



ABERDEEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

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NEWSLETTER

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



TIM WEISZ
PRESIDENT, ACSS

APRIL 2026

How was your Lenten journey?

Personally, my Lenten journey reminded me of life in general. There were days which produced spiritual growth and consolation and other days of great desolation. As we finish out Lenten journey and look forward to the joyous time of Easter, let's celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death!

Christ's resurrection is proof of God's love for humanity and His desire for each of us to be raised up after death to new life with Him in paradise forever. My hope and prayer is we all remember to live each day with this hope of eternity with Christ Jesus. Let's use these 50 days of Easter as a spring board to living life as vibrant members of the body of Christ. Together, we can change the world!

Happy Easter!!!

EASTER SCHEDULE

Confessions (4/1):

12-1pm at Sacred Heart

6pm, Communal Penance Service
at Sacred Heart

Holy Thursday (4/2):

7pm Mass at St. Mary's,

Sacred Heart & SEAS in Groton

Good Friday Service (4/3):

2-3pm- Confessions at Sacred Heart

3pm at Sacred Heart

5:30pm at St. Joseph's in Turton

6pm at St. Mary's

Easter Vigil Mass (4/4):

8:30pm at Sacred Heart

Easter Sunday Mass (4/5):

Normal Mass times

7am, 9am & 11am at St. Mary's

8am & 10am at Sacred Heart

8:30am at SEAS in Groton

11am at St. Joseph's in Turton



top: Jayda; middle: Isabella, Ericka & Elaina; bottom: Olivia & Jayda

BAND RECOGNITIONS

Congratulations to our band members who auditioned and were selected to represent us over the last 2 weeks!

- SDSU Honor Band, Feb. 27-28, Brookings: Jayda Siebert, junior, was 4th clarinet in the Honor Wind Ensemble.
- SDMEA Middle School All-State Band, March 6-7, Mitchell:
 - Isabella Haggerty, 5th chair in the state, flute
 - Ericka Dix, 6th chair in the state, clarinet. Plus 3 year award honors
 - Elaina Eckardt, 2nd chair in the state, bass clarinet
- All State Band in Rapid City.
 - Jayda Siebert
 - Olivia Dix

ART

Art students attended and exhibited in the Dakota Student Art Exhibit and Workshop on 3/25/26.

Congratulations to Lydia Kost for 1st place Wednesday Student Choice and Ava Meyers for Judges 2nd place Drawing. Lydia Kost's drawing was purchased by the Dacotah Prairie Museum for their permanent collection!



back row: Josephine Mitzel, Ava Sayler, Jaxon Keller, Rebecca Vipond, Lydia Kost, Ava Meyers, front row: Reagan Haar, Gianna Madsen, Elizabeth Jensen, Julia Swisher

Counselor's Corner



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IN THE CLASSROOM

APRIL CLASSROOM LESSONS:

We are connecting the world of work and school habits: attendance, punctuality, respect, good communication skills, collaboration, accountability, communication, and taking the initiative.



SCHOOL COUNSELOR ACTIVITIES:

We will be having two Bridge Building Days!

April 29th - 5th grade will be going to the Middle School

May 6th - 1st grade will be going to the Elementary School

During this time, the students will meet teachers, attend Mass, eat lunch, visit classrooms and have some fun in a new, environment! (More information will be sent via Dojo.)

HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

CAREER EXPLORATION

It's never too early to have your child begin thinking about their future career. Talk with your child about your own career: skills needed, what you do each day, level of education needed

How Parents Can Help Their Child With Career Exploration

Create Opportunities for Career Exploration

Point out different careers and what they do while out in the community. Have people from various careers talk to your child about their career.



Talk About the Process

Talk with your child what steps need to be taken to attain different careers.



Brainstorm Interests

Help your child find their interests and passions. Expose them to different interests - cooking, building and creating, music, helping people, etc



Talk to Them About Their Values

Help your child identify what is important to them. Do they value helping animals/people or the environment? Link these values to various careers.



Have Them Imagine Their Future

Promote self reflection by asking them where they see themselves in 5 and 10 years. Have them write or draw what their future life and career would look like.



Connect School to Future Careers

Talk with your child how what they are learning now connects to future careers

RESOURCES

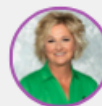
TIPS FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

- 10 Picture Books About Careers - click [HERE](#)
- Music Inspired Podcast to Learn About Different Jobs (4-8 yrs old) - click [HERE](#)
- Explore Various Careers with Your Child - click [HERE](#)
- Fun Video For Kids to Learn About Various Careers - click [HERE](#)



SCHOOL COUNSELOR

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Schedule: M-F 7:50-3:50

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MR. NYGAARD

1. Dual credit registration starts Wed., April 1. If interested in taking a dual credit course next fall see Mr. Nygaard.
2. ACT test for the juniors is on Tue., April 21 in the gym starting at 8am.
3. ACT test prep course for math is 6 hours long & cost is \$100 payable to Kevin Dix. The class will be held in Mr. Dix's room.
 - a. Mon., April 13 from 7pm-9pm
 - b. Wed., April 15 from 7pm-9pm
 - c. Sun., April 19 from 7pm-9pm
4. 8th Grade Parent/Student Mtg: Thur., April 9- Mr. Nygaard, Ms. Cardella, and Mr. Mitzel will help go over 4 year plans and discuss options as students prepare to enter high school.

RONCALLI TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The goal of the ACSS is to make a Catholic education available to any family who chooses it.

Because of the tremendous financial support of St. Mary's and Sacred Heart parishes our tuition is one of the lowest in the region.

Annually, Roncalli offers over \$120,000 in tuition assistance for K-12 in the form of scholarships and work-study grants to make a Roncalli education even more possible. We invite you to take advantage of this opportunity.

THE APPLICATION WINDOW IS OPEN **DEADLINE IS MAY 31**

Important things to note

- **TADS** financial aid application is used for the ACSS financial aid application and for the SD Partners in Education Scholarship.
- There is a \$42 application fee charged by TADS.
- Families can now login or create an account at <https://secure.tads.com/Accounts/Login.aspx>
- Once in the system you will complete the application for ACSS and will have the opportunity to add SD Partners in Education Scholarship to your application.
ONLY ONE APPLICATION AND ONE FEE.

IN ADDITION TO THE TADS APPLICATION you must also complete the following:

1. K-12 General Scholarship/Financial Aid Application
2. Complete the Work Grant Application

All of the information and forms below can be found on our website:
<https://www.aberdeenroncalli.org/admissions/financial-aid-scholarships>

Please review additional scholarship opportunities on the website to determine if others are appropriate for you.

Contact Tevan Gonsor, 226-2100, tevan.gonsor@aberdeenroncalli.org with questions.

Only those applications that have been completed in their entirety and signed, will be considered for financial aid.

Please refer to our website for all the Financial Assistance information

<https://www.aberdeenroncalli.org/admissions/financial-aid-scholarships>



PRESENTATION SISTERS 26-27 CATHOLIC SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS
for students attending a Catholic School in grades K-12. Application Deadline is March 20, 2026. Application can be found on the school website.



Holy Week/Easter

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Blessed Sacrament Parishes



47TH
ANNUAL
RONCALLI
BALL

a timeless journey,
THEN, NOW,
& ALWAYS.

Saturday, April 11, 2026 at the Dakota Event Center. The Roncalli Ball is the biggest fundraiser of the year—a time when we gather to celebrate, support, and strengthen the Aberdeen Catholic School System. Your presence helps ensure that our students and teachers have the resources they need to thrive, both today and for generations to come.

We invite you to come dressed in the time period you love most, from elegant eras of the past to bold looks of today. Tickets are \$100 a person. Contact the Development Office to get details and your tickets. 605-226-2100.

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Roncalli Ball:

You can also buy tickets and bid on the silent auction items using the QR code to the left. The code takes you to Handbid. You can bid on items even if you are not able to attend the event!

Formerly known as
PTO Carnival

BLOOM & BELIEVE



Festival

FOOD  SILENT AUCTION
GAMES  MUSIC  FUN

SUNDAY | MAY 3RD | 12-4 PM
RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL



WRISTBAND PRE-SALE FOR RONCALLI STUDENTS

PRESCHOOL THROUGH
8TH GRADE

\$12 EACH (FAMILY MAX \$36)
WRISTBANDS PURCHASED AT THE EVENT
WILL BE \$15 EACH (FAMILY MAX \$45)

I WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE _____ WRISTBAND(S). TOTAL PAID \$ _____

STUDENTS FIRST AND LAST NAME(S):

MONEY AND ORDERS MUST BE RETURNED BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29TH!

RONCALLI BOYS' **SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP**

WHO:

RONCALLI BOYS ENTERING
3RD-8TH GRADE

TIMES:

3RD-5TH GRADE 12:00-1:15 PM
6TH - 8TH GRADE: 1:30-3:00 PM

DATES:

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY
JUNE 23RD - JUNE 25TH

COST:

\$40 PER INDIVIDUAL

LOCATION:

RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL

REGISTER:

REGISTER THROUGH
FINALSITE





RONCALLI CAVALIERS SUMMER BASKETBALL PROGRAM GAME NIGHT



WHO:

RONCALLI BOYS ENTERING
GRADES 4TH - 12TH

DATES:

MONDAY NIGHTS
JUNE 8TH- JULY 20TH
No games on July 6th

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

REGISTER THROUGH FINALSITE
& TO FIND MORE INFORMATION

TIMES:

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

4TH - 6TH GRADE

5:45-6:00/6:30-6:45/7:00-7:15

7TH - 8TH GRADE

6:00-6:15/6:30-6:45/7:00-7:15

HIGH SCHOOL

6:15-6:30/6:45-7:00/7:15-7:30

LOCATION:

RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL

COST:

\$30 PER PLAYER





A NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL EXPERIENCE

Travel from Aberdeen to watch the Notre Dame Fighting Irish take on the Rice University Owls!

- Leave at 5 am on Friday, September 11 from Roncalli parking lot
- Arrive in Valparaiso, IN and stay the evening
- Watch the football game on Saturday, September 12, time TBD
- Depart for Aberdeen with a hotel stay Saturday on the way
- Reach Aberdeen on Sunday



***COST IS \$600/PERSON AND INCLUDES
TRAVEL, HOTEL AND GAME ADMISSION***

***CONTACT RICK AT [RICK.KLINE@ABERDEENRONCALLI.ORG](mailto:rick.kline@aberdeenroncalli.org)
OR 605-226-2100 OR 605-216-5639 TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT.***

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