



## ACSS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: DEC. 13, 2023

### **Reports from:**

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### **TIM WEISZ:**

- The process of implementing Catechesis of the Good Shepherd into the primary school has begun. Katie Eskro has been hired to spearhead this process. Plans are in place to start in the fall of 2024.
- Roncalli Nearly New received new carpet in their work room the end of December. This was done to alleviate safety concerns.
- There has been a significant increase in action surrounding our Homeland Security Grant. If you recall, this grant deals with increased security surrounding all our buildings' access points, better cameras and up to date paging and messaging systems. We hope the work is completed by March.
- Work on the Catholic Identity Standards continues and is on schedule. Full adoption of these standards by the school board is scheduled for late spring.

### **PAULA FLOREY:**

- We had 2 new students enroll for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. One 9<sup>th</sup> grade and one 10<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Dual Credit Stats for 1<sup>st</sup> semester:
  - 33 students took 54 dual credit courses from the SDBR schools. The overall GPA was 3.75.
  - 10 students took 12 dual credit courses from Technical or Community Colleges. The overall GPA was 2.83.
  - We currently have 19 juniors (56%) signed up for 40 classes and 21 seniors (78%) signed up for 42 classes. The most popular classes are College Algebra, Speech and American Government.
  - We also have students taking classes through NSU eLearning (HS credit) and our online platform, Edgenuity.
- We did make some adjustments to the MS schedule. Instead of grade level/gender homerooms we are using the Houses as homerooms. We are hoping this gives the

students more opportunities to bond as a house. We also flipped the Main House Activity time on Wednesday with the Exploratory time.

- Winter Semi-Formal is set for Saturday, Jan 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-11:00pm.
- We will be participating in a Know Your Faith competition with O’Gorman and St. Thomas More during Catholic schools’ week. Mr. Uhler will have students take a test to determine who will represent Roncalli. Students will go to Rapid City for this year’s competition on Tuesday the 30<sup>th</sup>.
- We are working on the remaining Catholic Schools week schedule.
- We will start selling Catholic Financial Raffle tickets next week.
- Congratulations to Ben Goebel he scored a 31 on his ACTs and will be added to the board.

#### TAMMY KOST:


- Our hearts are heavy as we mourn the loss of Helen Lesnar, daughter of 5th-grade teacher Brady Lesnar. Mrs. Braun has been spending time in each K-5 classroom working through age-appropriate lessons on grief. She has also provided the faculty and staff with some information on how to address grief in the classroom and support those who are closest to the Lesnar family.
- The preschool concert, held on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> in the RPS gym, was standing room only. The students put on a heartwarming performance.
- The beloved PTO Blessing Store was held at RPS on Monday, December 11th, and RES on Tuesday, December 12th. We are grateful for the many parent volunteers that always make this event possible. I heard from many people over Christmas break who were on the receiving end of the process. They said it’s become one of their favorite Christmas traditions over the years.
- The 4th grade students performed the Living Nativity on Monday, December 18th at 2:00 in the RES gym. The Kindergarten and 1st-grade students walked to RES for the performance.
- We currently have 39 students enrolled in kindergarten for 2024-2025.
- We currently have 24 full-time and 15 part-time students enrolled in our preschool for 2024-2025.
- We will be promoting winter tours and shadow days in our January campaign to continue to promote the application process.
- Our science curriculum is up for review this year and our teachers are continuing the process of searching for appropriate options.
- 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.
- The 5th-grade GRC students have been busy creating videos on various topics, including the virtues that are the week's focus. They have also been presenting information during morning prayer in the gym.

- Mr. Stone will be starting a 5th-grade boys' lunch group. He will meet with the boys twice a month with the focus on being a man of God. He has three young men from the junior class who will also be having lunch a couple of times a month. It is extra impactful when our older students model for our younger students.
- Jennifer Aman, Andrea Shoemaker, Laurie Zemlicka, and Jill Sieh, completed their first day of six, at the Dakota Dreams Teacher Leadership Academy. They spent time learning their personality type and setting goals. I am grateful for this opportunity for them and I look forward to watching them grow in skill and knowledge.
- The electricians and hardware installers for the new access system have been busy working in both RPS and RES. We are excited to have the new safety feature in place and an access system that can be controlled more efficiently.
- The fence extension on the RPS playground has been completed. A completely enclosed playground is a new requirement for preschool licensing and will be paid for with a grant.
- The new CGS Atrium at RPS has been painted. A list of needed items has been included in the January Ronalli newsletter and a Facebook post has been made. The hope is that many of the items will be donated as they are items that people may have in their homes that they no longer need.

#### RICK KLINE:

- The Cavalier Campaign mailer has been sent. This year's goal is \$136,500. To date, after expenses, we are at \$112,525.71. Great start to our annual appeal.
- Our second out of town Roncalli gathering was held Wednesday, December 13, 2023 in Watertown, SD. Changes were made in hopes of garnering more attendance. Special thanks to Margaret Brown Schneider, Class of 1971 for helping. We had a wonderful time and attendance was 15.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Roncalli Booster Club Bash for Cash was held Saturday, December 9, 2023. Thank you to Steven Lust Automotive for hosting our event. The proceeds from the Dessert Dash will benefit the Boys and Girls Golf Teams.
- The 60<sup>th</sup> All school reunion is set for July 26-27, 2024. Hall of Fame Banquet will be held Friday evening, Mass on Saturday at 4:00 PM followed by a buffet style meal, social hour and dance.
- The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Roncalli Ball is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2024. Please plan on attending and supporting the school. Special guest this year will be Bishop DeGrood.
- The Booster club is on track to meet our budgetary goal for 2023-24.
- Our next alumni gathering will be held Wednesday, February 7, 2024 in Sioux Falls. We will gather at Minerva's in Downtown Sioux Falls. Our goal will be to have 30 people in attendance.

- We are scheduled to have a Fine Arts Event on January 20th. Our One Act Play and our visual arts students will perform and have their materials on display.
  - One Act Play regions is scheduled for January 23rd at the Capital Theatre.
- The boys basketball team is currently 2-3 and have a home game tonight against 6-0 Leola Frederick.
- JH boys basketball has gotten underway under the direction of Greg Lux and Kevin Wright. We currently have 26 boys out for 7th and 8th grade basketball.
- The girls basketball team is currently 6-0 with a game against 7-0 Sisseton on Friday.
  - Both boys and girls are in action again Monday at home against Sully Buttes in a Double Header.
- Our boys wrestling team is currently 7-1. We currently have three high school boys and one middle school boy participating in wrestling. We don't have any girls participating in wrestling this year.
- Our dance team has performed at almost every home game this season. They also had the opportunity to perform at Groton when our boys traveled there in December.

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## 007.2      Holidays for Full-Time Employees

The following days will be paid holidays for all auxiliary staff employed on a 12-month basis:

- Labor Day
- Native American Day
- Thanksgiving Day and the Friday following
- Christmas Day and half a day on December 24
- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Jan. 1)
- Martin Luther King Day
- President's Day
- Good Friday
- Memorial Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

When certified staff negotiate any additional days on the calendar they are recognized for auxiliary staff.

If the holiday lands on a weekend the ACSS President will decide when the holiday is observed.

If school is scheduled on one of the above listed holidays, the holiday will become a floating holiday for full-time non-certified staff to use within that school year.

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	<b>Aberdeen Catholic School System</b>
	<b>DRESS CODE 008.1</b>

## **008.1 Dress Code**

### **ABERDEEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM UNIFORM POLICY**

We believe that the manner in which individuals present themselves affects how they view themselves, how they are perceived by others, and consequently, how they live out God's purpose in life. In keeping with the school mission, guiding students to acquire an appropriate definition and sense of dress is an essential part of the learning process. A uniform policy fosters a sense of equality within the student body and reflects a higher uniform standard of work to be accomplished by the students.

**Uniforms are required in grades K-12**

#### **A. DRESS REGULATIONS FOR ALL STUDENTS ON ALL SCHOOL DAYS**

##### **(Uniform & non-uniform)**

1. Students are expected to be in full uniform the first day of school and for each day of the year unless otherwise directed by the administration. All students must maintain an appropriate level of personal hygiene that is neat and clean, and modest. All clothing items must be free of stains, rips and holes.
2. Shoes are required.
3. 6-12 can wear sandals throughout the year
4. Sandals with a back strap may be worn by students in grades K-5  
April 1 - October 31
5. Slippers, flip flops or slide shoes may not be worn at any time by any student.
6. Uniform shirts must be always tucked in.
7. If a uniform fleece jacket, cardigan or navy crewneck sweatshirt is worn, a designated uniform shirt must be worn underneath.
8. When layering uniform shirts, the shirt with the longest sleeve must be on top.

9. Only PLAIN WHITE or BLACK tee-shirts are allowed to be worn under the specified uniform shirt or ¼ zip pullover.
10. Hair must be clean and neat, combed and of a natural color. (Ex: No blue or green hair). Excessive or faddish hairstyles that cause a distraction are not permitted.
  - a. Male hair length will not be long enough to touch the shirt collar. (man buns are not allowed) Facial hair is not permitted and students must be clean shaven. This rule also applies to any Aberdeen Roncalli athletic event or activity.
11. Jewelry for both boys and girls shall be simple and modest. No more than two earrings in each ear for girls. No other visible body piercing is allowed. The wearing of earrings by boys is not permitted.
12. No visible tattoos are allowed.
13. Students in K-12 may wear the approved uniform fleece jacket, cardigan, ¼ zip pullover or navy crewneck sweatshirt, but no other coats or jackets during school hours.
14. Fridays are designated as an optional Roncalli Spirit Day for grades K-12. If a student chooses, any uniform bottom may be accompanied with a Roncalli activity, spirit shirt, crewneck sweatshirt or hoodie sweatshirt. All other dress regulations must be adhered to.

**THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AND/OR STAFF RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DEFINE AND DETERMINE WHAT IS NEAT, CLEAN, WELL GROOMED, AND MODEST IN DRESS, CLOTHING AND APPEARANCE.**

**B. For GIRLS**

1. **Jumper:** Designated plaid uniform jumper can be purchased from Donald's or any other vendor that has the same pattern and style. Cannot be shorter than right above the knee.
2. **Skirts:** Designated plaid skirt can be purchased from Donald's or any other vendor that has the same pattern and style. Cannot be shorter than right above the knee.
3. **Leggings or Tights:** In any solid color to be worn under jumper or skirt only (Leggings are leg coverings which may vary in length. Tights are leg coverings which also serve as stockings because they have feet attached.)

**C. For GIRLS and BOYS**

1. **Pants:** Any navy or khaki unmarked uniform dress pant. Purchased through Donalds Uniform or other vendors. They cannot have outside pockets and excludes colored denim, skinny legged or cargo style pants.

2. **Shorts:** Any navy or khaki walking short. Purchased through Donalds Uniform or other vendors.
  - a. Cannot be shorter than right above the knee
  - b. K-5 may only wear shorts April 1- October 31
3. **Shirts:**
  - a. **K-12**, any long or short sleeve polo in, light or dark blue from Donald's or another vendor with same style and colors, or light blue Oxford button up from Donald's. From the Roncalli online Spirit Store at Geffdog Design & Apparel, the dark green long or short sleeve cotton polo shirt with logo or dark green short sleeve dri-fit polo with logo.
4. **Sweatshirts:** From Roncalli online Spirit Store at Geffdog Design & Apparel, the navy pullover sweatshirt, or full zip with logo.
5. **Sweater:** From Donald's, the designated navy v-neck cardigan with pockets.
6. **Fleece Jacket:** The designated forest green full zipper fleece jacket, with logo  
**WILL BE PHASED OUT BY THE END OF THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR.**
7. **Fleece Jacket:** The designated dark grey full zipper fleece jacket, with logo
8. **Quarter Zip Pullover:** From Roncalli online Spirit Store at Geffdog Design & Apparel, the designated 1/4 zip pullover in grey or green, with logo. The 1/4 pullover sweatshirt in grey, with logo.

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