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EXCELLENCE BY NURTURING MIND, BODY AND SOUL.*

## ACSS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: NOVEMBER 11, 2020

### Reports from:

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### Additional information:

#### TIM WEISZ:

- COVID-19
  - We are most definitely feeling pressure with our #'s. We have, as a result, tightened up our protocols. Our teachers and students have increased awareness and the safety measures were re-emphasized.
- RETREAT
  - I attended, with Principal Florey, the Diocesan Administrators Retreat held Nov. 4-5. Unfortunately, Principal Gorski was not able to attend. She stayed behind to attend the funeral of Connie Solberg's mother. The spiritual retreat was held at Broom Tree Retreat Center and was led by Father Scott Traynor, Vicar for Lay and Clergy Formation. We both found it valuable personally and professionally. As Catholic leaders, we hope and pray it will increase our ability to help create missionary disciples.
  - A highlight for me was the time spent with Bishop DeGrood. He celebrated Mass and also led a two hour conference giving inspiration and direction to the Administrators.
- BUS DRIVERS
  - Please refer to the Activities report an update on this topic.
- BACK ON TRACK
  - Please refer to the Development report for an update on this project. We do have the letter of approval from Bishop DeGrood on file.
- ACCREDITATION
  - It is my honor to announce that we have met the requirements set forth by the State of South Dakota to be recognized by the Department of Education as an accredited school district in the state. We are very pleased to have accomplished this without any findings. This means we do not have to correct any deficiencies. We will continue striving for growth as we move forward.

#### PAULA FLOREY:

- Covid Update: we have not had a positive Covid case in our building during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter (8 in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter). We have had 14 students out this quarter for Covid related classification. Usually these students are being tested or they are quarantining because

they were a close contact with family member or outside of school. We currently have 7 students who are e-learning full time.

- Students are doing a good job of wearing masks in common areas. We have asked the teachers to be more diligent when they are working in small groups to remind students to “mask up” during those times. Lunch is our biggest area of concern as many students like to “float” from their table to another table and they do not like to social distance because it is their down time.
- Oral Interp is hosting an event on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM for parents/students to come and watch our students perform their pieces. All their contests have been done virtually, so it will be a good opportunity for them to perform in front of live audiences.
- Our E-Sports teams are up and running. They had a few glitches to start, but those seem to be taken care of now. As this is a new opportunity for our students, we will assess how this year goes and decide if it is something we need to expand.
- Big thank you to Mrs. Carda and the Marching Band for giving one more performance for a Davis Court Resident who celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mrs. Carda was able to get this accomplished with less than 24 hours’ notice.
- Our Online Spanish 2 students did quite well after one quarter of class work. We were curious to see how our students would be able to adjust to where our Spanish 1 left off and this Spanish 2 class started. 82% of the students have a B- or higher.
- NHS will be holding a Blood Drive on November 12th, 2:00-6:45. We have 25 signed up and the goal would be to get at least 35. Please consider signing up to donate if you have time.
- Mrs. Vetch administered the PSAT to 9 of our juniors and sophomores. This is the qualifying test for the National Merit Competition.
- Student Teachers: Mr. Young and Mr. Dix’s student teacher, Mr. Ring will be completing his time here at Roncalli right before Thanksgiving. Mrs. Keller’s student teacher, Miss Hageman, will be here until the end of the semester.
- Congratulations to Simon Bickford who will join classmates, Sean Bickford and William Goscicki on the ACT 30+ board. Simon’s score of a 34 is the highest Roncalli score since 2011!

#### ELIZABETH GORSKI:

- Red Ribbon Week was a success. Students had all sorts of opportunities to learn about healthy choices and safe behavior. Once again, Jackie Braun did an outstanding job organizing everything at RPS and RES.
- Kristy Wherry is serving as our long-term substitute in Kindergarten while Laurie Zemlicka is home with her new daughter, Ivy Lorraine, who was born on October 22nd. Thank you, Mrs. Wherry, and congratulations to the Zemlickas!

- Halloween Celebrations and Fall Festivals looked a little different this year. Yet, staff worked to arrange a variety of fun events, activities, and games and of course opportunities to show off their costumes. Thank you, RES and RPS Staff for bringing the fun!
- All RPS fundraiser gifts and RES cookie dough has been distributed. I have received positive feedback from a number of families regarding the different fundraising options for each school, and we will continue with this model next year.
- COVID by the numbers this school year RPS/RES:
  - **Staff positive and now returned:** 2/1
  - **Students positive and now returned:** 1/4
  - **Students who have missed 1+ days due to Covid Related\* reasons:** 27/48
    - *\*For attendance to be coded as "Covid Related" the student must meet one of the following criteria:*
      1. *They have tested positive*
      2. *They have been identified as a close contact*
      3. *They are awaiting test results for themselves or someone in their immediate household*

RICK KLINE:

- To date, we have raised \$324,200 for the Back on Track project. 203 people have contributed. They have begun construction on the long jump/triple jump runways, shot put rings, pole vault runway, and discus area. These areas should be ready for use this spring.
- We have completed the sale of lockers in the locker room addition project. There are a total of 115 lockers and the cost to purchase was \$300 each. Thank you to all our patrons for supporting the cause.
- Cavalier Campaign 2020 has begun. The solicitation began this week with our first mailings. Thank you to Rhonda Dell, Tony Gisi, Collette Carrels, Tammy Weber, Pam Smid, Brenda Hanson and Caroline Kline for helping with the project.
- Kindergarten registration/open house is set for Tuesday, November 17, 2020 @ 5:30 at the Roncalli Primary School.
- Nearly New appreciation lunch was held on Friday, November 6, 2020 at Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

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- The Pixellot live stream system in the gym is up and running. Athletic events and other events such as concerts, Mass, graduation and others can be programmed and viewed.
- Covid-19 has had limited impact on student activities. We've had some positive cases and others quarantined. Some contests were postponed or rescheduled but our fall sports have enjoyed a full season. Thanks to our coaches and advisors for taking the proper steps to keep the students healthy.

- Girls tennis, boys golf and cross country have completed their state events. The football team played Mobridge in the first round of the playoffs and the volleyball team plays their first region game Thursday, 11/5 at home. Winner of that VB game advances to a neutral site next week for the SoDak 16 game and a chance to play in the state tournament in Watertown.
- Both the girls and boys teams qualified for the state cross country meet. The girls team placed 7th overall and were led by Paige Schmidt in 3rd place and Sarah Schmidt in 10th.
- The Oral Interp team under the direction of Cherie Shishnia and Nik Holweger have participated in 2 virtual events - Lennox and Yankton. The team is off to a great start.
- The girls and boys basketball teams begin practice later this month and a meeting for those interested in wrestling was held.
- Thanks to the county for the use of the bleachers on the football field this fall.
- We're expecting the bus any day now and have been working to secure drivers for upcoming activities. The first trip on the bus will be the girls basketball game at Mobridge on December 15th.
- We have two FTC robotics teams – Varsity (10-12th grades) JV (7-9th Grades)
- Something new at Roncalli. Mrs. Goscicki is coaching the newly formed Esports Team. Seniors Zach Behrends, William Goscicki and John Reynen are leading the team as part of their Senior STREAMLab project. That's right, they play video games!
- Julia Schriver was named All State and Academic All State in Girls Soccer - they lost in the state semifinals after an undefeated season. Julia and Morgan Fiedler were all ESD players.
- The Winter Sports Meeting for athletes and at least one parent will be held Thursday, 11/12 @ 6:30 in the high school gym.
- Danielle Schmitz & Kiana Beutler will be BB Cheer Coaches. The cheer team will cheer for all home girls and boys BB games.
- Thank you for all the ways you support Roncalli activities!

