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ACSS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: MARCH 11, 2020

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Additional information:

TIM WEISZ:

- February 13, 2020 became a very important day as the 9th Bishop of the Sioux Falls Diocese was Ordained and Installed. Bishop Donald DeGrood made a very good first impression. I accompanied Mark Stone, Emily Kokales, Riley Weinmeister, Maesa May and Jacob O'Keefe to the ceremony held at the St. Joseph Cathedral in Sioux Falls. Bishop is very comfortable with the youth of our diocese and all indications are that he will be a great friend to Catholic Education.
- Budgets and staffing for next year are being addressed as I write this. We hope to have these finalized soon. The administrative team has worked very hard at being good stewards of our resources. A big thank you to Paula, Peggy and Betsy.
- The Bus purchase agreement has been on my desk for a couple of weeks. We are waiting for the Diocesan Finance Committee to give us their final approval. Their meeting is set for March 10.
- Lock Down status update:
 - February 28- both the elementary and primary school buildings issued a lock down
 - March 4- the junior/senior high school was on lock down for approximately 10 minutes

In both instances, the Aberdeen police department contacted us and asked us to do so, which we appreciate.

- There has been no legislative action which will affect us. We thank Chris Motz, the Diocesan Lobbyist, for keeping us updated on any legislation regarding Catholic Education.
- Health up: I am continuing to gain stamina with each day that passes. Thank you for your patience while my heart heals.
- **SCHEDULE:** I will be out of the office on:
 - Friday, March 13- personal day to attend Division II National Wrestling Championship
 - Thursday-Friday, March 26-27- attending the Principals retreat at The Abbey of the Hills
- **REMINDERS:**
 - Tuesday, March 17 Bishop DeGrood will be visiting Aberdeen. He will celebrate Mass at Sacred Heart at 12:00 noon. We are making plans for all students K-12 to attend. We are still discerning if the PreK students will be attending.
 - Thursday-Friday, March 19-20 is Spring Break- NO SCHOOL

ELIZABETH GORSKI:

- The Primary School is proud to have exceeded their Catholic United Raffle goal of \$7,500 and raised \$9131 total! Our students and their families are incredible! We will celebrate with an all-school dance party in the gym after Easter break, along with several other prize events leading up to that date.
- We are looking ahead to next year's incoming SonShine Patch and Kindergarten classes. Currently, we are at 81% capacity for 2020-21 PreK enrollment (this is for both full-time and part-time sections) and expect to reach capacity by August. We have 40 enrolled in Kindergarten and are working on efforts to bring students and families into the system; our goal is 55, and I believe we will get there! Our next big push is our Kindergarten Preview Day on March 24th. Spread the word!
- We had a musical guest who is also a grandparent visit us last Friday. Rand Rasmussen serenaded us on his banjo and included us in a few numbers. We all agreed it was a great concert - fun for kids and adults - and we also agreed we could use a better sound system! We are working toward obtaining funds for that purchase through Kohl's Community Service program. See the problem, own the problem!
- We have had to restructure a bit due to budget constraints and have created a new position of OST Coordinator/Part-time PK Teacher. This position opened last Thursday. Kristin Dolan will finish the year out with us as OST Site Coordinator, and our new hire will start in May. I am grateful for her work here and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.
- We have much to be thankful for: the weather is warming up, the flu seems to be subsiding, and the Primary Staff continues to show up every day for each other and the kids; I am grateful to them all!

PEGGY FREIDEL:

- CATHOLIC SCHOOLS RAFFLE: \$150.00 short of making our goal at RES! Special events for students will be held on Thursday, March 12, and Friday, March 13.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences: Monday, March 16, 2020 1-7PM. Supper will be provided by PTO 4-5. SCHOOL DISMISS AT 12:00 NOON
- Bishop DeGroot visit – Mass at Sacred Heart – March 17, 12-1PM. We will reserve pews for the Roncalli students and staff.
- NSU Science Fair. NSU students and staff judged our 6th grade Science Fair. Six students were chosen from our 6th grade Science class. Congratulations to all of them! They will attend the NSU Science Fair with Mr. Lesnar on March 23, 2020 from 9-12:00 noon.
- Confession: March 11th and 18th for RES.
- End of 3rd Quarter Thursday, March 12, 2020
- Principal's Retreat at The Abbey of the Hills, March 26-27

PAULA FLOREY:

- We are excited for the Bishop's visit on the 17th. We will be attending the noon Mass at Sacred Heart.
- We sold \$4590 in Catholic United Raffle Tickets which was about 50% of our goal. Congratulations to Lauren Dosch who was the top seller with \$450. Chris Swallow won the reserved parking space for the remainder of the year and Tyler Berndt will have the privilege for parking in the reserved spot next year. Mr. Dix's and Mr. Young's homerooms had 100% participation and will receive a root beer float party. Mr. Dix won a \$50.00 gift card. The 8th grade class will be receiving a pizza party and out of uniform week for being the top selling class with an average of \$41.25 per student sold.
- Mrs. Goscicki and Mrs. Vetch took 5 students on a Tour of Techs on March 4th. They visited Mitchell Tech and Lake Area Tech. It was a good trip and they have plans to do this again next year, possibly including Southeast Tech in Sioux Falls.
- 8-11 grade students have turned in the 4-year plans and registration materials for next year. We are now working on next year's schedule.
- Presentation College presented dual credit options to our current sophomores and juniors during homeroom. They have a variety of courses our students can take online and on campus at a cost of \$45.00 per credit hour.
- We will also have NSU's admission counselor come in and visit about their course offerings soon. We are waiting to find out what the legislature will do with the price of Dual Enrollment Credits. They are currently considering increasing the price to \$72.00/credit hour.
- Roncalli junior, William Goscicki spent 2 weeks in Pierre as a Legislative Page in the House of Representatives.
- The Science Fair was a success. The students did an awesome job and there was quite a variety of projects. The following students will be taking their projects to NSU's Science Fair: JH- Matayah Henrich, Maddie Huber, Gabe Bunt, Ben Goebel, Garrett Crawford, Amalia Cornier, McKenna O'Keefe, Anderson Prehn, Landon Zikmund, Eva Madsen, HS- Rachel Knapp, Halle Kuck, Jackson Henrich, Abby Hanson, Elissa Hammrich, Antony Martinez, Fionna Rigg, Brinna Zikmund, Sophia Gonzalez, Simon Bickford, the group of DJ Arunasalam, John Reynen & William Goscicki, Ali Muller, Sophia Madsen, Jemini Cantalope, Sawyer Henrich, Olivia Hanson, Lillian Jensen, Noah Gough, Sidney Hansen, Rose Gutenkauf, Victoria Heier, Ellie Litzen, Elizabeth Wagner, Hannah Kuck and Sara Mitzel. Overall winners were: Junior Division: Matayah Henrich (1st) and Ben Goebel(2nd). Senior Division: Abby Hanson (1st), Halle Kuck (2nd).
- We had a 66% attendance at Parent Teacher Conferences which was much better than last year.
- We hosted an 8th grade student/parent meeting to discuss transition to high school and how to fill out the 4-year plan. It was well attended, and many stayed and worked on their 4-year plans that night with Mrs. Vetch and Mrs. Florey.

- Congratulations to our Oral Interp students who qualified for Nationals: Jonah Kost in Drama and Michael Garofalo & Elizabeth Russell in Duo.
- Mrs. Shishnia has 8 students interested in JH Oral Interp. Mr. Holweger and some of her high school students are helping to coach. They will be competing at Watertown on March 28th, Mitchell on April 2 and Milbank on April 18th.
- The Spring Play, Little Shop of Horrors, promises to be an entertaining time. Performances will be held at the Civic Theater on April 2nd, 3rd and 4th. They will sell tickets for this performance to help cover the costs of the production.
- ACT Aspire Summative Tests for grade 7-10 will be given the week of March 30th in the morning. The Juniors and Seniors will not come to school during testing hours.

RICK KLINE: DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING DIRECTOR

- To date the Cavalier Campaign has generated \$60,874 and our final contact will happen in mid-April. I am creating a list of personal contacts for our visit.
- Registration for kindergarten 2020 is at 40. Our goal for the school year is 55. Kindergarten preview day will be held on March 24.
- 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. To date, we have 298 people attending. Our goal is 400.
- We are continuing to sell locker plates. We have 11 left to sell to complete the project. The hope is we can wrap up that project by the time this school year concludes.
- If you or anyone you know wishes to nominate anyone for the 2020 Hall of fame, we are currently accepting nominations. Please go to the Roncalli web site or personally contact the development office.
- Our United Catholic Raffle sales have concluded. We sold \$20,651 as compared to \$19,700 last year. Job well done.

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

- Garrett Mitzel and Jacob Bellefeuille qualified for the state wrestling tournament with the Aberdeen Central team. Both had successful seasons and Garrett placed 8th at the tournament.
- The basketball teams have been competing in region play. The season ended for the boys team when they were defeated by Groton in the first round. The girls will be playing in the second round with the hope of qualifying for the SoDak 16 level of play.
- The second season of Oral Interp is underway and Roncalli has several national qualifiers: Jonah Kost, Elizabeth Russell and Michael Garofalo.

- Three young men, Gannon May, Brendan Livermont and Phillip Zens, are part of the Bantam State Championship hockey team.
- The junior high boys basketball team has ended a successful season.
- Spring sports are planning and beginning their seasons. Track and field practice started on March 2nd with approximately 88 athletes out for the season. We anticipate more once winter seasons end. Boys tennis (March 16) and girls golf (March 30) will begin soon as the weather and melting moderates.

- First competition dates for spring sports:
 - Track - March 17
 - Boys tennis - April 7
 - Girls golf - April 20
- Schedules are updated online.
- Presentation College is generously allowing the track teams to practice in the dome every day in March at no charge.
- The spring play cast and directors (Little Shop of Horrors) are busy preparing for their performances at the downtown theatre on April 2, 3 and 4.
- The region IV large group music contest will be held on March 25 @ Northern State University.
- Music in our school's concert will be held on Monday, March 23 in the high school gym. This event helps to raise funds and support our music programs. Soup and sandwiches at 4:45 and concert at 5:15.
- The YMCA tournament will be using all ACSS gyms on March 27 and 28 for the Y tournament.
- State student council convention will be held in Sioux Falls on March 29 and 30. Mrs. Artz and 3 students will be attending.
- Several Roncalli students had successful seasons on the Aberdeen Swim team. Congratulations to Anna Schmidt, Rachel Knapp, Halle Kuck, Paige Schmidt, Sarah Schmidt and Thomas Griffin.

