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ACSS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: NOVEMBER 13, 2019

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Additional information:

TIM WEISZ:

- Our students continue to demonstrate academic excellence. Evidence of this are the GPA averages for the fall sports teams. They are as follows:
 - Girls Cross Country 3.95
 - Girls Tennis 3.92
 - Volleyball 3.88
 - FB Cheerleaders 3.78
 - Oral Interp Team 3.58
 - Boys Cross Country 3.50
 - Football 3.29
- I attended the SD Christian School Association Annual meeting on November 1. The group was briefed on current and potential legal issues Christian schools are facing. Also, Ben Jones, SD Secretary of Education, briefed us on Dept. of Education topics. I believe he will be a friend to private education.
- I also attended the second of four sessions of the Leadership Academy held in Pierre on November 6. Twenty-one administrators from across the state are being led by Rick Melmer and Tom Oster, both are former SD Secretaries of Education. The academy has been, in my opinion, valuable in my role here at Roncalli.
- The Marketing sub-committee continues to make progress in the development of a new marketing plan. Results of the committee meetings will be reported through the standing Marketing/Recruitment/Development Committee. Look for this soon.
- Reminder that winter weather usually means weather related announcements will follow. We will follow the same procedure as last year with one exception. We will be posting on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter in addition to regular media and School Messenger calls.

ELIZABETH GORSKI:

- Altered Mass schedule was announced last week. The change has been well received and we are looking forward to the opportunities for learning and growth.
- Red Ribbon Week was a success. Students had all sorts of opportunities to learn about healthy choices and safe behavior. Staff joined in on every chance they had, and I have videos of Father Mike doing Zumba. Jackie Braun did an outstanding job organizing everything at RPS and RES.
- Halloween at a Primary school is action-packed. A massive undertaking for the staff to arrange a variety of fun Halloween-themed events, activities and games, but memories made. Students were thrilled!
- All Saints Mass was well-attended by students and families - a packed house! It was great to see!
- The fundraiser was a success. A special thank you to Dona, Connie, Marie Schumacher and Laurie for counting all the money, orders and handing out the beloved COOPS!

PEGGY FREIDEL:

- Thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend a Spiritual Retreat at Broom Tree.....what a beautiful experience.
- ACT reports have been sent home with parents at conferences. We had a good turn out at P/T Conferences especially 3rd and 4th grade as their times are scheduled. Fifth and sixth grade had good attendance also. Visits tapered off around 7:00 PM. Shout out to PTO for the excellent supper for the teachers!
- Veteran's Day program great tribute to all Veterans and soldiers serving in our present-day armed forces.
- Hub City radio will be interviewing students at RES on the 20th“What does Christmas Mean to Me”. Responses will be played randomly on the radio.
- PTO has a variety of events taking place as we get closer to the holidays. This upcoming weekend is CAVS Crop crafting event beginning on Friday evening and running through part of the day on Saturday, and Vendor/Craft Fair at RHS from 9-2PM on Saturday.
- Basketball practices have begun at the elementary after school.
- RED RIBBON WEEK....thank you Mrs. Braun for putting together a fun filled week!
- Have a great NOVEMBER! I am thankful beyond belief and blessed beyond belief!

PAULA FLOREY:

- Congratulations to Mrs. Carda and the Marching Band on their 1st place finish at the Roncalli Marching Band festival. It was a great event and I hope we can host again next year. There was a lot of hard work involved by Mrs. Carda, Mr. Stone and Mr. Dosch with the quick organizing of the event. Thank You!
- Congratulations to Mrs. Fischer and Mrs. Shishnia on a wonderful Coffee House Capers performance.
- Congratulations to our art students who had pieces displayed at NSU's Art competition. Congratulations to Rose Gutenkauf who received an honorable mention award.
- We have had some vandalism done to the ceiling tiles in the PE boys locker room. We are investigating and the individuals involved will pay to replace the tiles.
- We have brought back the Student Assist Team (SAT) process this year. Teachers refer students who they are concerned about and their teachers meet to come up with a plan to help support the students. This project has been driven by Angela Keller and Sara Vetch.
- The juniors presented reasons why they should get to use their Smart Watches in school as part of a Junior English class. They put forth some good arguments and after discussing these with the teachers we have allowed them to use/wear their Smart Watches during the school day.
- As the weather is getting colder, we noticed that some students were wearing non-compliant clothing as part of their uniform. The student council created a short video for the students and staff to show what is appropriate to wear for uniforms at school.
- As part of our Veteran's Day celebration the student council is creating an honor wall. Students were able to list their family members who have or are serving our country. Social Studies teachers will use class time on Veterans Day to educate our students about its importance.
- Mrs. Goscicki was just notified that 3M gave the Lego and Robotic teams \$1150 to cover materials and registration fees for competitions.
- Collin Hilzendeger finished up his student teaching with Mr. Dix on November 8th. Thank You Collin.
- We have 3 students from NSU who are doing their Junior Field Experience. They are with Mrs. Voeller, Mrs. Keller and Mrs. Martin.
- Bryan has been our sole custodian the last few months since Tom has been out with his shoulder surgery. Thank you, Bryan, for all your hard work and doing the job of 2 people.
- Our ACT scores have come in for last year's graduating class. The composite ACT score was 22.9. Which is higher than both the state (21.6) and nation (20.7). See the chart below for more data.

- ACT has set College Readiness Benchmark Scores. ACT is confident that these scores will predict students who have a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in corresponding credit-bearing college courses (English comp, algebra, social science, biology). Those benchmark scores are English 18, Math 22, Reading 22, Science 23. Our results are listed below as well for those.

ACT Scores Over 5 years															
Year	English			Math			Reading			Science			Composite		
	Roncalli	State	Nation	Roncalli	State	Nation	Roncalli	State	Nation	Roncalli	State	Nation	Roncalli	State	Nation
2015	20.8	21	20.4	20.3	21.7	20.8	21.5	22.4	21.4	21	22.1	20.9	21.2	21.9	21
2016	21.4	20.9	20.1	21.3	21.7	20.6	22.6	22.4	21.3	22.1	22.2	20.8	22	21.9	20.8
2017	21.8	20.7	20.3	21.5	21.5	20.7	22.7	22.3	21.4	21.9	22	21	22.1	21.8	21
2018	23	20.8	20.2	22.7	21.6	20.5	25	22.4	21.3	24.3	22.2	20.7	23.9	21.9	20.8
2019	23.7	20.7	20.1	22.5	21.3	20.4	22.7	22.2	21.2	22.4	21.9	20.6	22.9	21.6	20.7

Percentage that Met or Exceeded Benchmark

Year	# of Students Tested		English		Math		Reading		Science		Meet All Four	
	Roncalli	State	Roncalli	State	Roncalli	State	Roncalli	State	Roncalli	State	Roncalli	State
2015	38	6615	79%	70%	34%	51%	42%	54%	32%	46%	13%	33%
2016	27	6552	74%	70%	44%	51%	44%	53%	33%	46%	26%	33%
2017	44	6698	80%	68%	45%	49%	68%	54%	43%	46%	27%	33%
2018	28	6730	86%	68%	64%	49%	75%	54%	61%	46%	50%	32%
2019	22	6374	86%	66%	64%	47%	50%	52%	50%	45%	45%	30%

Last Year Score Range

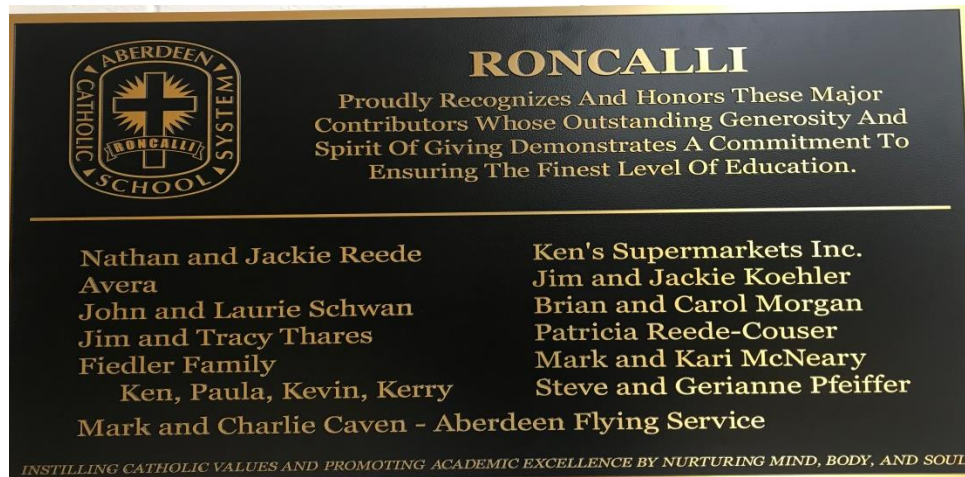
English		Math		Reading		Science		Composite	
Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest
36	15 (2)	29	13	35	12	35	14	30(2)	15

RICK KLINE: DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING DIRECTOR

- Hall of Fame wall has been installed—Thank you to the Maurice and Florence Richards for generously providing the funding for the upgrade.



- Friday, November 1, 2019 Dana Randall and Jeff Bock hosted a Roncalli pheasant hunt in Akaska, SD. Several donors made the trip and an enjoyable day was had by those attending—Terry Helms of Helms and Associates, Brian Morgan of Primrose, Seth Anderson of Pierson Ford, Duran Schmidt of Dacotah Bank, David Vetch of the Catholic Community Foundation of Eastern SD, Will Griffin with the Cavalry Club, Johnny Kokales of Quest Construction, Ryan Dell, Dana Randall and Jeff Bock.
- The Cavalier Campaign will soon begin—Pre-campaign activities have netted about \$17,000 with a total goal of \$100,000.
- 200 new folding chairs were purchased for Roncalli high school.
- A new sign was installed in the high school gymnasium honoring some of the generous donors to the locker room addition and bathroom renovation project.



- The fall activities are winding down. Tennis, Golf, Cross Country, Football, Soccer, Competitive Cheer and Marching Band have completed their seasons.
- The Girls Cross Country team added to their successful season by winning the region 1A meet. The full girls team of Jenna Helms, Anna Schmidt, Paige Schmidt, Sarah Schmidt, Lauren Dosch and Halle Kuck as well as Noah Gough and Garrett Griffin on the boys team competed at the state meet.
- The Girls Volleyball team has advanced to the SoDak 16, held Tuesday, November 12 at a neutral site.
- Reminding us how fast time passes by.....The 7-12 Christmas Concert is scheduled for Monday, December 9 and the K-6 Christmas Program is Tuesday, November 10 - only a month away.
- The Oral Interp team prepares for their region competition on Tuesday, November 19 in Aberdeen with state competition to be held in December. They are holding a showcase event on Thursday, November 14 at RHS. All are welcome to attend.
- The marching band won the first ever marching band event hosted by Roncalli. Eight teams participated. We hope to make this an annual tradition.
- The Girls Soccer Team lost in a close state championship match. Roncalli girls on that team are Tori Heier, Morgan Fiedler, Miyah Cardella, Julia Schriver, and Allie Morgan.
- Competitive Cheer team members from Roncalli were Sidney Hansen, Elly Scott and Lidsay Scott. They have completed a successful season in co-op with Aberdeen Central.
- A mock FLL (First Lego League) competition will be held at Roncalli High School beginning at 5:15pm on Thursday, December 5.
- North Area Honor Band is December 6-7 at NSU. Roncalli has 6 students participating: Erica Carda, Michael Garofalo, Jenna Helms, Sophia Madsen, Fionna Rigg and Abby Hanson
- The YMCA Girls Basketball tournament will be held in all the Roncalli gyms the weekend of December 6 and 7.
- First practice dates: Gymnastics 11/4, Wrestling 11/18, Girls and Boys basketball 12/2.
- The Junior High Girls Basketball teams began practice on Monday 11/4. First game is Thursday, November 14. Coaches for the season are Chris Uhler and Taylor Hanson.
- Preparation for the One Act will begin soon.
- A meeting will be held on Thursday, November 14 at 6:00pm for anyone interested in youth wrestling.
- Update on Volleyball Sodak 16 play. We will play SF Christian on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 7:00 pm in Watertown. Ticket prices are \$6 & 4\$. FYI, there will be no Livestream.

