

ABERDEEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSYTEM

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BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2025-2026

PREPARING FOR 2025-2026

Please take a careful look at this newsletter as it contains information about numerous back to school events, activities and orientation information. We don't want you to miss a thing. We invite you to continue to talk among your friends about the positive things happening at Roncalli. Invite them to consider Roncalli for their children. You are our best advocates. We are grateful to have the ability to not only educate our students academically but spiritually...this is an advantage that Roncalli can be very proud of.

Don't hesitate to reach out to the Central Office staff or school principals with questions. See page 3 for contact information. CENTRAL OFFICE: 605.226.2100 MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL: 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.-

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025

WEDNESDAY EARLY DISMISSAL

ALL K-12 students are dismissed at 1:00 pm on Wednesdays during the school year to allow staff to attend Professional Development. The CavClub program will offer care for Kindergarten through 5th grade students from 1:00-3:20 pm at NO CHARGE to families who need their child(ren) to stay until the end of a regular school day. Please see more details on page 9.

SCHOOL MESSENGER

SCHOOL MESSENGER is our system-wide communication program.

You will receive information via phone, email, and text (if you desire). Common correspondence includes the weekly school update, monthly newsletter, school cancellations and other important announcements.

HOW TO RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGES

To 'Opt-In' to receive text messages from School Messenger, **simply text 'Y' to 68453**. New families please do this after Sept. 1 so School Messenger has time to upload our new lists.

SCHOOL MASS SCHEDULE

RONCALLI PRIMARY SCHOOL Thurs. @ 10:10 am, St. Mary's RONCALLI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Wed. @ 8:30 am, Sacred Heart RONCALLI MS & SR HIGH SCHOOL Wed. @ 9:15 am, Roncalli High School *Holy Days and special masses subject to change. Be alert to changes via the calendar on our website.

2025-2026 TUITION/FEE SCHEDULE

The new Tuition and Fee Schedule was sent to your email inbox last week. The schedule is also available on the school website at aberdeenroncalli.org/admissions/tuition.

After a great deal of discussion and review, there were some changes made to tuition and to the fee structure. The changes were necessary and we feel will be an advantage to all our families.

2025-2026 ENROLLMENT



All returning students have been rolled over into 25-26 enrollment. Each students tuition contract has been generated. Please go into your Finalsite Parent Portal to sign the tuition contracts, and update a few items on your student(s) enrollment checklist. We ask that you sign your tuition contract by August 1.

****Chromebook forms: 6-12 grade families will sign the Chromebook Insurance form on Finalsite this year. The fee has been added into the new fee breakdown so no payment will be collected at the time of signing that insurance form.

OPENING DAY OF SCHOOL

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025

Kindergarten students will start the <u>first two</u> <u>days</u> of school on a split schedule. Families will receive a letter stating which day their student should attend.

All other students are to report at the regular start time for a full day of classes.



The actual cost of an education per child at ACSS is \$9,800. We invite you to consider providing additional support to the school by paying the full tuition rate or a different donated amount to bridge the gap between full tuition and the tuition rate we put forth. This amount can be billed along with your tuition according to your chosen payment plan

DAILY SCHEDULE

RPS (Gr. K-1)	8:10 a.m3:20 p.m.
RES (Gr. 2-5)	8:05 a.m3:25 p.m.
RMS (Gr. 6-8)	7:55 a.m3:22 p.m.
RHS (Gr. 9-12)	8:00 a.m3:22 p.m.

There is no playground supervision at the primary or elementary schools before the day begins. Inside supervision is available beginning at 7:30am and for 15 minutes after school is dismissed. **Students must be picked up by 3:35 p.m. at RPS and 3:40 p.m. at RES.**

Doors at all school sites will be open no earlier than 7:30 a.m.

SCHOOL PICTURE DAYS

6-12 Grade photos are taken before the school year begins so ID's are ready for the 1st day of school. Pictures will be taken by Hardin's Photography Studio at their new location, 523 S. Main St. If you are out of town these days please call Hardin's before Aug. 1

at 225-4344 to set up an appointment.

PreK-5th Grade pictures will be taken during the school year. See the schedule of dates to the right.

PICTURE SCHEDULE 6-12 Grade ALL DAY July 30-31 & August 5 PreK-5 Grade Sept. 16-18

DISTRICT INFORMATION

HELPFUL HINT^{*} Have the number to your child's school in a handy spot. This will make it easier when you need to contact the school regarding attendance.

Central Office (RMS/RHS). . . .605-226-2100 1400 N. Dakota St.

- President- Mr. Tim Weisz
- ACSS Administrative Assistant

& Admissions Coordinator- Michala Heller

- Business Manager- Tevan Gonsor
- Development Director- Rick Kline
- Dir. of Marketing/Asst. Dev. Dir.- Jill Young

Roncalli Middle/High School. . . .605-225-7440 1400 N. Dakota St.

- Principal- Ed Mitzel
- Administrative Assistant- Laurie Imberi
- AD- Derek Larson, Asst. AD- Billy Young
- School Counselor- Cal Nygaard & Elise Cardella

Roncalli Elementary School. . . .605-229-4100 501 3rd. Ave. SE

- Principal- Tammy Kost
- Administrative Assistant- Melissa Fisher
- School Counselor- Jackie Braun

Roncalli Primary School. . . . 605-225-3460 419 1st Ave. NE

- Principal- Tammy Kost
- Administrative Assistant- Dona Mangan
- School Counselor- Jackie Braun
- SonShine Patch & CavClub Director-Shelby Braun



Before **St. John XXIII** became Pope John XXIII he was Angelo Roncalli. He is our beloved patron saint here at ACSS. Many note some of his greatest qualities being that of holiness and wit. He is lovingly referred to as "Good Pope John". With great courage and vision, Pope John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council. Throughout his life, Angelo Roncalli cooperated with God's grace, believing that the job at hand was worthy of his best efforts. We strive to imitate that same quality at ACSS. To discover more about St. John XXIII go to https://www.franciscanmedia.org/franciscan-spirit-blog/popejohn-xxiii-a-holy-life

Federal Lunch Prices	Each
Pre – Grade 5:	
Lunch	\$ 4.25
Breakfast	\$ 2.65
Grades 6 – 12:	
Lunch	.\$ 4.75
Breakfast	\$ 2.65
Adults:	
Lunch	. \$ 5.35
Breakfast	\$ 3.25
(lunches include one milk)	
Extra Milk	
Extra entrée	\$ 2.80
Extra Branded Pizza	\$ 2.80
Adult Fruit/Veggie Bar	\$ 3.25

*Free and Reduced rates are not applied to extra servings.



The Aberdeen Catholic School System (ACSS) serves nutritious meals each day classes are in session for PreK-12th grade. The cost of the school meals are listed to the left.

The following Lunch Policy will be enforced.

If a student's lunch account is overdrawn by \$15 or more, the student will be allowed to purchase a reimbursable meal, BUT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED to purchase extra entrée, milk or al a carte item until the account is paid.

If a student's account is overdrawn by \$100, that student will be informed and will be required to bring a sack lunch until the account is paid. Parents will be notified of an overdue amount via email and then by letter.



MYSCHOOLBUCKS.COM

We are asking all families to sign up for a MySchoolBucks account. This will help you maintain, monitor and make payments on your child's school meal account!!!

You will not be required to make payments on the website, but you will have total access to a record of your students spending and eating habits. You can make payments on your account at any of the school sites or on the myschoolbucks website.

https://www.myschoolbucks.com/login/getmain.do?action=home

There are also two phone apps you may consider downloading. MYSCHOOLBUCKS and MY SCHOOL MENUS. You can find these free apps in the App Store. Your child's balance and lunch menus will be at your fingertips. The app will also alert you when your child reaches a low balance (you can set the amount). Using the website or phone app will give you access to your student's activity and balance any time of the day or night!!!

REFER A FRIEND 'BONUS'

If you refer a friend to Roncalli and they enroll their child(ren) you can receive \$100 off your tuition per student that registers. Make sure and have the new family list your name as the referral on their application form.



NEW FAMILY WELCOME EVENTS

We look forward to gathering with our new families. If you can join us please RSVP to michala.heller@aberdeenroncalli.org, 605-226-2100.

<u>6-12</u> students and their families will gather on Thursday, July 31 for a reception before the Fall Sports Meeting taking place that night. We will meet from 6:15-6:45pm in the Middle/High School Cafeteria

PreK-5 students and their families will gather for an informal Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, August 5 at 6:30pm. The location is Wylie Park Shelter D (near the entrance of Storybook Land).

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

Grade 6: Tuesday, August 12- 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. PreK– Grade 1: Monday, August 18- 5-6 p.m. Grade 2-5: Monday, August 18- 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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CLASSROOM PLACEMENT

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Class lists including all students in Grades K-5 will be posted at noon on Friday, August 15. Complete lists will be posted on the south door of the Primary and Elementary Schools. The lists will also be sent via School Messenger by grade.

These lists will allow all students to know which teacher and classrooms they are assigned.

"The seeds of our faith planted in praye will bring forth life, and grow into fruit that is eternal."



OFFERING THE GIFT OF PRAYER

For many years we have been blessed with prayer warriors, taking time to offer to God the Roncalli students, staff and faculty as well as our parish staff and families. These prayers have proven to be a tremendous blessing!! Please consider joining this ministry. It is so easy. Contact michala.heller@aberdeenroncalli.org, 605-226-2100 to sign up.

PARENT VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

We are grateful for the ways our parents and grandparents help at school. If you choose to volunteer in some way this year as a driver, classroom or library aide, or before school supervisor you must complete the following:

Volunteer Driver Form (submitted each year) Safe Environment Online Training (completed each year) Background check (completed every 6 years after the initial check)

We use a website called CMGconnect for all our volunteer requirements. Return volunteers, if you don't remember your username or password, <u>DO NOT</u> create a new profile. Contact Michala Heller to get help!!!!!!

If you are a first time volunteer please contact the Safe Environment Coordinator.

Refer questions to our Safe Environment Coordinator Michala Heller 605-226-2100 michala.heller@aberdeenroncalli.org

PLEASE NOTE:

Do not complete the volunteer requirements 'JUST IN CASE' you volunteer. Don't do it until you are ready to volunteer.

PARENT/TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Roncalli PTO:

is a Preschool - 12th grade teacher/parent organization. Its mission is to support all Roncalli students and staff by coordinating fundraising events and organizing fellowship opportunities for families. Meetings are held quarterly and all parents of Roncalli students are members. The PTO is a wonderful way to get involved and create connections. Contact either school principal with questions or to get involved. tammy.kost@aberdeenroncalli.org, edward.mitzel@aberdeenroncalli.org

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ." -Colossians 3:23-24

MARCHING BAND

Marching Band students look for an email from Mrs. Kim Carda later this month regarding uniform distribution. If you have questions you can contact her at 605-380-7690.



Located at 220 1/2 N. Main St. 225-7121 Open: Tue-Th & Sat.- Noon-4pm

Roncalli Nearly New carries many gently used uniform and spirit wear items.

RONCALLI UNIFORM DRESS CODE

You can view the Uniform Policy and the quick reference Uniform Chart on the website under the ADMISSIONS TAB https://www.aberdeenroncalli.org/admissions/uniforms

UNIFORM PROVIDERS

Our main uniform providers continue to be Geffdog Design and Apparel and Donald's Uniform Company Geffdog is located at 20 6th Ave. SE. Visit the Online Uniform and Spirit Store at https://www.geffdog.com/stores/roncallispiritstore Donald's Uniform Company is out of Minnesota. Their website is https://www.donaldsuniform.com/ Stores are located in St. Paul and Eden Prairie, MN. Order online and have your items shipped to the high school free of charge using code: STS1640 Roncalli Nearly New Thrift Store also carries gently used

uniform and spirit wear items.

6TH GRADE & TRANSFER STUDENTS IMMUNIZATION

South Dakota Department of Health administrative rules require both the Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) and MCV4 (Meningococcal ACYW) vaccines for 6th grade students. The requirements apply only for 6th grade entry and transfer students in 6th–12th grade.

If a child is 10 years old when entering the 6th grade, they have 45 days after their 11th birthday to be vaccinated. Reference the links below to get more details and answer questions.

·DOH Website content related to the new 6th grade vaccination requirements: http://doh.sd.gov/family/childhood/immunization/MiddleSchool.aspx ·Frequently asked questions related to 6th grade vaccination requirements: http://doh.sd.gov/family/childhood/immunization/MiddleSchoolFAQ.aspx

RONCALLI DRESS CODE GUIDE

Items purchased through Geffog Design and Apparel - www.geffdog.com/stores/roncallispiritstore



Crewneck Sweatshirt Navy



Lightweight Quarter-Zip Pullover Forest Green/Charcoal Grey



Short Sleeve Pole Dark Green



Mediumweight Quarter-Zip Pullover Dark Green



Long Sleeve Polo Dark Green



Fleece Full-Zip Jacket Dark Smoke Grey



Short Sleeve Performance Polo Dark Green



Quarter-Zip Sweatshirt Athletic Heather

Items purchased through Donald's Uniform or other vendors- items must be same pattern and color as Donald's



Plaid Jumper & Plaid Skirt (K-6 ONLY) Note: Length no shorter than right above the knee



Short Sleeve & Long Sleeve Polo Light Blue/Navy



Uniform Dress Pants Navy/Khaki



Uniform Walking Shorts Navy/Khaki Note: Length no shorter than right above the knee

Items purchased through Donald's Uniform - www.donaldsuniform.com



Oxford Button Up Light Blue



V-Neck Cardigan w/Pockets Navy

Roncalli SonShine Patch PRESCHOOL

The Roncalli SonShine Patch Preschool program includes part time and full time Preschool for children 3-5 years old. We believe children learn best through meaningful play by integrating a play-based and child-centered program. We encourage curiosity, discovery, and problem solving which allows individual growth and development of a positive self-image, thus preparing the child for his/her school career.

Our programming follows the Aberdeen Catholic School calendar. For more information about our Preschool programming, please visit our website at <u>https://www.aberdeenroncalli.org/schools/preschool</u>

WE HAVE OPENINGS in our Part Time Classes!

Part Time Preschool Options:

Tuesday & Thursday from 8:00-10:30am *This option is for children that are 3 years old by 1st day of School Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 8:00-10:30am *This option is for children that are 4-5 years old Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday from 12-3pm *This option is for children that are 4-5 years old

Any questions?

Contact Shelby Braun, Roncalli SonShine Patch Director, at 605-225-3460 or shelby.braun@aberdeenroncalli.org





SONSHINE PATCH RATES

2025-2026

PreSchool Plus! Rates:

Full-time PreSchool Plus (Extended Daycare): \$39/day

Ages 3, 4 or 5 year old $(7:20 \times m)$

(7:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.)

PreSchool Only Rates:

4-5 yr. olds:	AM - M-W-F (8:00-10:30 a.m.):	\$165/month
	PM - MTThF (12:00-3:00 p.m.):	\$255/month
3 yr. olds:	AM - T & Th (8:00—10:30 a.m.):	\$110/month
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(All sections will be offered based on enrollment numbers)

Registration Fee (one time per child): \$100.00 (non-refundable)

After School Time , Non-school Days and Summer Care

Full Days (when school is not in session and program is offered) and Summer:

\$39/day

Afterschool:

One hour or less: \$8.00/day (3:20 p.m.—4:20 p.m.) More than one hour: \$11.00/day (3:20 p.m.—6:00 p.m.) (Afterschool drop-in rate): \$14.00/day

See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven

their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.

~Matthew 18:20

CavClub Program

Are you looking for a fun afterschool program for your child? Our CavClub program is here to inspire, engage, and empower your child during the after school hours. Your child will enjoy a snack, outside time, gym activities, arts & crafts, and SO MUCH MORE!

SIGN UP TODAY ON FINALSITE!

\$8 PER DAY FOR ONE HOUR OF CARE \$11 PER DAY FOR FULL TIME CARE UNTIL 6PM \$14 PER DROP IN DAY PLEASE SIGN UP ON FINALSITE FOR EARLY DISMISSAL WEDNESDAYS 1-3:20 IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO STAY FREE OF CHARGE!



If you have any questions, call our CavClub Director Shelby Braun at 605-225-3460

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HIRING

Are you looking for a part time job that is rewarding and fun! The Roncalli SonShine Patch's CavClub program is looking for employees who are passionate about working with children. Our programming is filled with STREAM, outside & gym time, arts & crafts, and SO MUCH MORE! With flexible scheduling, fun-loving coworkers, and an inviting environment - THIS IS THE PLACE FOR YOU!

APPLY NOW!

Contact Shelby Braun for more information! shelby.braun@aberdeenroncalli.org







FULL CavClub Days 2025-2026

Full Day Rate: \$39 per day Hours: 7:30am - 6:00pm

The CavClub Program will **NOT** be open on these following dates:

- August 20th: First Day of School (1pm Dismissal)
- September 1st: Labor Day
- October 8th: Parent/Teacher Conferences (1pm Dismissal)
- October 13th: Native American Day
- November 26th: Thanksgiving Holiday (1pm Dismissal)
- November 27-28th: Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 8th: Holy Day of Obligation (1pm Dismissal)
- December 19th: Christmas Holiday (1pm Dismissal)
- December 24th- 26th: Christmas Holiday
- December 31st January 1st: New Years Eve & Day
- January 19th: MLK Jr Day
- February 16th: President's Day
- February 25th: Parent/Teacher Conferences (1pm Dismissal)
- March 11th: Spring Break Release (1pm Dismissal)
- April 3rd 6th: Easter Holiday
- May 21st: Last Day of School

The CavClub program <u>will be offered</u> on the following dates (if a minimum of 25 students are signed up & adequate staff is available):

December 22nd: Christmas Break

December 23rd: Christmas Break

- December 29th: Christmas Break
- December 30th: Christmas Break
- -January 2nd: Christmas Break
- January 5th: Christmas Break
- -January 6th: Christmas Break
- March 12th: Spring Break
- March 13th: Spring Break

SUMMER PATCH

2025

FALL SPORTS MEETING

The Fall Sports Meeting will be Thursday, July 31 at 7pm in the High School Gym. All athletes and at least one parent need to attend the meeting.

FIND SPORTS SCHEDULES AT: northeastsdconference.com

SWAY TESTING:

All athletes in grades 6-12 will need to do the SWAY testing. This will replace the IMPACT testing done in the past.

Attached to the Back to School Newsletter email you will find the instruction sheet on how to access the SWAY app. Athletes will be required to complete the testing BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE. The activities director will also email this to all families of athletes.

If you don't have access to a smartphone or an ipad please contact the Athletic Office at 605-225-7440.

ATHLETIC TEAM PICTURES

will be taken at the high school using the following schedule:

Thur, August 14 10:00 a.m.–Football 10:30 a.m.- Football Cheer 10:50 a.m.- Boy's Golf 11:10 a.m.- Cross Country 11:30 a.m..- Girl's Tennis 11:45 a.m.- Senior banner photos

> Monday, August 18 Volleyball 3:45 pm

5 pm Bo

We invite you to join us for the 2025-2026 school year. Contact Rick Kline to get involved, rick.kline@aberdeenroncalli.org, 605-226-2100.

RONCALLI BOOSTER CLUB

Thank you for helping make the 24-25 school year so great and for your support of the 2025 Cavalier Blast!

The Booster Club is a group of volunteers who work with ACSS administration to promote and support, financial or otherwise, all extra and co-curricular programs sponsored by Roncalli; this is done by funding areas of need that are not fully covered by the school budget. Membership is made up of families, friends, and staff who proudly support Roncalli. Member benefits vary depending on the level of commitment chosen. Booster Club sponsored events are open to everyone to enjoy; fundraisers and "friendraisers" alike. We invite you to join us for the 2025-2026 school

ABERDEEN CATHOLIC PARISH INFORMATION

Sacred Heart Parish

502 2nd Ave. SE / 605-225-7065 email: sacredheartaberdeen@gmail.com website: sacredheartaberdeen.net Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.....Have Mercy on us.

St. Mary's Parish

409 2nd Ave. NE / 605-229-4422 email: patty@stmarysabr.com website: stmarysabr.com Immaculate Heart of Mary.....Pray for us. . Clergy Serving St. Mary's & Sacred Heart Parishes

Pastor: Rev. Jordan Samson Parochial Vicars: Rev. Jeff Schulte Rev. Mitchell McLaughlin Rev. Scott Miller Rev. Gerald Thornton Dcn Rev. Mr. Peter Mehlhaff Dcn. Rev. Mr. Jeff Swank Dcn. Rev. Mr. Edward Mitzel

Aberdeen Catholic School System is a proud ministry of Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Parishes. It is through their support that we function and are able to provide a quality education to the youth of Aberdeen.

<u>St. Mary's</u>

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am-Noon & 1-4:30 pm Friday: 8:30 am-Noon

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 5 pm Sunday: 9 am & 11 am Weekday: Wed. 8 am Thurs. 12:10 pm (Thurs. 10:10 am during school year) Sat. 9:00 am

Confessions:

Tuesday: 12-1 pm

Wednesday: 7-7:45 am

Saturday 8-8:45 am

or by appointment

Sacred Heart Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am-4:30 pm Friday: 8:30 am-Noon

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 5 pm Sunday: 8 am & 10 am Weekday: Tue 5:30 pm Wed 8:30 am (Wed. 7:30 am during summer) <u>Thur 7:30 am</u> Fri 12:10 pm

Confessions:

Tue 5 pm Wed 8 am (7 am in summer) Thur 7 am Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm or by appointment

The faith communities of St. Mary's & Sacred Heart extend a special invitation to join them in worship, community and service.

Hope to see you at the Sacred Heart Bazaar on Sun. Sept. 7 and the St. Mary's Fall Festival on Sun. Oct. 12

RONCALLI FUNDRAISING & FRIEND-RAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you for supporting ACSS. Without your help we could not continue to offer a great faith-based education for our students. To participate in any of the events below please contact the Development Office, 605-226-2100



Cavalier Classic Golf Tournament – Monday, September 8, 2025 at Lee Park Golf Course. Call 605–226–2100 today to sign up.



Roncalli Hall of Fame Banquet - Saturday, October 11, 2025 at Roncalli High School



Roncalli Ball - Saturday, April 11, 2026 at the DEC



Cavalier Campaign – Ongoing; raises vital operational support





Ken's SuperFair Foods "Ken's Karing for Kids" and Kesslers "Dollars for Scholars" programs give us 1% back for most purchases. Turn in your Ken's & Kesslers receipts to your child's school or box located in Sacred Heart and St. Mary's.

Show off your Cavalier Pride! License plate decals are available in the ACSS Central Office - \$10/pair!



OTHER 'EVERYDAY' WAYS TO SUPPORT RONCALLI!!!

Drop empty aluminum cans off at RHS. The CAN trailer is located at the high school.



Donate to and shop at this thrift store – all proceeds benefit Roncalli directly. They are a great resource for gently used uniforms, too!



Look for Box Tops for Education on General Mills products. Clip and send them to your child's school or drop them off at the box at St. Mary's or Sacred Heart. OR - download the 'Box Tops app, locate Roncalli, and scan your receipts. Roncalli gets the points!