



ACSS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: AUGUST 16, 2023

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TIM WEISZ:

- The Rise Up Roncalli committee work continues. I would like to recognize the progress made toward the goal of raising funds for both the short-term capital projects and long term funding needs. Special thank you to co-chairs Rita Pettigrew and Heidi Zeller Crawford along with Rick Kline who have done an amazing job. Their work is not completed, there is more to come.
- Completed Capital Projects:
 - New Maintenance/Bus Barn
 - New Weight Room
 - New Vocal Room
- Projects Nearing Completion:
 - New Band Room
- Enrollment: As of today, August 9, we are losing 19 students while gaining 14 students. At the same time, our Kindergarten class currently stands at 38, outnumbering last years graduating class by an even dozen. Bottom line, our enrollment as of today will grow by 7 students.
- Staffing: We are fully staffed
- Middle School excitement: Mrs. Florey and her middle school staff are prepared and ready to welcome our 6-8 grade students. More than half of the new students are in one of these three grades.
- Catholic Identity Standards work continues. Father Kapperman is scheduled to officially introduce these standards to the faculty during a fall Professional Development Day. This year is meant to introduce and receive feedback in preparation for adoption by the school board in the spring of 2024.

PAULA FLOREY:

- We have filled the SPED instructional aide position. We intend on having this person provide supervision on Wednesdays from 1-3:30 for those students who might have practice and don't have a ride at 1:00.
- Enrollment: We have had 4 middle school students and 9 high school students leave the system. 3 of those will be going to the public school the remainder are moving or choosing homeschooling.
- We have 8 new middle school students coming in and 1 part-time high school student.
- Homecoming is scheduled for the week of Sept 5-8. With the short week we are moving the coronation to 8:15 AM on Tuesday and Mass will follow. The parade will be Friday morning and will start at the Primary and end in the MS/HS parking lot.
- We received many items from PC's liquidation. We were thankful to receive 12 microscopes and other science supplies along with many desks and other items.
- The sink and counters are installed in the faculty lounge. This is a huge win for the teacher. Thanks to Kyle Price for doing the plumbing work and installing everything.
- The student handbook is attached. We didn't make many major changes, just updated the wording in some areas.
- School times for this year will be MS 7:55-3:30 HS 8:00-3:21 We are hoping that the staggered dismissal times will allow for the congestion in the parking lot to be resolved.
- Study table for all grade levels are built into the schedule this year. We found that students weren't staying after to get the help they needed. Students who are not required to be at the study table will have another activity to do during that time.
- Open House for Middle School will be August 21st 5-7 and High School students can come in on the 22nd from 1-4 to check out their lockers and get questions answered about schedules.
- Chromebooks for grades 8-12 will be available to pick up on August 16th 7:30-1:00 and August 17th: 2-6. Anyone who doesn't get them at this time can pick them up on the 1st day of school.

TAMMY KOST:

- The faculty and staff continue to meet to discuss our school reconfiguration and they have been busy painting and getting their new room assignments ready for fall.
- Our summer OST program finished strong on Thursday, August 10th. Shelby Braun, OST Coordinator, did an amazing job creating a fun and engaging environment that served around 90 children.
- Sandy Andera has been restructuring the libraries in each of the three buildings to better fit the building configuration. Brady Lesnar used his construction talents to construct some new shelving for the library.
- RPS welcomes Staci Larson as a full day preschool teacher.
- The public school will provide our SpEd services for the coming year in the same way they provide our Speech and Title reading services.
- Preschool is still accepting registrations as there are a few random spots still available. We continue to give tours and answer questions.

- We currently have 38 kindergarten students registered. We have a few families still considering Roncalli for kindergarten.
- We are excited to welcome new families in kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade and 4th grade.
- All teachers who teach ELA took part in curriculum training on July 17 and 18th for our new adoption of Wit & Wisdom. Additional professional development is scheduled for quarterly dates during the school year to ensure that each teacher feels comfortable and equipped to teach the new program.
- Jackie Braun, school counselor, attended the American School Counselor Association Convention in Atlanta in July. I am grateful for her dedication to our Roncalli family and her leadership in mental health support and education. Jackie is also spearheading the middle school concept for this implementation year.
- Congratulations to Samee Scherr, Laurie Zemlicka, Jill Sieh, Jennifer Aman, Ashley Brockhouse, Danielle Schmitz, Breanna Weig, Mandy Smid, and Sandy Andera for completing their 24- month LETRS course to advance Roncalli's literacy initiative. This is a huge accomplishment, and I am grateful for their dedication to literacy formation. This course required many hours outside of their contracted school time. Andrea Shoemaker began the course in June.
- I have been talking with several parents in regard to restructuring of the PTO. More details to come in the next few months.
- New grass seed has been planted in areas of the RES playground area.
- Custodians Kathy and Tom are working to replace some of the parts on the basketball hoops on the RES playground and those repairs will be funded by the PTO.
- This year's PreK-5th grade open house will look different. I will be creating a welcome video with all the pertinent information to begin the year which will include video introductions of the staff. This will allow all families to hear the information at a time that works best for them. Open house on August 21st will be an opportunity to tour the classrooms and visit with the teachers.

RICK KLINE:

- The Cavalier Classic Golf tournament is scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2023 at Lee Park. To date, we have 26 teams registered. Capacity is 36. Confidence is high we can reach that number.
- Roncalli Hall of Fame Banquet is set for Saturday, October 7, 2023. This year's inductees include:
 - Dr. Ryan Lingor--Academics
 - Mr. Doug Coughlin—Athletics
 - Mr. Tim and Amy Kessler Family—Benefactors
 - Mrs. Cheryl Kolb—Educator
 - Mr. Scott and Rhonda Dell--Volunteer
- Rise up Roncalli is in full swing. Completion of the Band Room is set for October 2, 2023.

- Our first out of town Roncalli gathering is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 2023 in Fargo, ND at Brewhalla. Special thanks to 1983 Roncalli Alum Tony Keelin for his help securing the venue.
- List of important dates:
 - Cavalier Classic Golf Tournament—Monday, September 11, 2023—Lee Park
 - Hall of Fame Banquet—Saturday, October 7, 2023—Roncalli Cafeteria
 - Cavalier Bash for Cash—Saturday, December 9, 2023—Steven Lust Automotive
 - Roncalli Ball—Saturday, April 20, 2024--DEC
- The 60th All school reunion is set for July 26-27, 2024.

DEREK LARSON: SPORTS SCHEDULES- NORTHEASTSDCONFERENCE.COM

- Girls' Tennis started practice on July 31st. They just had their first matches of the year in Mitchell against Mitchell and Huron. We have 14 girls out for tennis this year in grades 6-12.
- Football started practice on August 3rd. We have our first game of the year at Groton on August 18th. We have 35 boys out for high school football this year.
- Boys' Golf started practice on August 7th. We will have our first invitational of the year on August 14 at Sioux Valley. We have 16 boys from grades 6-12 going out for golf this year.
- Football Cheer started their season on August 7th. We will cheer at our first football game on August 18th at Groton. We have 13 girls going out for football cheer this year.
- Cross Country started practice on August 10th. We have 25 students in grades 6-12 going out for cross country this year. Our first competition will be in Milbank on August 28th.
- Volleyball started practice on August 10th. We have 19 girls in grades 9-12 going out for volleyball this year. Our first competition of the year will be at Northwestern on August 22nd.
- Pictures were taken for high school teams at RHS on August 10th. Volleyball team pictures will be at RHS on August 14th at 3:00.