



ACSS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: SEPT. 27, 2023

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TIM WEISZ:

- The new Band Room is nearing completion. Mrs. Carda is hoping to move in sometime in October. We are all looking forward to this long-overdue move.
- We have pro-life assemblies scheduled for Oct. 23. The speaker is Founder/CEO of Life Runners, Patrick Castle. He is a SF O’Gorman graduate.
- I was able to secure a vehicle to replace the Astro Van we currently use to haul lunch between the primary and elementary school buildings. The new vehicle is a 2010 Chevy Traverse.
- We continue to develop plans for bringing Catechesis of the Good Shephard (CGS) into the primary school. This partnership with our parishes is further evidence of Roncalli’s desire to deliver an authentically Catholic educational model.

PAULA FLOREY:

- Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on September 27th.
- Our Marching Band competition is on September 27th. It starts at 9:30am so we will have Mass earlier that day and then attend the competition.
- Mr. Nygaard is hosting Senior Parent financial aid night on the 27th at 6:30. He has indicated that there are many changes to the FAFSA process this year and it is important for new and veteran parents to attend.
- Mr. Uhler reports that they have met the 20-person minimum for the Rome trip which will be held in the summer of 2024.
- We are analyzing the best way to support our 6th and 7th grade students who do not have a device (Chromebook/Laptop/iPad) at home to do homework. We are going to discuss a checkout system. The students who don’t have a device and have permission to check out a Chromebook will be able to do that overnight or possibly on the weekend.
- Eligibility has also been a topic that we have discussed for our middle school students, especially the 6th and 7th graders.

- High school study table on Wednesday built into the school day has been a positive. Teachers feel it is much more effective than the after-school study table we had in previous years.
- Middle school is completing their fall MAP testing. They will do winter testing in January and then spring testing in April/May.
- High school will do their ACT testing on April 9th. This will include the Juniors taking the ACT and then our 9th and 10th grade students taking the pre-ACT. Seniors will be allowed to take the ACT as well at this time but will have to pay for the cost of the test.
- We have 5 seniors that have scored 26 -29. That's 33% of the class who have scored 26 or higher.
- Shout outs to our seniors who have made the ACT 30 and above board:
 - Bryce Falken and Paul Gutenkauf 30
 - Palmer Johnson 31
 - Landon Zikmund 32
- Dual Credit numbers for 1st semester:
 - 22/27 seniors are taking 1 or more classes.
 - 19/34 juniors are taking 1 or more classes.
 - The total number of classes is 67.
- We have 12 juniors and seniors taking classes from Atec during 1st semester.
- Chocolate Bar Fundraiser starts on September 28 and goes through Oct 12th.
- Congratulations to our homecoming Lord/Lady: Landon Zikmund and Eva Madsen and the rest of the court. Madisen Martin, Isabella Martinez, Paige and Sarah Schmidt, JP Florey, Andrew Gerlach, Palmer Johnson and Caden Shelton.

TAMMY KOST:

- This year's PreK-5th grade open house looked a bit different. With the technical support of Jill Young, we created a welcome video with all the pertinent information families needed to know to begin the year, which included video introductions of the staff. This allowed all families to hear the information at a time that worked best for them. Open house on August 21st was an opportunity to tour the classrooms and visit with the teachers.
- 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.
- Our PTO has been expanded to include grades 6-12 families and faculty. This will allow students and staff at all grade levels to have an avenue of support.
- The students celebrated Homecoming with a variety of dress up days. We ended the week with the All-School Parade, pep assembly and picnic at RMS/RHS. The K - 1 students were bussed back to RPS and the RES students headed to Manor Park for some play time.
- Students are completing our fall NWEA Maps benchmark testing. The information gathered will allow teachers to make data driven decisions to advance student learning to the desired outcomes.
- Our preschool classrooms are enjoying the use of a STEM cart for 30 days provided by

- New licensed daycare rules will require us to enclose our RPS playground. We are currently looking at our option for fencing. We have had some vandalism to our toy storage and basketball hoops, so having the playground locked up should also help with future vandalism concerns.
- Grandparents Day was celebrated at RPS on Thursday, September 21st with donuts, Bingo and mass. It was also celebrated at RES on Wednesday, September 20th with mass, student presentations, tours and a cookie reception. The students love to show off their school to their guests.
- Mandy Smid (4th) and Ashley Brockhouse (2nd) will join other teachers from the Catholic schools in our diocese on a committee that will work to unpack the new social studies standards adopted by the State. Brenda Mitzel is leading this committee.
- Plans are being made to host a fall Preschool and Kindergarten Information Night in November.
- Parent | Teacher conferences are being held on Wednesday, September 28th from 1:30 - 4:00 and 5:00 - 7:00.

RICK KLINE:

- The Cavalier Classic Golf tournament was held Monday, September 11, 2023, at Lee Park. The tournament has reached capacity as we had 36 teams participate. Thank you to all that either sponsored, participated or both. Mark your calendars for September 9, 2024.
- Roncalli Hall of Fame Banquet is set for Saturday, October 7, 2023. This year's inductees include:
 - Dr. Ryan Lingor ('99)—Academics
 - Mr. Doug Coughlin ('88)—Athletics
 - Mr. Tim ('75) and Amy Kessler Family—Benefactors
 - Mrs. Cheryl Kolb ('78)—Educator
 - Mr. Scott and Rhonda ('80) Dell—Volunteer

Social hour begins at 5:30 PM with Meal prayer set for 6:30 PM. Prime Rib is once again being served. The School Board is invited so please plan on attending.
- Rise up Roncalli is in full swing. Completion of the Band Room is set for October 2, 2023. Parking lot island and tree planting has been completed. A total of 11 trees were added and or replaced.
- 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.
- To date, The Roncalli Booster club has 153 members, up from 128 last year.
- List of important dates:
 - Hall of Fame Banquet—Saturday, October 7, 2023—Roncalli Cafeteria
 - Cavalier Campaign Kick-off—November 1, 2023
 - 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

- The Roncalli Marching Band Festival is scheduled for September 27th at 9:30. This year we have 17 marching bands from South Dakota attending. This is always a big event with close to 1000 students marching this year.
- Girls' Tennis is wrapping up its regular season this week with matches against Sioux Falls Christian over the weekend. Currently our girls are 6-13 on the season. The state tennis tournament is scheduled for Oct. 2-3 in Sioux Falls.
- Our Boys' Golf team is also wrapping up their season with the Region 1A golf tournament in Sisseton on Monday. Earlier this year we won our 5th consecutive NEC title. The state golf tournament is scheduled for Oct. 2-3 in Rapid City.
- Our Football team is currently 4-1 and have a bye this week. Next week we travel to Rapid City to play St. Thomas More. Currently we are the 8 seed in the state. The top 8 schools host the first round of the playoffs.
- Our volleyball team is currently 8-1 on the season. We are on an 8-game winning streak. We have a big match against Warner, who is the #1 team in class B, on Tuesday, September 26th. We are currently the #5 team in the state by powerpoints.
- Our cross-country team hosted 17 teams from the northeast part of the state at our Roncalli Invitational held at Lee Park. Our girls placed 2nd and our boys placed 3rd at this event. Our CC teams will enter the postseason in the middle of October with the state tournament in Sioux Falls.
- Warner would like to Coop in Girls Golf. We previously had a coop with them, but they never had anyone, so we dropped the coop. They currently have one 7th grade girl who would like to play. We had 10 girls in grades 6-10 golf last season. This year we are projected to have 12 golfers and the following year 14 golfers. We need to make a decision prior to the state's November meeting.