the importance of school counseling but also recognize the people who support our school counseling program. Our Roncalli school system and administration completely support our efforts! Roncalli provides professional time for us to learn about new programming.*

*The staff are generous with their classroom time to allow us to share classroom counseling lessons and work with students who are in need. The staff also trust us to do what is best to help our students. Mr. Nygaard and I want to thank our PTO, school board, administration, parents and students.*

*Our job as school counselors is to be actively engaged in helping students examine their abilities, strengths, interests and talents; work in a partnership with parents as they encounter the challenges of raising children in today's world; focus on positive ways to enhance students' academic, career and social/emotional development; and work with teachers and other educators to provide an educational system where students can realize their potential and set healthy, realistic and optimistic aspirations for themselves. School counselors are certified, experienced educators with a master's degree in school counseling. The combination of their training and experience makes them an integral part of the total educational program.*

*"School counselors work with all students to remove barriers to learning by addressing students' academic concerns, career options and social/emotional skills," said Jill Cook, ASCA executive director. "School counseling programs help to increase student achievement and provide a much-needed resource for students, parents, teachers and administrators. School counselors are integral to student success."*

*Mr. Nygaard and I are here to serve you as well as the King! Please visit our school website page, call or email us if you have questions or concerns about your child's learning experience.*

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*Nationally, February is **KINDNESS MONTH**. By focusing on the particular fruits of the Holy Spirit, such as gentleness (empathy), kindness, patience and goodness, we can begin to see the face of Christ in our classmates, staff, and family members.*

*To celebrate the week, we will have a coloring contest! This is open to all students K-12. Coloring sheets will be distributed to K-6 students. Any 7-12 students who would like to take part, let Mrs. Braun or Mr. Nygaard know.*

*Winners will be eligible for lunch with Mrs. Braun and a prize!*



## Summer 2023 ~ Camp Kindness

Are you looking for an adventurous summer program that will keep your child's mind and body active while having summer fun? This programming will be for ages preschool through children going into 4th grade. Come join us for a spectacular summer while learning the importance of being kind to one another!

**\$36/day**  
**(choose 2-5 full days per week)**

**First Day: May 31st**

**Last Day: August 10th**

**(Programming will be CLOSED: July 4th)**

**Registration Due: March 31st**

Registration can be 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)

Any Questions? Contact Shelby Braun at (605) 225-3460

or [shelby.braun@aberdeenroncalli.org](mailto:shelby.braun@aberdeenroncalli.org)

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

~1 Thessalonians 5:11~



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## Roncalli SonShine Patch is accepting registrations for Fall 2023 Preschool!

We provide a safe, caring, Christian environment for children of all faiths. The Sonshine Patch has different options for your child, dependent upon your needs:

**Full Day Preschool Plus! Childcare** - We offer 3 classrooms of full day preschool/childcare for children ages 3-5. Children enrolled in these rooms can attend from 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. All children enrolled must be completely toilet learned.

**Part-time Preschool** - We offer 3 separate sections of part time preschool. All sections will be offered based on enrollment numbers:

- 3 years old - T/Th (8:00 – 10:30 AM)
- 4-5 years old - M/W/F (8:00 – 10:30 AM)
- 4-5 years old - M/T/Th/F (12:00 – 3:00 PM)

Preschool enrollment is open in January to all. However, preference is given through January to those currently enrolled. Others will be notified early March as to enrollment status. Registration forms and more information can be found at: <https://www.aberdeenroncalli.org/schools/preschool>

Come and join us this fall!  
Email [pat.buechler@aberdeenroncalli.org](mailto:pat.buechler@aberdeenroncalli.org)  
or call 605-225-3460.



## PARISH NEWS

### *Sacred Heart*

#### **Elizabeth Ministry Informational Meeting**

Sunday, February 5th @ 3pm in the social hall

#### **Family Formation Parish Night**

Wed, Feb. 8th. 5:30-7:30pm. Dinner, Family Activity, split sessions for parents and kids

#### **Youth Group - Large Group Night**

Wed, Feb. 8th. 6:30-7:30pm in the RES gym

#### **Seminary Visit**

February 16-18 for guys ages 16+.  
Contact the parishes to register

#### **Youth Ski Trip to Andes Tower Hills**

Sunday, February 19th for youth grades 6-12. See <https://sacredheartaberdeen.net/youth-formation> for details and registration

#### **Ash Wednesday- February 22**

Mass times: 12:10pm, 5pm, 7pm

#### **Confirmation Class**

Sun, February 26th from 4-6m in the parish hall

#### **Nicholas Black Elk Pilgrimage to the Black Hills Info Meeting**

Sunday, February 26th - 7pm in the social hall



### *Saint Mary's*

#### **Confirmation Class**

Wednesday, February 1, 7:00pm

Wednesday, January 15, 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 1, 7:00pm

#### **Ash Wednesday- February 22**

Mass times: 7am, Noon, 5:30pm

#### **Youth Group Ice Skating at Odde Ice Arena**

Sunday, January 22, 6:30pm

### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Now is the time to get your child's registration in.

If you submit all the needed forms by Feb. 13 the \$50 New Student Fee will be waived.

This is also a perfect time to invite others to consider Roncalli for their child(ren).

Call 605-226-2100 for more information.

*St. John XXIII  
Pray for us.*





Saturday, April 15, 2023  
AT THE DAKOTA EVENT CENTER

44TH ANNUAL  
**RONCALLI  
BALL**  
A GRATITUDE GALA

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.

### ***RONCALLI BALL SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION DONATIONS***

The Ball auctions are so successful because of the generosity of folks like you. If you are one who finds that perfect item to donate you can drop it off at the ACSS Central Office located in the high school. Not sure what to give? Monetary gifts are also appreciated and used to purchase items to complete the perfect basket.

We are blessed each year to receive donations from alumni and friends from near and far. THANK YOU!!!



## RONCALLI TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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.

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

**All applicants must complete the following to be considered for tuition assistance.** The deadline for applications for the 2023-2024 school year is March 17, 2023

- Complete Online FACTS financial aid Application
- Complete K-12 General Scholarship/Financial Aid Application
- **NEW!** Complete the South Dakota Partners in Education Scholarship application. Anticipated opening date around March 15, 2023

*All applicants, who are income qualified and have never been awarded funds from the SD Partners in Education Scholarship, **MUST** apply for it in order to receive any additional financial aid. The application is completed in TADS. **ACSS will pay the application fee.** Forms needed for completion: Tax forms 1040 (all schedules), W2, and 1099. You can determine if your income qualified by visiting the website <https://sdpartnersinedu.org/>*

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

Contact Niki Zikmund, 226-2100,  
[niki.zikmund@aberdeenroncalli.org](mailto:niki.zikmund@aberdeenroncalli.org) with questions.

**Only those applications that have been completed in their entirety and signed, will be considered for financial aid.**





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# President's Day Ski Trip

Sunday,  
February 19th

Andes Tower Hills  
Kensington, MN

For youth grades 6-12  
\$50 for lift ticket,  
equipment rental, travel.  
Tubing is \$25.

Contact the parish offices to register!

Sacred Heart: (605) 225-7065

St. Mary's: (605) 229-4422

Chaperones Needed

