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EXCELLENCE BY NURTURING MIND, BODY AND SOUL.*

## ACSS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: AUGUST 12, 2020

### Reports from:

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### Additional information:

### TIM WEISZ:

- Enrollment numbers as of 8/5/2020:

K – 39

1<sup>st</sup> – 31

2<sup>nd</sup> – 38

Primary School – 108

3<sup>rd</sup> – 32

4<sup>th</sup> – 38

5<sup>th</sup> – 30

6<sup>th</sup> – 31

Elementary School – 131

7<sup>th</sup> – 35

8<sup>th</sup> – 39

Jr. High – 74

9<sup>th</sup> – 27

10<sup>th</sup> – 27

11<sup>th</sup> – 27

12<sup>th</sup> – 27

High School – 108

**Last year:    Primary – 104**

**Jr. High – 67**

**Elementary – 138**

**High School – 128**

- Commitment Forms have been returned. Three families (5 students) have chosen the remote learning option.
- Planning for our return to school continues to evolve as the situation warrants. A couple of things that remain constant:
  - We operate from a position of ‘respect for’ rather than ‘fearful of’ the coronavirus
  - The majority of parents, numerous studies, the governor’s office, and the diocese all agree that having students back in the classroom is the best choice
  - We understand that there are situations in which remote learning is a necessity. We will honor those instances
- Back-to-School Plan – see attached. This plan was designed to be short and to the point.
- We are more than likely going to have to deal with ‘fallout’ due to the coronavirus. Either through a positive test result or through a ‘close contact’ situation. We will do our best to minimize the disruption while following the Department of Health recommendations. Ultimately, we want our students and staff to be as safe as possible, while keeping the daily routine as normal as possible.

PAULA FLOREY:

- Some Covid precautions that we will be taking:
  - We are working hard on getting cleaning supplies and hand sanitizers in the classrooms to start the year. Drinking fountains will not be used due to Covid. We have one fountain by the gym that students can fill water bottles. I am hoping that we can replace one of the others closer to the classrooms that would be just a bottle filling fountain. We will have to have some type disposable cups in case the student forgets his or her water bottle. Students will wear masks in the hallways between classes and in the lunch line.
  - We have made the transition to modified block scheduling on 4 days a week with Wednesday having all 8 periods. Mass will also be on Wednesday at 9:15 a.m.. This will significantly cut down on the amount of time the students are in the hallways together it also allows for less interactions with a variety of students during the day. Teachers will have documented seating charts so we can identify which students are in close contact each day. We will also have documented seating charts in the lunchroom. Students will also have lanyards which will hold their student ids so they can scan them at lunch instead of using the keep pads.
- We have 3 students right now that have chosen the E-Learning option. These students will Zoom into the classroom at their designated times and will listen to the lectures and discussions. They will be required to do the same homework/projects or very similar to what the students in the classroom are doing. They may not have to be logged in for the entire class period, that will be up to individual teachers/days. We will also use this method if a student must quarantine.
- We held 7<sup>th</sup> grade orientation on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was well attended, and we had some great help from upper classmen as they gave tours to the 7<sup>th</sup> graders and answered any questions they had.

- We are working on having the 8-12 students come in and find their lockers and bring materials the week before school starts. We also want to have opportunities for the 9-12 grade students to pick up their Chromebooks before school starts as well.
- We have lost 20 students in grades 7-12 the majority coming in the junior class. We have gained 7 new students and we have one interested in coming. Our current counts are: 7<sup>th</sup> grade- 35, 8<sup>th</sup> grade- 37 All high school classes are at 27 each.

#### ELIZABETH GORSKI:

- Current enrollment at both buildings is 108 RPS & 138 RES.
- After speaking with Father Dickinson and Father Griffin, weekly Masses and their temporary protocols have been scheduled. RPS will continue their Thursday 12:10 Mass, there will not be music and parents will not be allowed to attend for the time being. RES will have Mass on Wednesdays at 12 (instead of 12:10) to ensure a timely dismissal. Music will be printed for each Mass and parents are allowed to attend if they choose.
- As of writing this, we will be providing care for 60 students on Wednesdays following our early release. We have several options for staffing but are waiting to see the final numbers before making that decision as we need to adhere to the ratios required by the state.
- Our experience last month with COVID in the Primary building was very eye-opening for all of us. A silver lining is that we are much more in-tune with the protocols and procedures schools must follow and a lot of my anxieties as a building principal have significantly gone down. We have also used this experience to revise some of our approaches as we begin this school year.
- Our goal at RES/RPS is to be safe and practical. We require masks to be on each staff member and used when social distancing is not possible. All staff has the authority to require masks in their classrooms. Classes will stay in cohorts as much as possible, grade levels will combine as needed and as a last option. Sanitizing and handwashing will be built into daily schedules.
- Our new PTO co-chairs, Vicki McComsey and Mike Merkel have hit the ground running. They are nearly done with the school calendars and have another fun fundraiser up their sleeve!
- Kindergarten will have a staggered start this year. Half the students will come for a full day on Monday, the other half will come for a full day on Tuesday, all students will then attend on Wednesday. This allows teachers to observe students, get students into the rhythms of kindergarten, and ease into the year.
- We are looking forward to our New Family Dinner at RES Thursday, August 13 at 5:30. This will be as close to an Open House as we will have this year due to COVID. With that said, the first days of school will be full of newness and excitement!
- The Sunshine Patch will be integrating a new play-based philosophy built around the National Association for the Education of Young Children's Early Learning Guidelines. Our PK Staff has mostly been implementing these standards all along, but now our professional development will focus on these core beliefs.

## RICK KLINE:

- The Hall of Fame date has been set for Saturday, September 26, 2020. The 2020 inductees include: Academics/Arts—Jeff Hurlbert, Athletics—Cary Hornaman, Benefactor/Founder—Ken and Dee Fielder Family, Employee—Rose Kraft, Volunteer—Todd Zens. Congratulations to these Roncalli supporters. The class of 1975 has decided to cancel their reunion.
- The Cavalier Golf Classic will be held Saturday, September 19, 2020 @ Lee Park. Our goal this year is to have 36 teams. To date, we have 33 teams signed up to play. Last year, 22 teams participated. New for 2020 is a golf cart raffle sponsored by Lonnie Frost and the Circus Sports Bar and Grill. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 6 tickets for \$50.
- Work continues on the track retrofit. A video was produced and released on Facebook and Twitter announcing our plans.
- All the Gymnasium scoreboard signs have been sold. We increased the board by six spots last year with a goal to have them all sold for this year.
- We have a total of four lockers left to sell and that project will be completed. They sell for \$300.

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

- After months of restricted and limited activity, the school year and fall activities are here. We are optimistic, with safety measures in place, the activities schedule will happen.
- The SDHSAA has provided a great resource for member schools to use moving forward in response to Covid-19. The complete document can be found at <https://www.sdhsaa.com/>
- Important fall dates:
  - August 3 - girls tennis practice begins
  - August 4 - Impact/concussion testing (9-FB, 10-VB and BG, 11-CC, GT and Ch)
  - August 6 - football practice begins
  - August 10 - boys golf practice begins
  - August 13 - cross country and volleyball practices begin
  - August 14 - pics for fall sports/activities (9:30 - CC, 10 - FB Cheer, 10:20 - FB, 10:50 – GT, 11:10 - VB, 12 - Comp Cheer and Dance)
- Athletic schedules are posted online for fall and winter sports. Spring schedules will be posted in the next couple weeks.
- Planning has begun for the Hub City Bowl on Friday, September 4th. The Cavaliers host Redfield at 5:00pm.
- Homecoming week begins Monday, September 28th. Events during homecoming week include the Marching Band Festival, junior high and JV football games, cross country, volleyball, boys golf and soccer.

- An extension to the trophy case in the hallway near the gym is being built and installed soon. Thanks to Brady Lesnar for his help with this project.
- You may have noticed the practice football field looks great due to the efforts of Bryan Locke and Tom Hager.
- The second annual Marching Band Festival is planned for Wednesday, September 30. It will begin at PC and the bands will march down 15th Ave. and finish at the high school. We are hoping to have about 12 bands and praying for beautiful weather!
- Some of the first home events include:
  - Volleyball - August 25 v Northwestern
  - Football - September 4 v Redfield
  - Cross Country - September 10 at Ab. Central
  - Tennis - September 1 v Milbank
  - Golf - September 1 at Ab. Central
- Check social media to see the award winners of Friend of Athletics from last year. Pictures and a brief bio are included. This award is given by the SD Athletic Administrators Association.
- The National Honor Society induction ceremony will be Monday, August 24 @ 7:00pm. This is the ceremony from last spring that was not held.
- The fall sports meeting for students and parents was held on Monday, August 3rd at RES.

