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ACSS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: DECEMBER 9, 2020

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Additional information:

TIM WEISZ:

- CRF have been allocated. I will email a full accounting of money's spent by Christmas.
- 2 Year Academic Calendar (2021-2022 & 2022-2023) has been developed and is currently under review by the Faculty Advisory Committee. This will be ready after the 1st of the year for board consideration.
- Preliminary budget is being worked on. Stay tuned.
- Catholic Schools Week planning is underway. Bishop DeGrood is scheduled to preside at the All School Mass on Wednesday, January 27 at 1:00 pm.
- COVID numbers, thanks be to God, continue to be low in our school system. Keep praying.
- Discussion and research surrounding possible grade re-configuration continue. I expect a full report to be ready by the January school board meeting.
- I wish everyone a blessed Advent and Christmas season. The job done by the staff and school board has been inspirational to say the least. Join with me in taking stock of our many blessings and in giving thanks as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and anticipate His coming again.

PAULA FLOREY:

- We added two additional names to the ACT board! Congratulations to Rose Gutenkauf and Capri Hellwig who scored 30 or higher on their ACT tests. This brings our total to 4 current seniors on the board and 1 current junior!
- Mrs. Carda and Mrs Fischer are working on getting our students ready for the Christmas Concert to be held on December 7. We will be using Tier 2 guidelines for attendance AND we will require everyone to be masked.
- As of 12/4 we have had 11 positive cases of COVID in our building so far this year. None of those cases were student to student transfer in school. We plan to continue the modified block schedule second semester.
- We will have semester tests on December 21st and 22nd WITHOUT any test exemptions.
- I have started talking with individual teachers about what block scheduling would look like next year as many of them are enjoying this change. We will need to investigate Infinite Campus set up so that it is easier to understand attendance.

- Mrs. Litzen has started One-Act Play rehearsals. This year's production is "*Snow White*".
- Congratulations to the Mrs Shishnia and Mr. Holweger and the students who qualified for State Oral Interp. This year it was held online so the students will not know how they did until next week. The following students qualified: Duo of Leah Carda & Anya Unser, Readers Theatre of Leah Carda, Anya Unser, Elizabeth Lohman and Ben Goebel, Storytelling - Madison Ritter, Poetry - Lucy Gutenkauf, Serious - Elizabeth Russell
- Out of utmost caution we have decided to postpone a couple of large group activities that were schedule right before Christmas. The Semi-Formal that was originally scheduled for December 18th will be moved to January 23rd. The Freshman Retreat that was originally scheduled for December 14th is postponed, but no date has been set.

ELIZABETH GORSKI:

- 5th graders Madeline May and Danica Zacher organized an Operation Christmas Child event at RES. They encouraged their peers to donate old shoeboxes and small amounts of money. The girls raised a total of **\$2,555**, which allowed them to fill well over their goal of 115 boxes!
- GRC students held a first-responders/medical workers appreciation "Coffee & Donut Drive-thru" on November 23rd; just under 70 individuals attended!
- Both schools hosted successful food drives that significantly contributed to St. Mary's and Sacred Heart's pantries in time for Thanksgiving!
- We have a long-term sub in the PreSchool JAM room for the rest of the semester and have informed parents and provided contact information for the teacher. Pat Buechler and I continue to make ourselves available to parents as well. We are currently in the search process for a permanent replacement to begin January 4th, 2021.
- Many of our OST employees are NSU students and have returned home for the remainder of the school year. Roncalli staff have graciously stepped up to fill in after school to ensure a continuation of services. Thank you, Pat Buechler and Ashley Brudvig, for organizing this!
- PTO's Blessing Stores at both schools will continue this year starting next week. We will space out the inventory in the school gyms to keep all involved appropriately distanced.
- Several families attended our Kindergarten Open House in November; as of writing this, we have 23 students registered for kindergarten next fall.
- Early release Wednesdays continue to be beneficial for staff as we have time to learn and grow in our faith, professions, and relationships with each other.
- Since our last meeting, four RES teachers have been out due to Covid: two as close contacts, one positive, and one experienced Covid-like symptoms. There are no positive cases among our students.
- The Special Needs Ministry of the diocese awarded our SpEd program a grant to secure an adapted religion curriculum, which is excellent news for our schools and parishes! Thanks, Tiffany Veal, for pursuing this grant!
- The painting on the north wall in the Primary School gym is near completion. It was an excellent way for our senior art students to "leave their mark" on the district while giving Primary staff and students a beautiful mural to have for years to come. Thanks to our student artists and Barb Newman and Tammy Kost, for attending to the details!

- RPS & RES are teaming up on an Advent Service Project that benefits recipients of Meals on Wheels in the community. The plan is to put together care packages, cards, and messages from our students to be delivered to them later this month. Thank you, Tammy Kost, for heading this!
- Students in both buildings are generously coloring pictures, drawing, making cards, and writing messages of love and hope to our community members in the hospital and area nursing homes. Thank you, staff, for encouraging these simple and effective gestures!
- Below is the mural recently completed in the gym at RPS. Thank you to Chloe Bent, Brinna Zikmund, Jemini Cantalope and Ben Livermont.



RICK KLINE:

- Back on Track has started construction. Triple and Long Jump runways have been finished as well as the jumping pits. Shot put pads have been poured. Pole Vault and discus areas have been poured. There is a plan is to have discus cages constructed during the week of December 7, 2020.
- Cavalier Campaign 2020 has begun. Early returns on Cavalier Campaign has been very positive. To date, we have collected over \$49,000.
- Kindergarten registration/open house was held Tuesday, November 17, 2020 @ 5:30 at the Roncalli Primary School.
- Roncalli Ball is scheduled for Friday, April 23, 2020 at the DEC.

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

- All fall activities, athletic and fine arts were successfully completed with little interruption from Covid-19. Thank you to all our coaches and advisors for implementing safety procedures and protocols to ensure this happened.
- Winter events will remain in tier 2 - immediate family, grandparents and student body are allowed in for these events. For people not in those categories, we ask them not to come to the game. Masks will be highly encouraged when social distancing is not possible.

- Reminder that events in the gym can be viewed on the live stream system. Access is through the school website, aberdeenroncalli.org
- The winter activities have begun:
 - Girls and Boys basketball have started practice and both will have their first games in as a doubleheader with Deuel at home on Friday, December 11th.
 - Derek Larson, Rich Dix, Amanda Bain, and Chris Uhler coach the girl's program. 25 girls
 - Wayne Smith, Greg Kahler, Dan Gallagher, and Chris Kolb coach the boy's program. 30 boys
 - 16 Home BB Contests
 - The junior high girl's team is nearing the end of their season - their last game is Tuesday, December 22 @ Milbank.
 - The Wrestling season has begun and several young men are participating on the Aberdeen Central team: Noah Kramer, Beau Price, Isaac Price, Jacob Bellefeuille
 - Gymnastics - 1 athlete - Izzy Loecker
 - Robotics -Coach Jennifer Goscicki Varsity-12 students, Coach Ed Mitzel JV-10 students
 - Cheer team - 9 girls - Coaches Danielle Schmitz, Kiana Beutler
 - Dance team - 16 girls - Coach Kaylyn Deiter
 - Esports - Coach Jennifer Goscicki - 10 students (article in paper & on Dakota News)
 - One Act Play- Director Steph Litzen - They are doing an adaptation of the Brothers Grimm "Snow White". Steph wrote the script & kids did the lyrics and composed the songs. There is a cast of about 25.
 - RES Lego League - Coaches Derek Larson and Tiffany Veal - 14 students
 - Oral Interp region results: Advancing to the State Festival (on-line) Roncalli finished with 31 points - second to Milbank who placed 35. Congratulations to the team and Coaches Shishnia and Holweger!
 - Duo of Leah Carda & Anya Unser - placing 3rd
 - Readers Theatre of Leah Carda, Anya Unser, Elizabeth Lohman and Ben Goebel - placing 2nd
 - Storytelling - Madison Ritter - placing 2nd
 - Poetry - Lucy Gutenkauf - placing 1st
 - Serious - Elizabeth Russel - placing 1st
- Mrs. Fischer, Mrs. Carda and the students have been preparing for the Christmas programs on December 7 and 8.
- Hardin's took pictures on the 3rd so all activities can be in the winter programs.
- The new bus is in use and has made a few trips. It was commissioned in prayer by Fr. Griffin before its' inaugural trip.

