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ACSS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: DECEMBER 11, 2019

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Additional information:

TIM WEISZ:

- Tommy Defea of *Tommy D Creative* has signed on until January 31, 2020 to help ACSS develop a marketing plan. We hope to be better at letting both internal and external publics know what a special place this is.
- I have met with NSU and finalized the first of 5 STEM courses to be taken by our new staff as they work toward being STEM Certified. All courses will be completed by December 2020.
- The public school notified ACSS of one-time use IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) funds available. These funds are being used to supplement our Special Education needs. Mrs. Goscicki, Tiffany Veal, and Angela Keller have identified how we will spend these funds. They include an autism conference, curriculum, educational assistants for both Tiffany and Angela, and Professional Development opportunities.
- Roncalli Nearly New store continues its wonderful ministry. The north section of the store has new lights.
- The Weisz family extends our warmest thoughts and prayers to the Roncalli family! May your Christmas and New Year be blessed.

ELIZABETH GORSKI:

- "Lunch with an Artist" has begun. PK-2 students invite parents to have lunch while appreciating their several art projects on display in the gym. It has been very well attended and is an excellent opportunity for parents to meet other students, each other, and other staff. Thank you to all involved - there are many!
- After some discussion with families, Father Mike recommended holding RPS Mass the 1st & 3rd Thursdays until First Communion. The 2nd & 4th will be reserved for School Prayer Time, which will range from Liturgy of the Word to Adoration, Stations of the Cross, Rosary, and other components of the faith. We have a unique opportunity given our age group, and we want to try this out. If it flops, we'll chalk it up as a great lesson and return to the original schedule next year. All are at St. Mary's at 12:10 on Thursdays.
- We are down a custodian for a while, but up several gracious volunteers! While we send Craig our best wishes for a speedy recovery, we appreciate the opportunity to see the building through a different lens and all that our custodians do!
- Our PreK Christmas Concert took place on Thursday, December 5th; it was standing-room-only in the gym! Our K-6 concert takes place on Tuesday, December 10th; students will bus to the

high school that day for a final rehearsal. Lots of thanks heaped on Camille Fisher, the PreK crew, and all those working with our students to get them concert ready.

- The annual PTO Blessing Store will be held next at RPS on Wednesday, December 11th. All classes have a scheduled time to shop with all items priced at \$2.

PEGGY FREIDEL:

- Huge thank you to Mrs. Fischer, and Mrs. Carda for the beautiful Christmas Concert. So many hours and preparation go into preparing for this special night! God Bless you both for all the hard work, time and especially the BEAUTIFUL TALENT you share with RES!
- Confessions for students will be held on Thursday and Friday, January 12, & 13, 2019 for all students at RES.
- Each class at RES is taking on a special Advent Project for the people in our community or events. Activities range from Angel Tree, to Gift Cards.....thank you RES teachers for making Christmas bright for so many people!
- PTO Blessing Store -----Thursday, December 12, 2019 in the RES Music room.
- Preparation for the PTO Carnival is taking place as the time gets closer. RES will be responsible for the BINGO game.
- Professional Development will be a continuation of Reading Strategies that will help teachers teach to the areas we show a deficiency in. Using data from the ACT assessment and DIBELS, we will develop a plan that will include what we need to improve our Reading scores at RES.
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! My prayer is for God to Bless each of you in 2020! You all matter!

PAULA FLOREY:

- RHS Alum, Tom Roberts came and talked to our 7th and 8th graders about his new book "A New Norm". The book is a project from Avera and the Children's Home Society educating kids about depression. We were recently notified that Dennis Aanenson from A&B Business Solutions has donated 150 copies of the book for our 4-8 grade students.
- We had 4 teams of 7-12 grade students compete in the Maker's Fair at Leola. One of the JH teams received 2nd place in for their Newton's Cradle design. Thank you, Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Goscicki, for taking our students.
- Our Juniors took the ASVAB test last week. When we get the results we will do some career exploration activities.
- Junior Achievement was here to talk about Ethics to our sophomores. This is a yearly activity and area business people come in to present to our students.
- We will be having our Christmas concert on Monday night, Dec 9th.
- Semester test schedule has been sent out to parents and students.
- Our FTC team hosted the annual Mock FLL competition. We have one JH team competing in the qualifying competition on December 14th in Sioux Falls. Ed Mitzel is the coach and team members are Anna Mitzel, Anya Unser, Cade Young, JP Florey, and Nicholas Vipond.
- Congratulations to Fionna Rigg! She was notified that she is one of 23 students from the state that has moved on to the National competition for US Presidential Scholars program.

RICK KLINE: DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING DIRECTOR

- The Hall of Fame Banquet was held Saturday, November 9 at the high school. Terry and DeAnna Helms, Dennis and Alma Sahli, and John and Laurie Schwan were the 2019 inductees.
- The Cavalier Campaign is underway. To date, \$35,000 has been committed.
- This year's ball theme is "20/20 A vision for our future." The date is Saturday, March 28, 2020 and will be held at the DEC.—New this year will be a raffle for a year's tuition for the 2020-21 school year.
- Currently working with the class of 1980 as they prepare for their class reunion.
- We are continuing to sell locker plates. We have about 20 left to sell to complete the project.

TERRY DOSCH/MARK STONE: SPORTS SCHEDULES- NORTHEASTSDCONFERENCE.COM

- The Oral Interp team has had a very successful season (region champions) and have qualified in every category but one for the state tournament held in Yankton on Friday and Saturday, December 6 and 7. Coaches Cherie Shishnia and Fr. Andy Thuringer have led the OI team this year. Best wishes and safe travels to the OI team!
- The wrestling season began on Monday, November 18th. Roncalli wrestlers in co-op with Aberdeen Central are Garrett Mitzel, Beau Price, Noah Kramer, Jordan Titus and Jacob Bellefeuille.
- The junior high girls basketball teams have completed about half of their season. Coaches Chris Uhler and Taylor Hanson are doing a good job with the teams and the girls are having a fun, successful season.
- The varsity girls and boys basketball teams started practice on Monday, December 2nd. Coaches Derek Larson, Rich Dix and Amanda Bain lead the girl's team. There is a total of 13 high school girls out this year. Coaches Wayne Smith, Kendall Hoellein and Chris Kolb lead the boy's team. There is a total of 14 high school boys out this season.
- Friday and Saturday, December 6 and 7 is the North Area Honor Band at NSU. Mrs. Carda announced that Erica Carda, Will Goscicki, Abby Hanson, Jenna Helms, Sophia Madsen, Antony Martinez and Fionna Rigg from the Roncalli band will be participating.
- The YMCA girls tournament used all 3 Roncalli gyms for the girls tournament on December 6 and 7. Several Roncalli teams participated in the tournament.
- The Christmas concert performance schedule:
 - Monday, December 9 - 7-12 concert (7:00)
 - Tuesday, December 10 - K-6 concert (6:30)
- The FLL team held a potluck on Thursday, December 5th and will be competing in Sioux Falls on Saturday, December 14th. The team is led by Jennifer Goscicki, Ed Mitzel, Tiffany Veal and Kristen Arunasalam.
- An athletic "rummage sale" will be held in the foyer of the high school on the first home basketball game night - Tuesday, December 17th. Lots of surplus items are available for a free-will donation.
- No practices or games will be held over Christmas break - Sunday, December 22 to December 26.
- The next Cavalry Club meeting is Wednesday, December 18th. We'd like to see more people get involved. Please consider attending and encourage others to get involved.
- The Cavalier Classic will be held on Friday, January 3rd and Saturday the 4th. All JV and Varsity games will be held at Roncalli High School. C games will be held at Aberdeen Christian. More information to follow but please put on your calendars. Don't be afraid to volunteer!

- One act play practice has started; The Diviners. They are in capable hands with Mrs. Steph Litzen.
- One student, Sidney Hansen, is participating on the Aberdeen Central debate squad.
- The second semester ends on Friday, December 20th. School is dismissed that day at 2:00pm for Christmas break. Have a blessed Christmas!