



ACSS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: DEC. 13, 2023

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TIM WEISZ:

- **GOOD NEWS!** Our 6-12 Religion Teacher/Campus Minister, Chris Uhler, has been selected to present at the 2024 NCEA Convention. The event is taking place in Pittsburg on April 2-4. Mr. Uhler will be presenting on our Catholic Identity Standards, which we will be implementing fall of '24 per the school board's adopting. Father Michael Kapperman will possibly be co-presenting.
- I attended a state superintendent conference on Dec. 6. The main topics discussed were possible state legislation regarding vouchers, school lunch, library book policies, homeschooling, and school safety. If anyone wants more specifics on these topics, please give me a call.
- I also attended a regional superintendent meeting on Friday, Dec. 8. Local legislators, as well as Dr. Graves- SD Secretary of Education, attended.
 - Both the state and local meetings were very informative. They also allowed for relationship building between public, non-public, and state officials.
- The budget process has started and is on schedule. We are excited about the changes to how we are formulating the initial numbers. Hopefully this will result in an even more accurate forecast.

PAULA FLOREY:

- The middle school students put on their Veteran's Day program. This was a totally student driven program and they did a wonderful job.
- We had the opportunity to host a Cracker Barrel with our State legislators. The students were able to ask questions and learn about what each one does. This was part of our Veterans Day program for high school. We also had a zoom meeting with '23 graduate Garrett Griffin. He talked about his reasoning for going to the Citadel and serving his country.
- Representative Dusty Johnson also stopped by the school to visit with the students about what's happening in Washington DC. 6-12 students were able to ask questions and learn a little bit more about government on the National Level.

- The 6-12 Christmas Concert was held on Dec 4. It was a great program. Thank you to Mrs. Carda, Mrs. Fischer and Ms. Royals for preparing our students so well.
- We were able to offer reconciliation to our high school students this week. We will offer the sacrament to MS students next week. We appreciate the priests providing this opportunity for our students. During this time the HS homerooms had bonding activities like door decorating and Advent bingo games. MS will have house activities during that time next week.
- During December and January, we are allowing the students to wear their Roncalli activities hoodies on Fridays. The junior class proposed this to me as part of an assignment in English class. I told them they had to present it to Mr. Weisz. Aiden Fischer and Noah Kramer put together a presentation and did a great job presenting their side. So, we are allowing them the opportunity. If all goes well, we will implement it fully in our building.
- We have semester tests scheduled for Dec 19, 20, 21.
- The middle school team met recently, and we will be making some adjustments for 2nd semester.
 - We will flip the House time and the exploratory time on Wednesdays. Instead of meeting in home rooms
 - based on grade and gender we will use the houses as homerooms at the end of the day. This change allows for more contact and community building amongst the houses and hopefully, creates that comfort level between students and one or two teachers.

TAMMY KOST:

- We held our fall Preschool | Kindergarten Information Night on November 13th. There was a variety of staff who spoke at the parish masses, on November 4th and 5th, to promote the event. We had wonderful attendance, and it was nice to see the excitement in Roncalli.
- We will be promoting winter tours and shadow days in our January campaign to continue to promote the application process.
- We currently have 19 students enrolled in kindergarten for 2024-2025.
- We currently have 15 full-time and 13 part-time students enrolled in our preschool for 2024-2025.
- I accompanied twenty-six students on December 1st to Allevity. This was their prize for selling 5 cases of chocolate in the fall fundraiser.
- The Pro Ecclesia Sancta Sisters put on a retreat for our 5th and 6th grade students on Tuesday, November 7th at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Mass, adoration, games, and fellowship were on the schedule. It was an inspiring day for our students. Our high school retreat team helped with the day.

Bishop DeGrood made a surprise appearance, and the students were very excited to spend some time with him.

- After painting several walls, the Catholic Identity Art installation is almost complete at RES. We still have a very large crucifix to hang in the gym in the coming months.
- Our science curriculum is up for review this year and our teachers are just beginning the process to search for appropriate options.
- RPS and RES conducted a food drive to help fill the food pantry at both St. Mary's and Sacred Heart. They did an amazing job with over 2200 items donated.
- The students performed their musical selections for the Christmas concert on December 5th. They did an amazing job under the direction of Camille Fischer and Kim Carda.
- The preschool concert will be on Thursday, December 14th.
- Our 3rd -5th grade students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on December 7th.
- Each classroom is doing a variety of activities to add more service and prayer opportunities for our students during Advent. Our littles are making decorative placemats for the nursing homes and learning about the Jesse Tree. Our older students are leading prayer in the gym and planning to visit a nursing home.
- The beloved PTO Blessing Store will be held at RPS on Monday, December 11th, and RES on Tuesday, December 12th.
- The 4th grade students will be performing the Living Nativity on Monday, December 18th at 2:00 in the RES gym.
- The Catholic Schools Week committee has been meeting regularly to plan for this year's events. We look forward to gathering as a preschool through 12-grade system on Wednesday, January 31st RMS | RHS.
- I have four teachers, Jennifer Aman, Andrea Shoemaker, Laurie Zemlicka, and Jill Sieh, who applied and were accepted into the Dakota Dreams Teacher Leadership Academy this fall. These four will spend a total of 6 days in professional development in the area of leadership, this school year and next summer. All expenses for this program will be paid for by the program which is being run by the SD Board of Regents. ***“The Dakota Dreams Teacher Leadership Academy offers teachers who have taught for three years an experience-based learning opportunity to further develop their educational leadership skills and explore administrative roles and responsibilities in schools. Teachers who successfully complete the course will earn three graduate credits that may be applied toward an advanced degree in education at a South Dakota public university.”***

RICK KLINE:

- The Cavalier Campaign mailer has been sent. This year's goal is \$136,500. To date, after expenses we are at \$43,343.01. Great start to our annual appeal.
- Our second out of town Roncalli gathering is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2023 in Watertown, SD. Changes have been made in hopes of garnering more attendance. Special thanks to Margaret Brown Schneider, Class of 1971 for helping.
- The 3rd Annual Roncalli Booster Club Bash for Cash is scheduled for Saturday, December 9, 2023. Thank you to Steven Lust Automotive for hosting our event. Prime

Rib is on the menu. The proceeds from the Dessert Dash will benefit the Boys and Girls Golf Teams.

- The 60th All school reunion is set for July 26-27, 2024. Next committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 3, 2024.
- As of December 8, 2023, the Development Office is at 85% of our Budgeted goal for income for the fiscal year. Our school is very fortunate to have supporters who give of their time, talent and treasure to make sure Catholic Education in Aberdeen continues to prosper.

DEREK LARSON: SPORTS SCHEDULES- NORTHEASTSDCONFERENCE.COM

- We had two football players, Josh Shaunaman and Aiden Fischer, make the 11B All-State team this season. Congratulations to Aiden and Josh.
- Our dance team had their first performance of the year last night at the girls basketball game. Under the direction of Kaylyn Mehlhaff our 12 girls performed well.
- We had three girls selected as NEC All-Conference in volleyball; Ava Hanson, Camryn Bain, and Jaidyn Feickert. Congratulations to these players.
- Mandy Smid has resigned her position as head volleyball coach. We would like to thank Mandy for her commitment to the volleyball program during her tenure in that position. We have three coaching positions open in the volleyball program: head coach, C team coach, and MS volleyball coach.
- Oral Interpretation won the region as a team. At the state event in Harrisburg they had a great showing. Millie Duncan earned a superior rating in storytelling. Anna Unser and Lucy Gutenkauf earned a superior rating in Duet. Emily Enga earned a superior rating in Poetry. Congratulations to Coach Knapp and the team in earning a superior rating in three out of five categories and the Team Excellence award.
- The Girls basketball team is 1-0 after a victory over Redfield last night. Their next game is on Tuesday, December 12 against Mobridge.
- The boys basketball team is playing its first game of the season at Redfield. Good luck to Coach Gallagher and the boys basketball team. Their next game is on Tuesday, December 12 against Mobridge.