



ACSS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: MAR. 8, 2023

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TIM WEISZ:

- Father Kapperman, Chris Uhler and I traveled to Bismarck last week. We met with Msgr. Shea and 5 other professors in six separate meetings. The trip on my opinion was very insightful.
- Our purpose there was two-fold.
 - We want to encourage a more open 'pipeline' between our two campuses. We desire to expose our students to what a Catholic University like the University of Mary has to offer, and they want future educators in their College of Education exposed to Catholic school districts like ACSS.
 - We wished for feedback regarding the Catholic Identity Standards currently under development. We were also looking for insight into our efforts to create a more robust Catholic culture.
- The Rise Up Roncalli initiative continues to operate ahead of schedule. Please feel free to check out the new weight room and new vocal room. Both are nearing completion. The new bus/maintenance building will be started by the first week of April. Fundraising continues in collaboration with the Aberdeen Catholic Foundation.
- We have canceled school a total of ten days due to poor weather/travel conditions. Please note safety of our students and staff is always at the forefront of the decision making process. As a result, ACSS is forgiving three days and rescheduling seven of those ten days. Those seven days are:
 - April 10 (Easter Monday)
 - May 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26

March is statistically the snowiest month of the year. If additional days need to be rescheduled, I will be considering all possible options.

- Reconfiguration of our buildings will require a collaborative coordinated effort from all our stakeholders. Plans are being formulated now to hopefully allow this process to go as smooth as possible.

- The project to enhance our Catholic Identity through art in the RHS hallways is mostly complete. Amy Heinz, Chris Uhler, and Fr. Kapperman are all well versed in hosting tours, outlining and explaining the artwork.
- Budget work and staffing for the 23-24 academic year continues...more details to follow.
- Congratulations to all the students/staff involved with winter activities, both fine art and athletics. Your efforts were noticed, and we are grateful for how well you represented Aberdeen Roncalli!!!!

PAULA FLOREY:

- Congratulations to our Students of the Month: Ella Hanson, Claire Johnson, Addison Cassady
- On February 27th we held our JH Science Fair at Roncalli. There were a lot of amazing projects. Thank you to Mrs. Griffin for organizing this. Congratulations to our 7/8 students who are moving on to the NSU Science Fair: Lucas Daggett, Lydia Kost, Addison Cassady, Olivia Dix, Emily Enga, Hazel Kannegeiter, Gabriella Martinez.
- The 8th grade class hosted Obang Okello on February 27th. Thank you to Mrs. Shishnia and the 8th graders for bringing Obang back to Roncalli so he could share his amazing story of survival and his faith with our students.
- We will start registering for classes on March 8th with homeroom activities in grades 7-11. Incoming 8th grade students will have a parent/student meeting on March 13th. Mr. Nygaard and Mrs. Florey will be visiting with current 5th and 6th grade students on the 9th and 10th to discuss their class options.
- Current 5/6 grade parents have been surveyed about their thoughts and concerns about their child moving into the middle school next year. Those responses will be used to help us form our Parent Meeting that we will have in April.
- It has been decided after much discussion that we will go back to an 8-period day at the high school level. Middle School will also run an 8-period day, but more than likely it will not match the high school schedule. We are discussing how to incorporate the study table idea into the day rather than at the end so that students/teachers will not have conflicts and will be able to provide a better opportunity to support our students.
- ACT Testing Day is March 7th. We will be testing 29 juniors in addition 4 seniors have signed up also to take the test that day. The school pays for the juniors to test. Seniors pay for their test at our discounted rate. Our 8-10 grade students will be taking the PreACT on that day.
- 7th graders have completed their mid-year MAP testing. Teachers use these to assess mid-year progress.
- Dinner/Dance will be held on April 1st at the Engels center on main.
- Seniors were notified of the following important dates:
 - May 10th: Awards Day, Final Mass/Commissioning, College Signing Day
 - May 11th and 12th: Seniors will be in school as part of make-up days.
 - May 14th: Graduation Mass at Noon, Graduation Ceremony to start after at approximately 1:15.

TAMMY KOST:

- We welcome our newest Cavalier, Noah James, son of Meagan DesLauriers (3rd grade), and her husband Adam. Ms. Ashlyn Lee is subbing for Meagan during her 8-week maternity leave.
- Mr. Stone and I have been meeting regularly to create plans for his new role in Campus Ministry. We have carved out some time on Tuesdays and Thursdays for him to be at RPS. He is teaching K-3 Ruah Woods Theology of the Body curriculum and is now able to attend mass with the RPS students.
- Our 6th-grade students will begin participating in spring activities with the 7th and 8th-grade students.
- Our 6th-grade students participated in our local science fair with the 7th-8th grade students.
- The new dishwasher at RPS is up and running and the students are appreciating the return of the plastic trays. It does make things much easier for them to carry.
- The RPS students participated in a symbolic, Lenten tradition of “burying the Alleluia.” In addition, they are given a Lenten challenge to complete each day.
- A special thank you to RES custodians Kathy Andersen and Tom Hager for maintaining RPS in addition to their other duties as we search for a custodian. RPS has been without a custodian for several months. Teachers and staff have also pitched in to keep this rolling.
- The faculty and staff began meeting to discuss the reconfiguration process that will start for the next school year.
- Preschool registration is in full swing, and spots have been filling up. We will be able to accept more students this next school year due to the reconfiguration of the building.
- We currently have 26 kindergarten students registered. Three additional preschool students’ families are discerning kindergarten, or preschool and two current kindergarten students are being evaluated for retention. We have a kindergarten preview day scheduled for Friday, March 10th.
- Winter NWEA Map testing was completed. Grades K-6 were tested in the areas of reading, math, and language arts.
- The 5th-grade students presented their Invention Convention projects to parents and students during CSW.
- The 4th-grade students will participate in a mini-retreat led by Mrs. Braun and a group of high school students. Our hope is to build community and improve communication skills with this young group of students.
- All students PreK-12 spent Wednesday, February 1st at RHS for CSW. It was a wonderful day of food, fun, and fellowship as we celebrated our Catholic school. The students also participated in dress-up days and special events planned throughout the week.
- The observations and assessments have been completed for the South Dakota Levels of Preschool Excellence. We will receive our designation in the coming weeks.
- The Catholic United Financial Raffle was a huge success. RPS surpassed its goal by \$4,000 for a total of over \$15K and RES also exceeded its goal by \$1500 for a total of almost \$10k. Our students are outstanding, and we are so grateful for their efforts.
- We had a new family join the Roncalli family from St. Michael, MN. They have two children, Elaina in 4th grade and Layla in 1st grade.

- We are reviewing Language Arts curriculums for this year. Samples are arriving and we hope to have a decision made by the end of the school year.
- The RES and RPS students attended a short presentation from Obang Okello on Monday, February 27th. He offers a beautiful testimony of determination, faith, and God's mercy.

RICK KLINE:

- The Roncalli Ball is scheduled for April 15, 2023 at the DEC. Please plan to attend. Tickets are available in our office. Our financial goal is \$105,000.
- Catholic United Financial Raffle concluded last week with over \$30,500 worth of tickets being sold. Our goal was \$26,000.
- Our second mailer for the Cavalier Campaign was sent in February. To date, we have raised over \$75,000 for our annual appeal.
- Nominations are being accepted for the 2023 Hall of Fame. Our five categories for nominees are: Arts and Academics, Athletics, Benefactors, Employee and Volunteer.
- The Cavalier Blast Trap Shoot is scheduled for Thursday, June 22, 2023 at the Aberdeen Gun Club. The entries this year will be limited to 20 teams. If you are interested, please register sooner rather than later.
- The Cavalier Classic Golf tournament is scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2023 at Lee Park. More details to follow.
- The weight room renovation is nearing completion. The new Choir room has been emptied and renovation is set to be completed by the end of March 2023. Construction on the maintenance shed is set to be completed by the end of May 2023 and Renovation/construction of the band room is set to be completed by the beginning of 2023-2024 school year. Fund raising efforts are continuing.

DEREK LARSON: SPORTS SCHEDULES- NORTHEASTSDCONFERENCE.COM

- State One Act Play was held in Sioux Falls on February 2nd-4th. Our OAP earned a superior rating which is the highest rating we could have received. Congratulations to Mrs. Litzen and everyone involved in the One Act Play.
- Our Spring play has just begun with practice under the direction of Michelle Schaunaman.
- The girls basketball team ended their season with a 67-56 loss to Sisseton in the second round of the regional tournament. The girls finished their season with an 11-10 record.
- The boys basketball team ended their season with a 36-34 loss to Tiospa Zina in Summit in the first round of the regional tournament. They finished with a record of 9-12. Maddox Miller earned 3rd team all-Northeast Conference.
- We hired Paige Hermansen as the new boys tennis coach. Paige is a lifelong tennis player who is excited about the opportunity to get started with our tennis program. We are scheduled to have a tennis meeting at 3:30 on March 8th. Tennis can officially start on March 13th once we no longer have snow.
- Girls Golf starts on March 27th under the direction of Coach Jon Murdy. Jon and his wife Rachel are both excited to get started with girls golf.

- Boys and Girls track and field is just starting its first practice this week. We think there will be around 80 students out for track and field. Brady Lesnar and Sarah Schafer are the two co-head coaches for track and field.
- State Visual Arts will take place in Rapid City on March 16-18. Mrs. Heinz will be taking five students with her to state visual arts.
- We had five students make the Middle School All State Band in Huron. Connor Borchers, Olivia Dix, Evelyn Martin, Jayda Siebert, and Miah Wipf represented Roncalli. Congratulations to these five individuals.
- Leah Carda was selected to the All State Band performance in Sioux Falls on March 23-25. Congratulations Leah on this great accomplishment.