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ACSS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: JANUARY 13, 2021

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Additional information:

TIM WEISZ:

- COVID UPDATE, as of this writing
 - Positive student cases= 0 system wide
 - Close contact student cases= 0 system wide
 - E-learners by choice= 3 @ Jr/Sr High; 1 @ RES; 0 @ RPS
- Covid vaccination schedule
 - School staff are in group 1D
 - Currently SD is vaccinating group 1C. The timeline for school employees to receive vaccinations is in February. We are not requiring staff or students to be vaccinated as a condition of employment or attendance, it will be a personal decision to receive it. We have received guidance from the Sioux Falls Diocese on this issue. Bishop DeGrood published a video addressing the topic of vaccines and specifically the COVID-19 vaccine this week.
- RES was tagged over Christmas vacation, meaning the building was spray painted in 2 different spots. The graffiti has been removed.
- Personnel changes
 - Please welcome Megan Ogren and Shelby Braun to the ACSS staff. Megan is a new Preschool Teacher and Shelby Braun will take over as Preschool Teacher/OST Coordinator for Ashley Brudvig who will be moving to full time Preschool.
 - Join us in praying Godspeed to Stephanie Kline and Barb Wacholz as they depart ACSS.
- We were notified by the SD Department of Education that our accreditation was extended by 1 year. We are now accredited through the 2026-2027 academic year.
- Homeland Security has granted an additional \$15,000 for the building access project at the Jr/Sr High school. This means the project will be fully funded. Deadline for completion is Dec. 31, 2021.
- SDHSAA has now classified Roncalli as a class B school for Volleyball, Girls and Boys Basketball, Track and Cross Country. Girls and Boys Golf will remain in class A. Football remains 11B.
- Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated Jan. 31-Feb. 6. Bishop DeGrood will preside over the All School Mass on Wed. Feb. 3 at 1:30pm. There is a Bishop's Reception after Mass that the School Board is cordially invited to attend, in the cafeteria. The reception is open to all with the staff, students and school board as special guests.

- I am working on a document outlining the proposed grade configuration. I will send an email next week with this document attached.

PAULA FLOREY:

- As of 1.8.21 we have had no Covid cases in our building for the semester. We have tried limiting the number of students to lunch tables, without assigning tables. This gives the students a little more flexibility on where and with who they can seat with. This has mixed reviews. We will continue to monitor and make changes, as necessary.
- We currently have 1 high school and 2 JH eLearners for this semester.
- After much thought and discussion and input from Student Council we have decided to postpone Winter Semi Formal again. We are currently looking at 2 dates, Feb 12th and March 6th. We are getting input from our basketball coaches as their practice times/tournament times could possibly be affected by these dates.
- We will begin updating our course description book in the next couple of weeks and then start class registration by the end of February for our 8-11 grade students. Once the decision has been made on the possible reconfiguration of grades we will start discussing the schedule for next school year.
- Mrs. Shishnia and Mr. Holweger are working with JH students interested in participating in Oral Interp for the spring.
- Mr. Uhler is finalizing plans for Catholic Schools Week Jan 31-Feb 6. More information will be coming out once plans are finalized. Bishop DeGrood will be here for All School Mass on February 3rd. That will not be an early out Wednesday as Mass will start at 1:30. There will be a reception with Bishop after the Mass in the cafeteria. Staff, Students and School Board are especially invited to attend.
- Sunday January 24th will be our Fine Arts Evening. This will include a student art silent auction, oral interp presentations and the One Act Play will be performed.
- Tuesday, January 26th the One Act Play Regions will take place at the Capital Theater. After much discussion it was decided that they will allow spectators from the school on stage to watch the performance and then leave immediately so the next play's audience can enter.

ELIZABETH GORSKI:

- Thank you to Pat Buechler and Ashley Brudvig, and all the staff who stepped in to ensure our OST program continued to run smoothly while NSU went on their semester break after Thanksgiving.
- PTO's Blessing Store at both schools netted over \$4,200 in sales this year, thank you to our volunteers for making this experience memorable and fun for our students.
- Our next Kindergarten Open House is February 1st; as of writing this, we have 26 students registered for kindergarten next fall.

- The planning for Catholic Schools Week in our buildings is underway and our committee is meeting to brainstorm ideas to make this year's events memorable and full of joy.
- We have lots to look forward to in 2021 and have much to be grateful for in this new year!

RICK KLINE:

- Cavalier Campaign is off to a great start. To date, we have collected over \$65,000 with a postcard set to be mailed before the end of January. Our goal this year is \$100,000.
- Roncalli Ball is scheduled for Friday, April 23, 2020 at the DEC.
- Our Website has been updated. The faculty and staff are currently reviewing, and it will be officially launched the week of January 11, 2021.
- Catholic United Financial 'Catholic Schools Raffle' will begin January 15, 2021 and run through February 16, 2021.
- Since mid-November, we have been remembered by seven benefactors through memorials. Thank you to these families that have been moved to remember the Cavaliers.

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- The One Act play cast under the direction of Mrs. Litzen are busy at work preparing for the region competition on January 26 @ the Capitol Theatre. They hope to qualify for the state competition in Rapid City on February 4-6.
- Mrs. Carda and Roncalli pep band will begin playing again on some game nights in January and February. The Roncalli pep band and Hilzy popcorn; the best combination to cheer for the Cavaliers!
- The girls basketball team has had a successful start to the season under Coaches Larson, Dix and Bain.
- Coaches Smith, Kahler, Kolb and Gallagher and the boys basketball teams are also off to a successful start to the season.
- After a struggle to keep the NFHS live stream consistently operating and live streaming school events, Brian Lundquist at Hub City Radio has made their equipment fully available to Roncalli. Special thanks to Brian and Scott Solberg for their great support of Cavalier activities! The link for live streamed events is on the school website.
- Coach Uhler and the junior high girls basketball teams have completed their season.
- Coach Gallagher and the junior high boys basketball teams are beginning their season in January.
- After discussion, the decision was made to be at tier 1 for home activities and events. By definition, that means we are not restricting or limiting attendance, but masks and face coverings are required.
- On Sunday, January 24 there will be a Fine Arts night at Roncalli. The Art auction begins at 6:00, popcorn, desserts and coffee will be served, starting at 6:45 there are performances by members of the Oral Interp team and One Act play.

- There are 2 FTC teams - one for grades 7-9 and one for grades 10-12. Competitions for the FTC teams have been moved to April and more details will emerge in the next couple weeks about the competitions.
- There are 11 students on the first ever Esports team at Roncalli. The team has been featured in the Aberdeen News and local television stations. Recently, 3 of the students competed against 3 students from other schools and finished 67th in the nation.
- The Roncalli dance team (Coach Kaylyn Deiter) and the Roncalli cheer teams (Coaches Danielle Schmitz and Kiana Beutler) have been performing on game nights and doing an awesome job.
- The Roncalli bus is rolling - Scott Vogel is our primary driver and the bus has been used for all away contests. There is talk of some design and color on the outside of the bus to make it look like the green and gold Cavaliers.