



## ACSS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: APRIL 19, 2023

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### **TIM WEISZ:**

- The Rise Up Roncalli initiative continues to progress. Upon the completion of the Bus/Maintenance storage facility, we have set the stage for moving the Band. Our hope is that all work in the current phase (Phase II) of the project will be completed in time for the 2023-2024 school year. Phase III of Rise Up Roncalli includes: 1) continued work on the roof, 2) Chapel renovation, 3) JH/HS Parking lot.
- Regarding 2023-2024 staffing, we are currently advertising for three positions: K-5 SPED; Elementary (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) Teacher; 9-12 Science/Business Teacher. We have two staff members not returning next year. Mrs. Donna Herrick and Mr. Eric Swenson. Please join me in wishing them the very best as they move on to different opportunities. All contracts that were issued are signed and returned.
- Development of a comprehensive set of Catholic Standards for ACSS is going quite well. Our goal is to have these standards ready for review by this fall with full implementation in the fall of 2024.

### **PAULA FLOREY:**

- We have hired Casey Steele as our 9-12 SPED teacher. Casey is a 1976 RHS graduate.
- Current Openings: science/business position. We have someone interested in the ½ business, but no applications currently for the science.
- Our Middle School teachers have been working hard on creating our middle school concept for next year. We will have the current 6<sup>th</sup> graders come up for a visit on the 19<sup>th</sup> and the current 5<sup>th</sup> graders May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- We have received all the ACT testing results from the March testing. Our juniors did very well with 8 students scoring 28 or higher. Congratulations to Paul Gutenkauf, Landon Zikmund, Bryce Falken who all scored 30 so they will have their names on the ACT board. Palmer Johnson increased his score so he will be moving up on the ACT board. We have not had time to analyze the 8-10 grade scores as they just came in. Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Litzen and I went to an ACT workshop to help us learn how to better use the test scores.

- Senator Rounds visited the JH/HS building on 4/12/2023 and talked to our students and answered their questions.
- We have decided to go to an 8-period day to finish out the school year to help combat the absences of the students due to athlete events being rescheduled and having students miss multiple days each week. It just gives the teacher more contact time with the kids.
- I'm currently working on scheduling and hope to have the MS schedule finished first as we are fully staffed. I will then move on to the HS. The goal is to have schedules out to all students by the time they leave.
- Mrs. Shishnia, Mrs. Heinz, Mrs. O'Keefe and I will be attending the TIE conference in Rapid City at the end of April.
- The NHS blood drive was held on April 13.
- The Spring Play will be performed on April 20-22.
- JH will participate in the music contest at Holgate on April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- We will once again have NSU student athletes here to do some community service on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Our hope is that we will get all the door frames painted in both wings of the building.

#### TAMMY KOST:

- Our 6th-grade students have begun participating in spring activities with the 7th and 8th-grade students.
- Our 5th and 6th grade students are practicing for their band contest at Holgate on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Our 5th grade students presented the Living Stations on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:45. This was a makeup date from the original date that got snowed out. A special thank you to Mrs. Fischer and Mr. Stone for their dedication to this presentation.
- Spring NWEA Map testing is scheduled for April 17 - May 12<sup>th</sup>. Grades K-6 will be tested in the areas of reading, math, and language arts.
- The K-6 students are preparing for their spring concert which will be held on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- RES awards day and the promotion of our 5th and 6th grade students will be on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:30.
- The PTO carnival will be held on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 - 3:00 at the high school.
- The final PreK-6th grade Mass will be held on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 at Sacred Heart. Teacher of the Year will be announced at that time.
- 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.
- A special thank you to RES custodian Kathy Andersen and Tom Hager for maintaining RPS in addition to their other duties as we searched for a custodian. RPS had been without a custodian for several months. Teachers and staff also pitched in to keep things rolling.
- RPS welcomes Emma Scherr as our custodian. She will work part-time until the end of the school year and then will begin full-time employment with us.
- The faculty and staff continue to meet to discuss the reconfiguration process that will start for the next school year.

- Bridge Building days are being planned for 1st and 2nd grade students at RES and 5th and 6th grade students are RMS. Mrs. Braun and staff are planning a fun filled day for each grade to begin the acclimation process to their new buildings.
- RPS and RES are seeking a 2nd grade teacher for the 3rd section. Also seeking a SpEd teacher as
- Ms. Veal will move to RMS.
- Preschool registration is in full swing and spots have been filling up. We will be able to accept more students next school year due to the reconfiguration of the building.
- We currently have 32 kindergarten students registered. Three additional preschool students' families are discerning kindergarten or preschool and three current kindergarten students are being evaluated for retention.
- The observations and assessments have been completed for the South Dakota Levels of Preschool Excellence. We have received the rating of “**exemplary**” and will be receiving our certification soon.

#### RICK KLINE:

- The Roncalli Ball is scheduled for April 15, 2023 at the DEC. To date, we have 425 people attending. Sponsorship amounts have increased. Thank you to Kim Bowman, Jennifer Glynn, Britt Lorenz, and Elizabeth Stoks for agreeing to chair the ball all under the guidance of Jill Young. These ladies have done a fantastic job of preparing to ensure the success of the 44<sup>th</sup> annual Ball.
- United Catholic Raffle was once again a large success. The students raised \$30,600 for our school.
- Cavalier Campaign update, we have raised over \$80,000 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 Bash 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 complete.
- The newly renovated Choir room is complete.
- Construction on the maintenance shed has begun. A blizzard delayed the start of the project by a few weeks, but the structure should be built by the end of April.
- Renovation/construction of the band room is set to be completed by the beginning of School, 2023. Fund raising efforts are continuing.

#### DEREK LARSON: SPORTS SCHEDULES- [NORTHEASTSDCONFERENCE.COM](http://NORTHEASTSDCONFERENCE.COM)

- Our Spring play is scheduled to perform April 20, 21, and 22 at the RHS cafeteria.
- Mrs. Cate Knapp is having the JH oral interp team compete in two different meets. Here are the results from the first meet in Milbank.

- Amelia Duncan, Drama, Excellent Plus
  - Josie Mitzel, Drama, Superior
  - Ava Sayler & Lydia Kost, Duo, Superior
  - Amelia Duncan & Josie Mitzel, Duo, Superior Plus (& the 2nd highest score overall in Duo!)
- Track and Field is headed to our first outdoor meet of the year in Pierre on April 11th. We are hosting an indoor meet at NSU on April 14th from 10:00-2:30. This will include JH and HS athletes from Roncalli and several other local schools.
- Girls golf has gotten underway indoors at Lee Park under the direction of Jon Murdy. It looks like their first meet will be in Elk Point on April 20th.
- Boys tennis just had their first matches of the year on April 10th in Sioux Falls.
- I was able to take some professional development courses at the SDIAAA conference in Pierre. The conference was cut one day short because of the winter storm.
- Visual Arts traveled to Rapid City for their state competition. Here are the results:
  - Crafts- A 3RD PLACE, from Aberdeen Roncalli High School, is Hannah Chaimberlain.
  - Mixed Media-CHAMPION, from Aberdeen Roncalli High School, is Abbygail Lohman.
  - Print Making-A 3RD PLACE, from Aberdeen Roncalli High School, is Lillian Jensen.
- The Roncalli Trap Team should be getting started soon out at the Aberdeen Gun Club. We have close to 30 students interested in the trap team this year under the direction of Corey Backous.