



ABERDEEN CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL SYSTEM

# NEWSLETTER

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May 2023

## Featured Article

*Father Andrew Dickinson -  
Pastor of Sacred Heart and St. Mary's*

"It is with a sad heart that I write to you as the OUTGOING pastor of Sacred Heart and St. Mary's in Aberdeen. My departure was not on my "bingo card" for the 2023 year. I have richly enjoyed working with all of you: parents, supporters, families, administration, teachers, staff, and- of course- students! The challenges facing Catholic Education and Christian living in our age are substantial. I feel that the Roncalli family is well positioned to face them as we continue to awaken to them. I richly wished to live it out with you as your pastor.

I am confident that the work I and Father Kapperman have begun in this system will continue to carry over. Some of it you'll see unfold in the coming months and even years. Ultimately, every priest is consoled by his faith that, by God's mercy and grace we make it to heaven, we will get to see how He brought our good work to completion. In Christ I hope to see that lasting fruit in His good time. God bless you until we see one another again."

## ALL SCHOOL REUNION

Attention Roncalli alumni, friends, families and supporters:  
2024 will mark Roncalli High Schools 60th Anniversary! Conversations have begun regarding a possible Roncalli All-School reunion! If you are interested in serving on a committee, have ideas, or just want to chat about it, please contact the Roncalli Development Office by May 12!! An event like this takes many hands and minds - we look forward to hearing from you. Please call 605-226-2100 or email [rick.kline@abernoncalli.org](mailto:rick.kline@abernoncalli.org) or [jill.young@abernoncalli.org](mailto:jill.young@abernoncalli.org).



*Lord Jesus, eternal priest, bestow on Father Andrew and Father Michael the fullness of your perfection and strength. Remember that they have forsaken all things to give themselves entirely to you. In hours of loneliness and discouragement be close to them, that they may not fail in their sacred duties. Bless their labors with abundant fruit for souls.  
May all their contacts with others bring each person closer to your divine heart.*

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

# ●●● CONGRATULATIONS ●●●



## SPRING PLAY

April 13-15, 2023

RHS Spring Play: "Nothing But the Truth"

Well done, cast and crew of the RHS Spring Play!

The Cast & Crew, Director Michelle Schaunaman, and Costumer Catherine Knapp wish to thank everyone who helped make the production a success. Special thanks to the Aberdeen Community Theatre, Pauer Sound & Music, and Roncalli Nearly New.

## STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

Congratulations to Abby Lohman for receiving first place in multi media at the John Seih Legacy Dakota Student Art Exhibit. Abby's piece "Ghost" was also selected as first place student choice! Congratulations to Lillian Jensen on being recognized as the Rising Star Nominee from Roncalli.

## ABERDEEN MUSIC CONTEST

Saturday, April 15, 2023

Congratulations to the 5th-8th Grade Roncalli Band Members on an outstanding contest showing. We had 91 total entries, and over 90% of them earned superior ratings. Special congratulations to our Superior Plus award winners:

- 7th Graders Olivia Dix, alto saxophone & Connor Borchers, euphonium
- 6th Graders Miah Wipf, French horn & Grace Cogley, snare drum and mallets
- 5th Graders Izzy Haggerty, flute; Norah Gonsor, French horn; & Cade Feickert, snare drum

- And the 5th Grade Band!!  
This group earned a superior plus rating from all three judges!



Abby Lohman  
1st place Mixed Media & Student Choice

Lillian Jensen  
Rising Star Nominee





## **THANK YOU**

*to the 2023 Roncalli Ball Chairs and to our generous sponsors and supporters. You all helped make the 44th Annual Roncalli Ball a huge success.*

## **SAVE THE DATE:**

**45th Roncalli Ball, April 20, 2024**

**THANK YOU** to our faithful Roncalli Intercessors and Adorers. You bless our students, staff and families greatly with your gift of prayer. The evidence of these prayers was noticed by Bishop Donald DeGrood when he visited us during Catholic Schools Week. His comment, "I can feel a real difference at Roncalli. The Spirit is present and moving", meant a great deal. We know that Jesus' presence in the Eucharist during Adoration and your prayers are a big part of that.



## **BOOK FAIR THANK YOU**

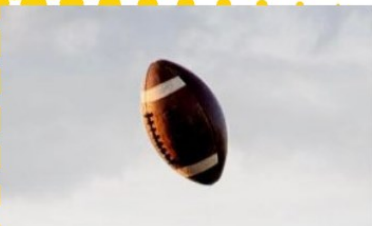
A big THANK YOU to all the parents, students, and staff who supported our school libraries by purchasing items at our I:55Book Fair, both in person and on-line. We exceeded our goal with a gross total of over \$13,000 in sales even with the two snow days. God is Good! A significant amount of the funds will be used to buy new books for the 2nd grade transition and front facing shelving at the Primary school library. We appreciated the feedback we received during and after the Fair on our decision to go with the new company. A very special thank you to the volunteers who offered their time to help out! We couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you again!  
Happy Reading  
Mrs. Andera and Mrs. Solberg





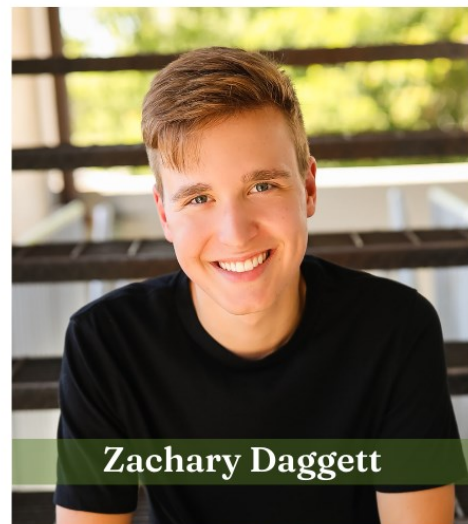
# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2023 GRADUATES



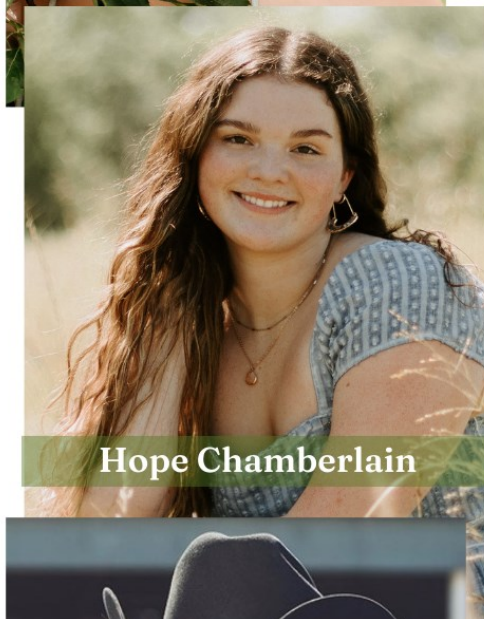
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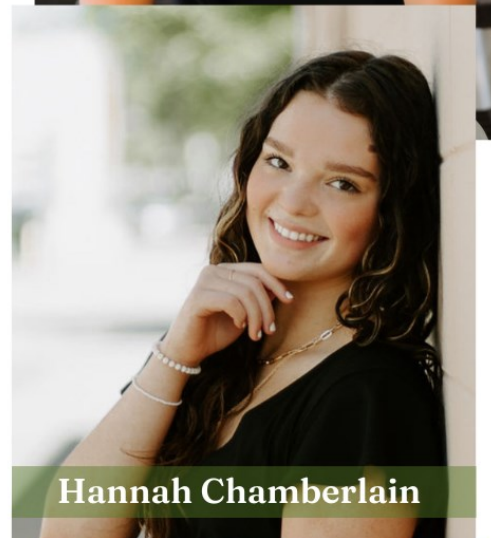
**Taylor Bennett**



**Zachary Daggett**



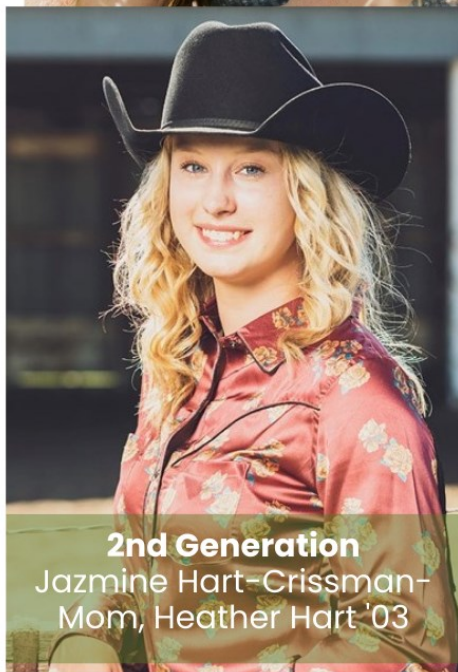
**Hope Chamberlain**



**Hannah Chamberlain**



**Hunter Binder**

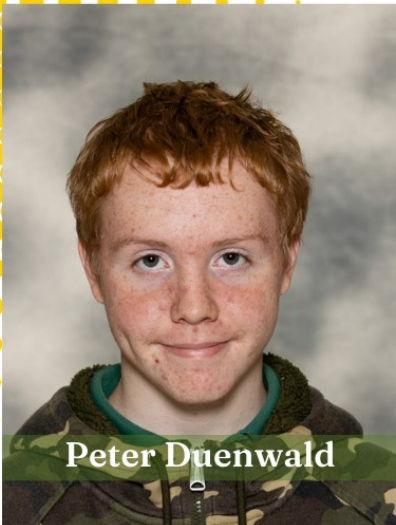


**2nd Generation**  
Jazmine Hart-Crissman-  
Mom, Heather Hart '03

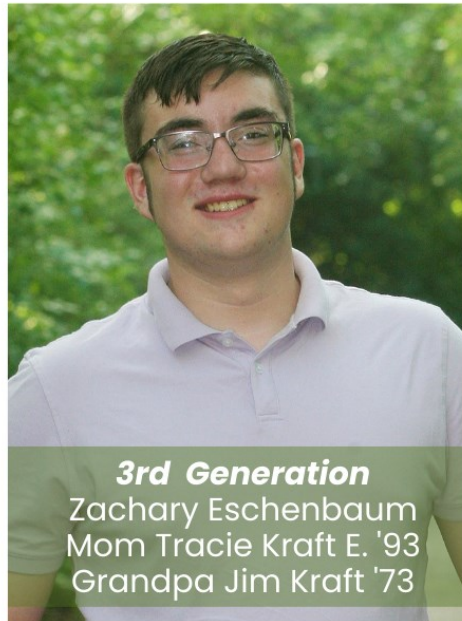


**Tyler Berndt**



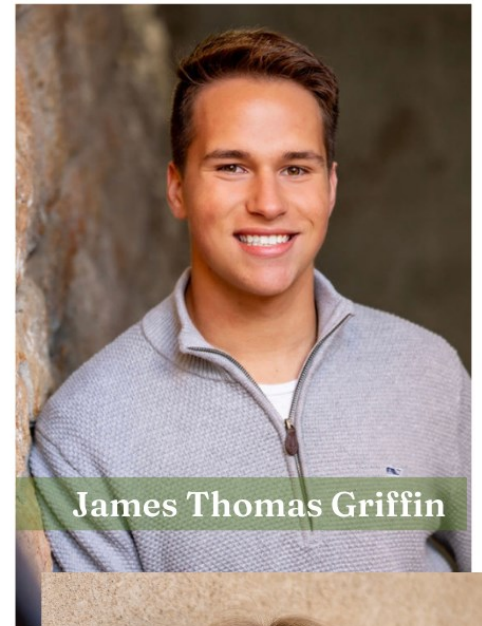


**Peter Duenwald**

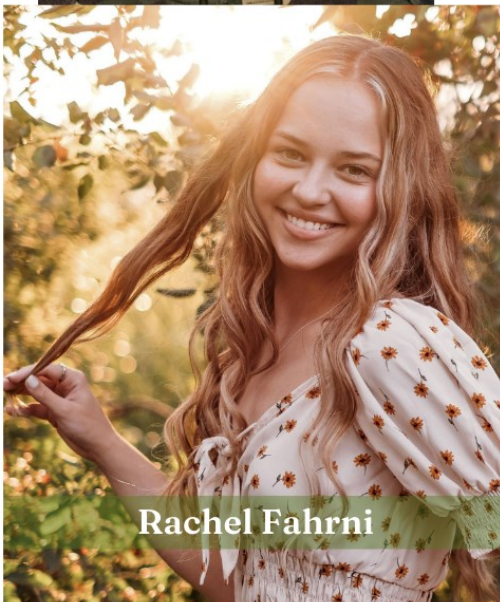


**3rd Generation**

Zachary Eschenbaum  
Mom Tracie Kraft E. '93  
Grandpa Jim Kraft '73



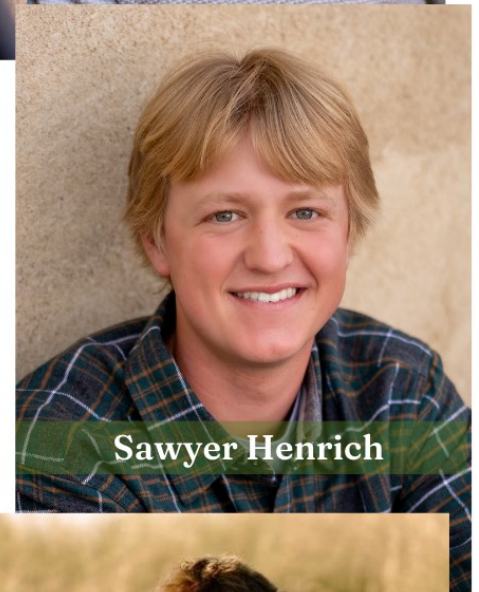
**James Thomas Griffin**



**Rachel Fahrni**



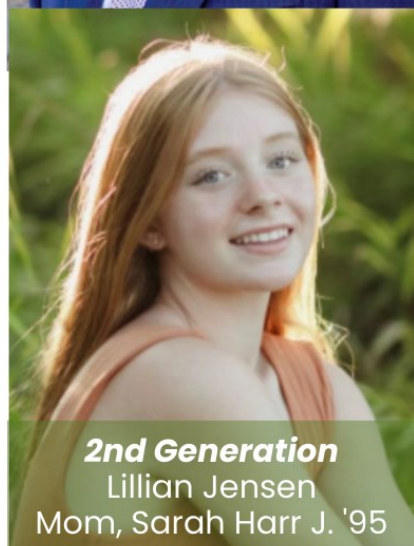
**William Garrett Griffin**



**Sawyer Henrich**

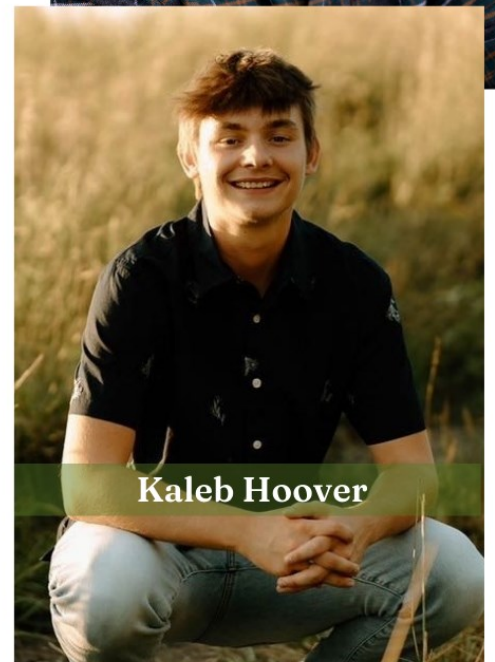


**Ella Hanson**



**2nd Generation**

Lillian Jensen  
Mom, Sarah Harr J. '95



**Kaleb Hoover**

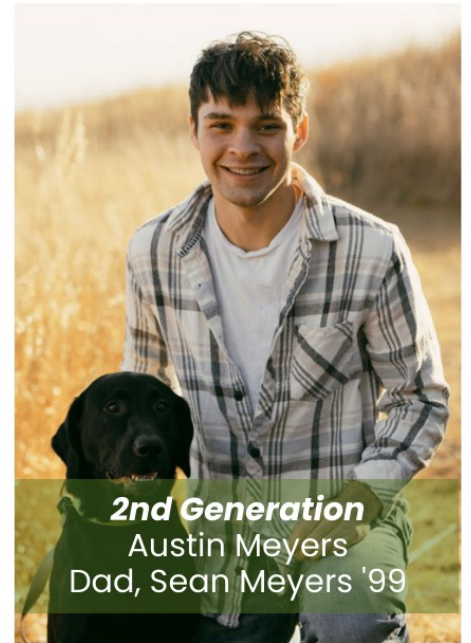




Andrew Lewno



Brendan Livermont

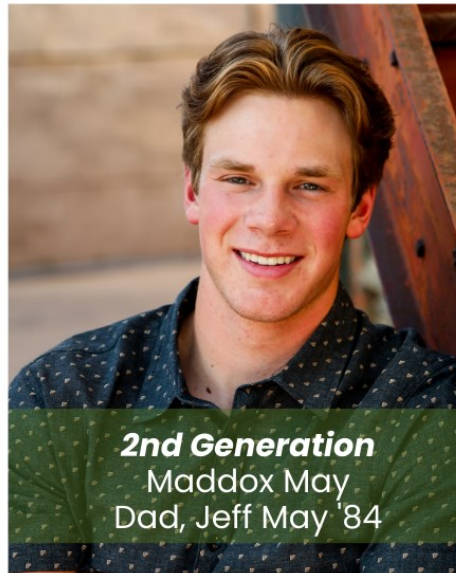


**2nd Generation**

Austin Meyers  
Dad, Sean Meyers '99

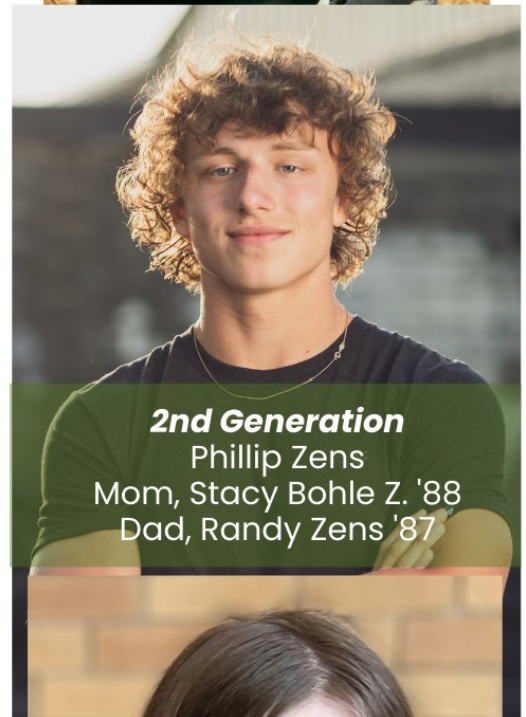


Michael Luu



**2nd Generation**

Maddox May  
Dad, Jeff May '84



**2nd Generation**

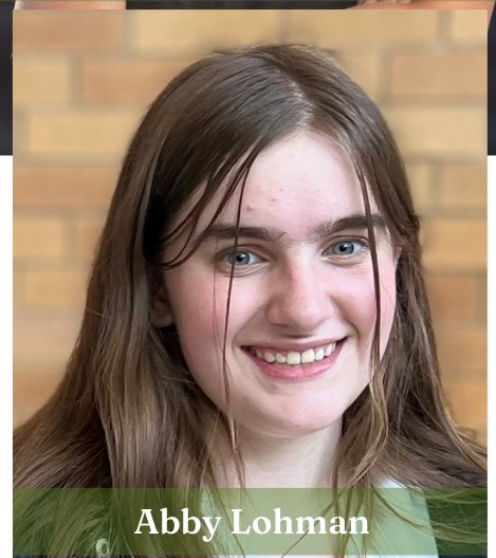
Phillip Zens  
Mom, Stacy Bohle Z. '88  
Dad, Randy Zens '87



Jayden Munroe



Elly Scott



Abby Lohman





## 2023 ACSS SPRING CONCERT SERIES

### POP'S CONCERT- 7-12 Gr.

May 1 - 7pm - RHS Gym

### K-6 Gr. CONCERT

May 2 - 6pm - RHS Gym

*free and open to the public*



## Going Away Party

Sunday, April 30th

Potluck 5:30pm - Games to Follow

Join us at Sacred Heart as we say goodbye to  
Mason, our Lumen Christi Missionary.

Please bring an item to share

Co-sponsored by St. Mary's and Sacred Heart Catholic Churches

## ***JUNIOR HIGH HONOR ROLL- 3RD QUARTER***

**Roncalli Junior High School  
3rd Quarter Honor Roll  
2022-2023**

| Last      | First Name   | Grade | Honor Roll  | Last         | First Name | Grade | Honor Roll  |
|-----------|--------------|-------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------|-------------|
| Keller    | Riley        | 08    | 4.0         | Coats        | Abigayle   | 07    | 4.0         |
| Meyers    | Ava          | 08    | 4.0         | Davis        | Karsyn     | 07    | 4.0         |
| Cogley    | Joseph       | 08    | 3.75-3.99   | Dix          | Olivia     | 07    | 4.0         |
| Feickert  | Ella         | 08    | 3.75-3.99   | Enga         | Emily      | 07    | 4.0         |
| Johnson   | Claire       | 08    | 3.75-3.99   | Martin       | Evelyn     | 07    | 4.0         |
| Kost      | Lydia        | 08    | 3.75-3.99   | Cassady      | Addison    | 07    | 3.75 - 3.99 |
| Siebert   | Jayda        | 08    | 3.75-3.99   | Kannegieter  | Hazel      | 07    | 3.75 - 3.99 |
| Vipond    | Rebecca      | 08    | 3.75-3.99   | LeFebvre     | Will       | 07    | 3.75 - 3.99 |
| Daggett   | Lucas        | 08    | 3.50 - 3.74 | May          | Madeline   | 07    | 3.75 - 3.99 |
| Erdmann   | Dawson       | 08    | 3.50 - 3.74 | Roach        | Elyana     | 07    | 3.75 - 3.99 |
| Feickert  | Cambry       | 08    | 3.50 - 3.74 | Schmidt      | Ryan       | 07    | 3.75 - 3.99 |
| Fisher    | Austin       | 08    | 3.50 - 3.74 | Fitz         | Jayden     | 07    | 3.50 - 3.74 |
| Lohman    | Scott        | 08    | 3.50 - 3.74 | Gonsor       | Ethan      | 07    | 3.50 - 3.74 |
| Anderson  | Finn         | 08    | 3.25 - 3.49 | Vogel        | Owen       | 07    | 3.50 - 3.74 |
| Carrels   | Simon        | 08    | 3.25 - 3.49 | Weisenburger | Andrew     | 07    | 3.50 - 3.74 |
| Johnson   | Linus        | 08    | 3.25 - 3.49 | Borchers     | Connor     | 07    | 3.25 - 3.49 |
| Kramer    | Ian          | 08    | 3.25 - 3.49 | Jorgensen    | Eli        | 07    | 3.25 - 3.49 |
| Mount     | Kelynn       | 08    | 3.25 - 3.49 | Martinez     | Gabriella  | 07    | 3.25 - 3.49 |
| Scott     | Graham       | 08    | 3.25 - 3.49 | Schnabel     | Harper     | 07    | 3.25 - 3.49 |
| Shelton   | Quinten      | 08    | 3.25 - 3.49 | Thomas       | Gabrielle  | 07    | 3.25 - 3.49 |
| Gardner   | Gyllionna    | 08    | 3.00 - 3.24 | Zacher       | Danica     | 07    | 3.25 - 3.49 |
| Haverkamp | Courtney     | 08    | 3.00 - 3.24 | Fahrni       | Joshua     | 07    | 3.00 - 3.24 |
| Helvig    | Jayden       | 08    | 3.00 - 3.24 | Hernandez    | Aiden      | 07    | 3.00 - 3.24 |
| Thomas    | Jean-Anthony | 08    | 3.00 - 3.24 | Waltman      | Ella       | 07    | 3.00 - 3.24 |

### ***TIPS to become a HEALTHIER YOU***

Adam White, Head Trainer Avera Human Performance Center

**do workouts you enjoy!**

*Find a form of movement you truly enjoy. It's easier to stick to things we look forward to rather than dread.*





## ***SAVE THE DATES***

### **SUMMER SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES**

See the information and registration forms on pages 18-22

#### **CAVALIER BLAST- Trap Shoot**

Thursday, June 22. *Details on the next page*

#### **CAVALIER DAY**

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

*Sign tuition agreements, chat with administrators, set up lunch accounts and much more. A day of 'connection' with school staff and other families.*

### **SCHOOL PICTURE days for 6-12 GRADE**

Hardin's Photography has reserved July 25-26 and August 1 to take school photos of our middle and high school students. Stop in anytime during the day. Call them with questions at 605-225-5344  
include tuition/fee sheet below

JOIN US IN HONORING OUR  
CLASS OF 2023 AT THE ABERDEEN CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL SYSTEM'S

# GRADUATION COMMENCEMENT 2023



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE  
OTHERS, SO THAT THEY MAY SEE  
YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GIVE  
GLORY TO YOUR FATHER WHO IS  
IN HEAVEN. MATTHEW 5:16

Sunday, May 14  
12 PM Graduation Mass  
Commencement Following 1:15 PM  
1400 N. Dakota St  
Aberdeen, SD 57401





## PARISH NEWS

### **Sacred Heart**

#### **Baccalaureate Mass:**

Sunday, May 7th - 10am  
(seniors meet in the parish hall  
in cap/gown at 9:30am).

#### **May Crowning:**

Sunday, May 7th - 10am  
(outdoor Mary statue)

#### **Closing Family Formation Night:**

Wednesday, May 10th - 5:30pm

#### **Cemetery clean-up:**

Saturday, May 20th - 9am-3pm  
(service hours opportunity)

#### **Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession:**

Sunday, June 11th - 2pm

#### **Lumen Christi Week!:**

Monday-Thursday, June 12-15  
VBS for elementary age kids and youth nights for  
middle/high school students.  
Details on pages 13 & 14

#### **Feast of the Sacred Heart parish celebration**

Friday, June 16 - 5:30pm  
potluck and yard games

### **Saint Mary's**

#### **May Luncheon:**

Saturday, May 6, Noon.  
\$12 to attend. Call Judy to RSVP by May 4  
605-225-3530

#### **Baccalaureate Mass:**

Saturday, May 6, 5pm

#### SAVE THE DATE:

**St. Mary's Fall Festival-** Sunday, Oct. 15 at  
St. Mary's Parish Hall and Roncalli Primary  
School



*St. John XXIII  
Pray for us.*



# JOIN OUR TEAM

**2023-2024 OPEN POSITIONS:**

**ELEMENTARY TEACHER**

**K-5 Grade SPED TEACHER**

**9-12 SCIENCE TEACHER**

**with or without Business**

**Apply Before**

**31 MAY, 2023**

**SEND LETTER OF INTEREST, RESUME  
AND TRANSCRIPT TO:**

**[tim.weisz@aberdeennoncalli.org](mailto:tim.weisz@aberdeennoncalli.org)**



# It's the **RULE...** **SHOTS** before **SCHOOL!**



## 6th Grade Immunizations:

- **Tdap\*** (*Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis*)
- **MCV4\*** (*Meningococcal*)
- **HPV** (*Human Papillomavirus*)
- **Flu** (*Influenza*)

For more information, talk with your family physician or your local community health nurse about these and other vaccinations your preteen should receive.

\*School entry **REQUIREMENT** for South Dakota 6th grade students.



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# PRESCHOOL PEEKS

## Dramatic Play!

It is here that imaginations soar, storylines become rich in content, and children experience both the messiness and the satisfaction of group play.

Peer interactions take place spontaneously and constantly as ideas quickly bounce back and forth among the players. Themes are interwoven and fluid as children bring their own experiences to the group play. With an intentional and sensitive teacher, children learn to master hurt feelings, take turns, share ideas, develop self-control, and build resiliency.

The dramatic play area requires children to use their language skills to share ideas and create and develop storylines with peers. Through these verbal interchanges, children gain flexibility in their thinking as they listen, take turns, negotiate, problem solve, and collaborate with their peers.

Because children are usually invested in sustaining play with peers, they work hard to find solutions that will work for each of their own needs as well as the group's needs.

Imaginary play is good for both boys and girls. All children must be allowed and encouraged to spend time recreating their inner worlds.



At Roncalli SonShine Patch, all faculty and staff are continuously learning about building a strong foundation for a child to have a successful school experience. We research best practice and plan age appropriate activities that encourage children to ask questions, wonder, experiment, investigate, create- all while learning important skills for school readiness. If you have questions about what is happening in the classroom, please reach out to Pat Buechler, Director. [pat.buechler@aberdeenroncalli.org](mailto:pat.buechler@aberdeenroncalli.org)