



ABERDEEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

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NEWSLETTER

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

MAY 2026



TIM WEISZ
PRESIDENT, ACSS

To me, May is a time of HOPE. The days are stretching out, trees are coming back to life and the community as a whole becomes more active.

At Roncalli, May is also a time to say good-bye. This year we not only bid farewell to our graduating seniors, we also say good-bye to employees who are moving on and to some who are retiring. Please join me in wishing "God's Speed" to those who are moving to retirement status:

- Sandy Andera- 39 years
- Laurie Imberi- 37 years
- Camille Fischer- 20 years

We wish you only the BEST!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our graduating seniors for their leadership. You are an outstanding group of young women and men. Thank you also for the example you have been as a Roncalli Cavalier! May God's blessings follow each and every one of you as you move into the next phase of life.

Sincerely,
Tim Weisz



May the road rise up to meet you. May the
wind be at your back. May the sun shine
warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon
your fields, and until we meet again, may
God hold you in the palm of His hand.

BAND RECOGNITIONS

Congratulations to the Roncalli 5th-8th Grade Band members on an outstanding showing at Aberdeen Music Contest. We had 122 entries and 92% earned superior ratings, including both the 5th Grade Band and the 6th & 7th Middle School Band.

Special congratulations to our students who earned superior plus ratings:

5th Graders:

- Robert Lesnar, trumpet
- Kealey DesCamps, French horn
- Gabe Cogley, snare drum
- Lydia Kessler, mallets

6th Graders:

- Hannah Eskro, clarinet
- Gabe Madsen, French horn
- Bensen Brockhouse, snare drum
- Fynn Pfeiffer, baritone
- Woodwind Ensemble: Kali Niederbaumer, Louise Johnson, Hannah Eskro, Ellis Casper, Juliana Vipond

7th Graders:

- Elaina Eckardt, bass clarinet
- Abigail Andersen, tenor saxophone
- Genevieve Cihak, trumpet
- Evey Hinrichs, baritone
- Khloe Kramp, timpani
- Zach Coats, timpani
- Woodwind Ensemble: Addy Roux, Audrey McClain
- Mixed Ensemble: Madalyn Ring, Natalie Sieh, Abigail Andersen, Mary Stuwe, Olivia Andersen

8th Graders:

- Izzy Haggerty, flute & tenor saxophone
- Ericka Dix, clarinet
- Devin Zacher, alto saxophone
- Cade Feickert, snare drum

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported our students at this year's contest!

Congratulations also to Jayda Siebert & Olivia Dix on being selected for SDHSAA All-State Band.

Mrs. Kimberly Carda

VISUAL ARTS RECOGNITIONS

Congratulations to all the Roncalli Artists and Art Teams for the following awards:
Class A Runner Up at the State Art Contest Exhibition!

Individual place winners at the State Contest

Exhibit include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebecca Vipond <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 2nd in Printmaking • Ava Sayler <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 2nd in Crafts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grace Seyer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 2nd in Traditional Cultural • Gianna Madsen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 3rd in 2D Mixed Media |
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Students whose exhibited artwork contributed to the Runner Up award include:

- Josie Mitzel in Functional Ceramics
- Harley Bode in Acrylic Painting
- Elizabeth Jensen in Watercolor Painting
- Ava Meyers in Colored Drawing
- Jaxon Keller in Photography
- Kelly Lockwood in Sculpture
- Julia Swisher in Digital Media/Graphic Design
- Lydia Kost in Monochromatic Drawing



back row: Lydia Kost, Jaxon Keller, Rebecca Vipond, Josephine Mitzel, Harley Bode, Ava Sayler, front row: Ava Meyers, Grace Seyer, Gianna Madsen, Elizabeth Jensen, Kelly Lockwood, Julia Swisher

SDHSAA State Art Wars competition:

- Lydia Kost 2nd Drawing
- Gianna Madsen 2nd Photography
- Ava Meyers 4th Painting

Mobridge Arts Exhibition!

- Rebecca Vipond 1st place Printmaking
- Ava Meyers 1st place Colored Pencil
- Grace Seyer Oahe Area Retired School Personnel Award, Mobridge Artist Association Golden Award Winner, 2nd place Acrylic
- Kelly Lockwood 1st place Ceramics
- Lydia Kost Jodi Liedtke Memorial Art Award, 1st place Drawing
- Jaxon Keller 3rd Place Photography
- Ava Sayler 1st place Crafts

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES

We congratulate the following students for being inducted into the Roncalli Cavalier Chapter of the National Honor Society. These students earned their membership in NHS because of their effective demonstration of the four qualities of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character which are the guiding principles of the National Honor Society.



back row left to right:

Dawson Erdmann, Lucas Daggett, Courtney Haverkamp, Rebecca Vipond, Olivia Dix, Karsyn Davis, Lydia Kost, Scott Lohman, Ryan Schmidt

front row left to right: Abigayle Coats, Jillian Ellwein, Hazel Kannegieter, Emily Enga, Evelyn Martin, Elyana Roach, Madeline May

SUMMER MATH PREPARATORY CLASS

Mr. Kevin Dix will be having three different math prep classes in early August for students going into 7th grade math, 8th grade math, or Algebra to help prepare students for the next school year. The class will be for one and a half hours on 3 consecutive days (August 3rd, 4th, and 5th). If you are interested in having your son or daughter attend, contact Mr. Kevin Dix, kevin.dix@aberdeenroncalli., 605-225-7440, to get a registration form. Registration deadline is May 6.



Roncalli Spring Concerts

Pop's Concert – Grades 6-12
 May 4, 2026 - 7PM, RHS Gym
 Pop and Popcorn will be sold.

Spring Concert – Grades K-5
 May 5, 2026 - 6PM, RHS Gym

The performances are free and open to the public.
 All are invited!!

Roncalli Nearly New 
 Est. THRIFT STORE 1977

**GRAND
 REOPENING!**

**TUESDAY,
 MAY 5TH**



NEW LOCATION!
 804 S 5th St Ste 2

TRIAL HOURS

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

12 PM – 6 PM

SATURDAY

10 AM – 4 PM



Thank you for supporting our mission!

'NEW' RONCALLI NEARLY NEW

We are happy to announce the opening of the NEW location for our Roncalli Nearly New Thrift Store. The dedicated RNN volunteers and others have put in many hours in order to make the move and prepare the new space. THANK YOU TO ALL!!! Stop in to shop and join in congratulating them on the spacious new store. We are especially grateful to our generous benefactor, the Huck Family Foundation, who made the move possible. Please join them next week starting Tuesday, May 5 at their new location.

NOTE their new 'trial' hours.

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DATES TO NOTE

MAY 13: H.S. AWARDS DAY - SENIOR SIGNING DAY - MASS & COMMISSIONING Service at RMS/RHS. Starting @ 8:00am and running consecutively

M.S. AWARDS DAY
12:15-1pm in the RMS/RHS Cafeteria.

MAY 16: RHS GRADUATION MASS & COMMENCEMENT
4pm Mass following by Commencement in the RHS Gym

MAY 18: KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION IN THE RPS GYM, 1:30PM

MAY 19: RPS/RES TRACK AND FIELD DAY AT RHS
8:00 to 11:00 with student drop off at the high school.

MAY 20: PRK-5 FINAL MASS @ SACRED HEART, 8:30AM
5TH GRADE GRADUATION, RES GYM @ 9:30AM

MAY 20: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, 1PM DISMISSAL FOR ALL STUDENTS
No Cavclub after school.

MAY 31: DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR RONCALLI FINANCIAL AID &
SD PARTNERS IN EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

[HTTPS://SECURE.TADS.COM](https://secure.tads.com)

JULY 29-30 & AUG 4: STAFF & 6-12 GRADE SCHOOL PICTURES
Please mark your calendar! Hardin's Photography is in a new location, 1708
8th Ave NE Suite 2. PreK-5 grade pictures are in September.

2026 RONCALLI RETIREES

SANDY ANDERA, K-5 LIBRARIAN, 5TH GR. READING

My first year of teaching was in Canton, SD. The following year I was offered a job at Roncalli during the week of my wedding. God provides.

I started in 1987 in 1st grade and moved between 1st and 2nd grade until becoming the K-6 Librarian in 2004. In 2015 I started teaching some 4th grade reading, and moved to 5th grade reading and have been doing both reading and Librarian since then.

Over my 39 years, I have been blessed to know so many wonderful staff members, past and present, who have made this school such a special place. I have also loved watching students discover that “perfect” book—the one that sparks their love of reading and keeps them wanting more. Most of all, I have cherished the opportunity to share and grow in my faith each day in an environment where that is welcomed and encouraged.

My advice to young and new teachers is that Roncalli is a wonderful place to work and a wonderful place to entrust with your children. It truly is a family-centered school with a caring and supportive community. One of the most important lessons I’ve learned is to set healthy boundaries and recognize that not everything will always get done in a single day. Give your best each day, focus on what matters most, and trust God that your work is making a difference.

LAURIE IMBERI
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

I started at Roncalli in May of 1989. When I walked the halls of Roncalli as a student, it was my dream to be the school secretary there. Shortly after I graduated high school, I moved to Jamestown, ND and then after a few years back to Aberdeen and the job became available. I was interviewed and was offered my dream job!! My goal was always to treat everyone the same. I laughed, cried and sometimes just listened, but tried to always smile, because I might be someone's first smile of the day! The 37 years I've been at Roncalli have been a total blessing and all the students, families and staff are like a second family to me - I will miss it!

2026 RONCALLI RETIREES



CAMILLE FISCHER, K-5 VOCAL MUSIC

I am so thankful that 20 years ago Roncalli took a chance on hiring someone who had been out of school for 18 years with an expired teaching license. They gave me a year to get recertified, and I dove into my first full time teaching position with only two weeks to prepare for the start of the year. I have to give a lot of thanks to Kim Carda for being my mentor. I could not have done it without her.

When I started teaching I had Kindergarten through 2nd Grades, and 5th through 12th Grades. My teaching load has varied throughout my years here but it has always included School Masses, and classroom instruction. I could not imagine ever teaching somewhere other than Roncalli. Sharing my faith with the students and teaching them songs about our Lord has been the highlight. I have made friendships here with fellow staff members that will last a lifetime. Thank you everyone for helping me to grow in my Catholic faith and bringing me closer to heaven. I got to share my love of music with so many students over the years. It has truly been a blessing to be here.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
Retirement Celebration
 Honoring
 SANDY ANDERA
 LAURIE IMBERI
 CAMILLE FISCHER

WEDNESDAY
 MAY 13, 2026

LOCATION	SCHEDULE
ABERDEEN RONCALLI MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL 1400 N. DAKOTA ST.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00-6:30 PM PROGRAM TO START AT 5:30 PM

Refreshments will be served.

EPI SCHOOL SUPPLY PACK

Roncalli RPS and RES PreK–5 families, we're introducing an **OPTIONAL** service for the 2026–27 school year designed to make your back-to-school experience simpler. You can order your child's school supplies now, and everything will be delivered directly to their classroom before the first day. We understand how busy and expensive the start of the school year can be. Taking care of supplies early can help spread out those costs and give you one less thing to manage later in the summer.

(Please note - you can absolutely purchase and bring school supplies the traditional way! Supply lists will be available shortly!)



Click the link below and enter RON022, or scan the QR code to order online by May 19th.
<https://educationalproducts.com/shoppacks>

**Make Back to School Easier
with EPI School Supply Packs**



- Teacher Approved
- Delivered Before the First Day of School
- Save Time & Money

SHOP NOW

Main Order
Deadline: **5/19**

Our School ID:
RON022



www.EducationalProducts.com/ShopPacks

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.



SOUTH DAKOTA
Partners in Education

2026-2027 Qualifying Income Scale

We honor the income level that originally qualified the student, or we use the lower-income level of a subsequent application submitted before the time to reapply.

A qualifying income cannot be more than what is listed below.

Household Size	Free Lunch Income Level	Reduced Lunch Income Level	200% Of Reduced Lunch Income Level	250% Reapplying Students Only
2	\$28,132	\$40,034	\$80,068	\$100,085
3	\$35,516	\$50,542	\$101,084	\$126,355
4	\$42,900	\$61,050	\$122,100	\$152,625
5	\$50,284	\$71,558	\$143,116	\$178,895
6	\$57,668	\$82,066	\$164,132	\$205,165
7	\$65,052	\$92,574	\$185,148	\$231,435
8	\$72,436	\$103,082	\$206,164	\$257,705
For each additional family member, add	\$7,384	\$10,508	\$21,016	\$26,270

INCOME ELIGIBILITY LIMITS

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. 1751, et seq.
Effective from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

Eligibility Cycles:

To enable SDPE to track the year a student must reapply, we label each student with the year they qualified. The Category Code designations also recognize that the law allows students that qualify in high school to be eligible until they graduate from high school. Those qualifying in 9th grade are then eligible without reapplying. If a student's 3-year eligibility overlaps with them entering 9th grade, the family may choose to reapply at 9th grade and receive the high school rate or stay at the same rate and wait until the initial eligibility runs out.

2 Gen students, F20, and F23 students must reapply for the 2026-2027 school year.

- **1 Gen** – A student who first qualified in the 2016-2017 school year
- **2 Gen** – A student who first qualified in the 2017-2018 school year
- **3 Gen** – A student who first qualified in the 2018-2019 school year
- **F19** – A student who first qualified in the 2019-2020 school year
- **F20** – A student who first qualified in the 2020-2021 school year
- **F21** – A student who first qualified in the 2021-2022 school year
- **F22** – A student who first qualified in the 2022-2023 school year
- **F23** – A student who first qualified in the 2023-2024 school year
- **F24** – A student who first qualifies in the 2024-2025 school year
- **F25** – A student who first qualifies in the 2025-2026 school year
- **F26** – A student who first qualifies in the 2026-2027 school year
- **High School** – A student who qualifies or reapplies in HS is eligible for the entirety of HS

Scale Revised 4/9/2026



Jesus & Mary Garden



The garden is located in front of Roncalli Middle/High School.

Each summer beautiful new flowers are planted & maintained by volunteers in honor or in memory of loved ones.

A donation to the garden fund could be a perfect Mother's Day gift or memorial. It is also a wonderful way to remember any special person.



Scan the QR code and select "Mary Garden" to donate online. or send your donation to the Development Office, 1400 N. Dakota St. Aberdeen SD 57401

Your loved one will be remembered at an RMS/RHS School Mass the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year.

TR
 Thank You
 FOR A
 WONDERFUL EVENING

Thank you for joining us at the **Roncalli Ball**. Your presence helped create an evening filled with joy, connection, and celebration. Because of your generosity and support, we are able to continue our mission and make a meaningful impact on the lives of our students and community.

Your commitment to Roncalli is truly appreciated, and it does not go unnoticed. From the laughter shared to the memories made, the night was a success because of you.

With sincere gratitude,
 Thank you for being a part of something special.

WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL
 FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

THE RONCALLI BALL COMMITTEE



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 OR 605-226-2100 OR 605-216-5639 TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT.

SPONSORED BY RONCALLI BOOSTER CLUB

CAVALIER BLAST — TRAPSHOOT

Roncalli Booster Club Annual Fundraiser

Trapshoot Fundraiser

Sponsored by Roncalli Booster Club



June 18, 2026



Aberdeen Gun Club



Register by: June 11th

\$550 per Team of 5

Includes Shells, Steak Dinner & Drinks

- Team Shooting
- Prizes & Bragging Rights
- Raffles / Giveaways

• Support **Roncalli Athletics & Activities**

Sponsored by Roncalli Booster Club



BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISHES

LUMEN CHRISTI
LIGHT OF CHRIST
SUMMER PROGRAM
Faith, Friendship & Fun!

GRADES 1-6 (MORNING PROGRAM)
Faith formation program for youth going into 1 through 6 grade and includes catechism classes, games, songs, prayer and on Friday a BIG WATER FIGHT 🌧️💦😄
📅 June 22-26 (Monday-Friday)
🕒 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

GRADES 7-12 (EVENING PROGRAM)
Faith formation program for youth going into 7 through 12 grade. The missionaries present talks and testimonies and engage with the youth through small groups, games, times of prayer, and a bonfire Thursday night.
📅 June 21-25 (Sunday-Thursday)
🕒 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
*Register by June 4 to guarantee shirt size

LOCATION:
ST. MARY'S CHURCH,
ABERDEEN

**GROW IN FAITH.
MAKE FRIENDS.
HAVE FUN.
*Shine His Light!***

SCAN TO REGISTER!

Sacred Heart Rummage Sale

501 3RD AVE. SE,
ABERDEEN
(RONCALLI ELEM. SCHOOL GYM)

**Friday, June 5
7 am-6 pm**

MAKE AN OFFER

Proceeds benefit Sacred Heart - cash donations accepted!

Donations for the sale can be dropped off Wednesday, June 3 and Thursday, June 4 from 4-7 pm.



ABERDEEN RONCALLI VOLLEYBALL CAMP



BUILD SKILLS. GROW CONFIDENCE. LOVE THE GAME.

DATES
JULY 8-10, 2026

LOCATION
RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL

COST
\$40

GRADES 3-5
12:00 PM (NOON) – 1:00 PM

GRADES 6-8
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

SIGN UP TODAY!
https://aberdeenroncalli.fsenrollment.com/users/sign_in



Scan Me

Sign up now for free t-shirt!

There are other options available through individual sports and activities. If you have questions, please ask Coach Larson or Coach Gallagher!



STRENGTH AND AGILITY TRAINING

RONCALLI ATHLETES

BEGINS: TUESDAY, JUNE 2ND

ENDS: THURSDAY, JULY 30TH
(NO SESSIONS JULY 1ST - 7TH)

PRICE...

- \$100 PER ATHLETE

WHO...

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS -

- 9:30AM -10:15AM TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

5TH & 6TH GRADE -

- 10:15AM-11:00AM TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

WHERE...

RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL (GYM/WEIGHTROOM)
1400 N DAKOTA ST ABERDEEN SD, 57401

SPONSORED BY THE BENEDICTINE AND PRESENTATION SISTERS





RONCALLI CAVALIERS SUMMER BASKETBALL PROGRAM GAME NIGHT



WHO:

RONCALLI BOYS ENTERING
GRADES 4TH - 12TH

TIMES:

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

DATES:

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

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

**REGISTRATION &
INFORMATION**

REGISTER THROUGH FINALSITE
& TO FIND MORE INFORMATION

LOCATION:

RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL

COST:

\$30 PER PLAYER



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

