

October 2020



RONCALLI

Aberdeen Catholic School System

We Serve the King..... We are Cavaliers

1400 N DAKOTA STREET, ABERDEEN, SD 57401

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GREETING FROM THE ACSS PRESIDENT

The gratitude I feel as I write to you this month is beyond words. There were so many who believed school wouldn't last past labor day, yet here we are. Some spoke of the likelihood that, at any given time, 20-30%, or more, of students would need to move to remote learning due to either testing positive for COVID-19 or because of close contact. Still others talked of the school system's activities and events being eliminated. I am here to tell you "we are open for business!"

To be sure, there have been bumps in the road and we have had to make adjustments. A few activities and events were either postponed, changed, or in rare instances canceled. For the most part, though, we continue to do our best to maintain a positive atmosphere and nurture your kids in mind, body and soul.

Despite the distractions of the coronavirus the ACSS has had a tremendous month of September. We hosted the annual Cavalier Classic Golf Tournament, and earned 50% more profit than last year. We welcomed a new group of heroes into our Roncalli Hall of Fame, and celebrated homecoming week. We accomplished all this while taking reasonable precautions in order to keep our entire Roncalli family safe. We continue to respect the coronavirus, but refuse to act out of fear.

For those who keep track of numbers: as of September 29, our students in K-6 grade have had zero positive diagnoses

and also zero close contacts. The students in grades 7-12 have had six positive diagnoses and three students had to quarantine due to close contact. All of these students have recovered and are back in school. There are a total of 8 students whose families, from the beginning of the year, have chosen remote learning in grades K-12. We feel extremely blessed to be in our current position. Please continue to pray for us as we navigate our way through the fall.

We fully understand these numbers can change in a very short amount of time. We also fully believe that this is the best place for your children as the world slowly gets back to some degree of normalcy.

THANK YOU! To our St. Mary's and Sacred Heart priests, Fr's Griffin, Dickinson, Kapperman and Axtmann, for sharing their gifts, time and faith with us. As a mission of these two parishes we appreciate and value all their support and feel particularly blessed by each of them.

God bless,

Tim Weisz
ACSS President

Homecoming Parade Route

RPS, North on Kline Street to Mother Joseph Manor, continues on 12th Ave. NE to the RHS parking lot for an All School Pep Rally.

School fees were due on or about September 14th. If you have not paid your fees, you will be billed at the end of the month. If you have signed up for the parent portal, you can access your tuition and fees through the portal.

HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES

Fri. Oct. 2

All School

Homecoming

Parade, 12:45pm
starting at **RPS**, ends

at **RHS** with

Pep Rally

Lady Cavs VB vs

Belle Fouche, 4pm

(tier 2 event)

Cavs FB vs Groton,

7pm at

Swisher Field

(tier 1, due to ability to
social distance)

Online Spirit Store

www.geffdog.com/stores/roncallispiritstore

For complete sports
schedule go to
northeastconference.com



Central Office:

(605) 226-2100

High School Office:

(605) 225-7440

Elementary School:

(605) 229-4100

Primary School:

(605) 225-3460

"Instilling Catholic values and promoting academic excellence by nurturing mind, body and soul."

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS.....

NEW TO RONCALLI.... ESPORTS. Roncalli has started an Esports Team. It is led by seniors Zach Behrends, William Goscicki and John Reynen,. They are leading the team as part of their Senior STREAM-Lab project. While playing sports-themed and other team-based games, high school students need to collaborate together, communicate quickly and clearly, establish common goals, and work together to succeed. Playing against other students online all over the country offers a wide range of social benefits including networking. There are applied academic benefits to playing in a variety of games: spatial recognition and memory, geometric skills, physics, organization, etc. We welcome Roncalli Esports as a new activity for students to choose to get involved! Team members pictured below, *back row, left to right:* Landon Zikmund, John Reynen, Brian Holmstrom, Zach Behrends, William Goscicki, Andrew Lewno, Palmer Johnson, Sean Bickford. *Front row:* Cason Hellwig, Jayden Reecy



First Lego League at RES. We have two teams this year: a 4th gr. team and a 5/6 gr. team. Practice starts Oct. 1 in the STREAMLab at RES. Ms. Veal and Mr. Larson are the coaches. The FLL competition will now take place March 31st at Augustana University in Sioux Falls (with COVID precautions). We will be conducting fundraisers throughout the season to raise money for our travel and team supplies.

CAMPUS MINISTRY UPDATE:

- Please pray for the Senior Class on retreat Oct. 25-26
- The Angelo Roncalli Food Drive has been a huge success! We will be blessing the parish food pantries with lots of items to aid in serving our community.



Congratulations to the **2020 REGION GOLF CHAMPIONS.** The team will now travel to the State A Boy's Golf Tournament in Hot Springs, Oct. 5-6. *Pictured above, left to right:* Asst. Coach Rachel Murdy, Micah Dohr, Jackson Henrich, Sawyer Henrich, Mason Carrels, Andrew Gerlach and Head Coach Jon Murdy. Good Luck at State!!!

CONGRATULATIONS

To the 2020 Roncalli Hall of Fame Inductees

Rose Kraft, Cary Hornaman '75, Ken & Dee Fiedler Family (represented by Kevin Fiedler '86),
Todd Zens '81, Brigadier General Jeff Hurlburt '87



To the 2020 Homecoming Lord and Lady

Chloe Bent, *daughter of Chad & Vicki Bent*

John Reynen, *son of Matt & Diana Reynen*



To the

Roncalli Marching Cavaliers

who tied for First Place at the Roncalli Marching Band Festival on Wednesday, Sept. 30. They tied with the Marching Tigers from Ipswich.

We appreciate all the bands that took part and look forward to next year.

*Stay tuned . . .
your 2021
Roncalli Ball
theme will be
announced on
October 9!*



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MORE HIGHLIGHTS.....

Jr. High and High School fall athletic fees and transportation fees will be billed at the end of September. Please look for those invoices in the mail. You can send payment with your child and either give it to the school secretary, or put it in the drop box by the business manager's office door. You can also mail payment to Aberdeen Catholic School System, Attn: Vickie Haiar, 1400 N. Dakota Street, Aberdeen, SD 57401. Thank you.

ACSS 20-21 Help Take a Child to School Days

September 18, 2020

October 16, 2020

November 13, 2020

December 11, 2020

January 22, 2021

February 19, 2021

March 26, 2021

April 16, 2021

May 7, 2021

On these special no uniform days, every student wishing to participate is asked to bring \$1 and is not required to wear a uniform for the day. Money collected is put into the **Take a Child to School** fund to help provide tuition assistance to families with financial need.



The momentum is amazing toward reaching the goal of a new practice track at RHS.

To donate contact

Jill Young

226-2100

jill.young@aberndeenroncalli.org

PARISH NEWS

Sacred Heart News

<http://www.sacredheartaberndeen.net/>

Sacred Heart Bazaar

with a Covid twist

October 11 at S.H. Parish Hall & RES Gym.

- **Pork Loin Dinner**, 4-7 p.m. Dine In or Curbside Pickup offered
 - **Bingo** in the RES Gym
- **Online Silent Auction**. Download app or login on your computer. Find the link below
<http://events.handbid.com/auctions/2020-fall-bazaar>

7-12 gr. Youth Large Group Night 'Cor Jesu'

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 7-9pm, Parish Hall

MEET THE SISTERS & Craft Fair

The Sister of Mary Morning Star will be with us on Sunday, Oct 17 & 18 to share their giftedness through created items and conversation

St. Mary's News

stmarysabr.tumblr.com

Confirmation Class

October 14 at 7:00pm

October 28 at 7:00pm

RCIA Class

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, are you an unbaptized Catholic or know you want to join the church? Please join us Monday's at 7pm in the St. Mary's Parish Hall.

COUNSELORS CORNER

Junior High and High School Counseling update:

September was a productive month. With classroom guidance for seniors, we discussed the virtual college and career fair, senior year checklists, scholarship booklet and resources on financial aid. Seniors also are able to get help with their resumes during lunch workshops. Partnering with Campus Ministry, September's TOP 20 focus school wide was Star Qualities and focusing on the virtue of Hope.

Hope was an integral part of our discussion in Homeroom, as September is Suicide Awareness month. Students learned what they can do to help others who may be struggling with suicidal ideation. SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) created an educational KAHOOT game, providing "swag bags" for the Kahoot winner in each homeroom. Everyone received a Lifesaver candy, as a reminder that we all can help others who may be struggling.

Senior parents please make time to attend **Financial Aid Night** with your student on **Oct. 5 at 7 p.m.** following parent teacher conferences. It will be an informative night that will help your student finance their post high school education!



Roncalli High Fall 2020

SENIOR DATES AND EVENTS TO KNOW

MARK YOUR PLANNER!

- Sept. 29-College Fair-virtual
- Oct. 5-Financial Aid Night
- Oct. 27-30 Senior Conferences:
sign up required.
- Nov. 1: Spring Dual Credit
opens
- Nov. 2-6: College App Week
- Dec. 1-ASVAB:notify Mrs. V if
you want to take it.
- ACT Dates: 10/24,25; 12/12,

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

OCTOBER 5

7PM

following Parent/Teacher
Conferences

**IN THE RHS
CAFETERIA.**

Information night for Seniors and
their parents/guardian.

Let's pray together the St. Thomas Aquinas Novena for the health and well being of our school system and for increased enrollment. Pray the first 9 days of each month all year. Takes only 5 minutes. Thank you.

<http://www.praymorenovenas.com/st-thomas-aquinas-novena/>

UPDATES ON SCHOOL LUNCH

Lunch accounts:

Parents, please consider downloading the MySchoolBucks App or sign up online through myschoolbucks.com to access your student(s) account. You will need to create an account and add your student(s), but once that is completed, the App is easy to use and allows you to view all charges and payments made that day. You can choose to pay online, **but you do not have to.** You can send a check to school with your child to give to the school secretary, or you can mail checks to Aberdeen Catholic School Lunch Program, Attn: Vickie Haiar, at 1400 N. Dakota Street, Aberdeen, SD, 57401.

If you have more than one student in the school system, you do not have to write separate checks for each student. Simply write the student's name and amount you want applied to their account in the memo portion of the check.

Lunch Menus:

The lunch menu can be found on our website under the "school info" tab, then click "Lunch" and scroll down to the LUNCH MENU. Did you know you can also download an APP for school menu? Download the "My School Menu" App, Search for our district, Aberdeen Catholic Schools, and then find the school and find the menu. Easy peasy and at your finger tips!

Changes:

In case you missed, it, Lunchtime Solutions are making a few changes and adjustments based upon the survey that was recently sent out:

Jr. High/High School Changes

-Fruit and vegetable offerings have been

extended, by adding two more fruits and one more vegetable daily

-We have also added salads back to the menu, and lettuce will return to being served daily

Elementary and Primary School Changes

-We will begin serving extended offerings of fruits and vegetables

-There will be a cold sub sandwich added as a second entrée option at RPS daily starting in October

-At the Elementary we've taken the daily sub sandwich off random days in October, and have added some second hot entrée choices

Thank you, Lunchtime Solutions, for listening.



The Cavalier Classic Golf Tournament, held Saturday, September 19 at Lee Park Golf Course and sponsored by Primrose Retirement Communities was a great success. We are grateful to all who sponsored, took part in and volunteered at the event.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS:

Men's Flight-

Team Zunti-Fi - John Heier, Jon Vedvei, Eric Comstock and Spencer Aberle

Women's Flight-

Team Gisi - Toni Gisi, Deb Jensen, Carmen Meyer and Colette Quam

Mixed Flight-

Team Heller - Jim Heller, Ben Heller, Grace Eisenberg and Katie Darling

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for RONCALLI**

Roncalli Families
and Supporters

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from what was
available last year,
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to you the end of
November-early
December.

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Friends and
Family Store
through
November 15th.



01 WEBSITE

- Go to www.evergreenindustries.com
- On the heading go to **Products and Cost.**
- In the dropdown menu you will click **Friends and Family.**

02 CUSTOMER CODE

- Use code **RONCAL**

03 SHOP

- Peruse your greenery options and select from eight styles.
(Examples below)



04 CHECKOUT

- Just before checkout it does ask for a Beneficiary: **PTO**
- Enter payment details
- **SUBMIT!**

