



ACSS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: JULY 8, 2026

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Parish Report

TIM WEISZ:

- Living the Catholic Identity Standards developed in 2022 means continuing our growth in delivering an authentic Catholic education. To this end, 12 staff members will be traveling to the ICLE National Conference in Columbus Ohio July 13-17 to gain additional training in implementing the methodology of the Institute of Catholic Liberal Education. This is meant to enhance our teachers' ability to deliver a quality learning experience for all students and build on the excellent work they already do. Those attending are:
 - Tim Weisz, Tammy Kost, Elizabeth Raml, Stephanie Litzen, Alyssa Voeller, Angela Keller, Fr. Scott Miller, Chris Uhler, Ed Mitzel, Mark Stone, Jennifer Gosicki, Mandy Smid
- Please allow me to reiterate our appreciation for Joe Mehlhaff and Scott Madsen. Their time and talents will be missed on the ACSS School Board. I am certain their wisdom shared will have a lasting impact on our school system.
- We are excited to welcome our new school board members, Lea Niederbaumer and Dalton Cox. We look forward to their presence. Thank you for answering the call to serve.
- Capital Improvement Projects are in full swing this summer. In addition to the RPS playground and RES grass seeding project, installation of a new roof at the elementary school is scheduled to begin in July. We are partnering with Sacred Heart Church because of the shared space at this location. The multiyear concrete replacement project at the middle/high school is now complete.
- Enrollment:
 - We are currently planning to welcome a new class of Kindergarteners and 13 new students in grade 1-12. We unfortunately will say goodbye to 9 students. School tours slowed down in June and our hope is for them to pick up after the July 4th holiday.

TAMMY KOST:

- **Institute of Catholic Liberal Education (ICLE)**

In the coming weeks, Tim, Elizabeth, and I will meet with our ICLE trainers to prepare for our back-to-school professional development. These planning sessions will help ensure a strong start to the year as we continue to build upon the foundation established during our first year of renewal.

- **RPS Playground**

Excitement continues to build around our playground project! We have received many questions about the plans and the new features that will be added. Construction is well underway, and the anticipated completion date is August 1. We are grateful for the support of our school community and look forward to unveiling this wonderful new space for our students.

- **RES Playground**

The greenspace at RES was seeded by Parkview on Saturday, June 6. While we are hopeful the area will be ready for student use this fall, the grass may still be fragile and require additional time to become fully established. As a contingency plan, we may need to utilize Central Park for our longer lunchtime recess until the greenspace can safely accommodate regular student activity.

- **PTO**

In May, I distributed a PTO survey to faculty and staff and received 35 responses. As we have now completed two years with a Preschool–12th-grade PTO model, I was interested in assessing staff perceptions of this alignment. With parent participation in PTO remaining limited, the survey provided an opportunity to gather feedback on the strengths, challenges, and overall effectiveness of our current structure.

- **School Supplies**

We have partnered with EPI School Supplies to offer preassembled school supply kits by grade level for families. This opportunity allowed families to preorder a grade-specific kit that will be delivered directly to the school before the first day of classes. This program not only saves families time but can also save money. Families are still welcome to shop for supplies the traditional way. The last day to order was June 14th.

- **Summer CavClub**

Shelby Braun welcomed 85 summer CavClub students. She has many engaging activities planned, including trips to the aquatic center, Wylie, and area parks.

- **Enrollment Update**

Looking ahead to the 2026–2027 school year, we currently have:

- 39 students enrolled in Kindergarten + 2 verbal
- 65 students enrolled in Preschool
- Two First Grade applications received
- One Third Grade application received

- Two Fourth Grade applications received
- One Fifth Grade application received
- We continue to receive inquiries and remain encouraged by the steady interest in our school.

RICK KLINE:

- The Hall of Fame Banquet is set for Saturday, October 10, 2026 in the Roncalli Cafeteria. This year's inductees are:
 - Academics—Michael Martel
 - Athletics—Dan O'Keefe
 - Benefactors—Curtis and Vickie DeWalt
 - Employee—Sandy Andera
 - Volunteer—Theresa Backous.
- The Cavalier Blast Trap shoot was held Thursday, June 18, 2026. Thank you to the Booster Club for all their help.
- The Booster Club is sponsoring a Notre Dame Football Trip. The dates of the trip are September 11-13, 2026. The trip has sold-out and a waiting list has been established.
- The Cavalier Classic Golf tournament is set for Monday, September 14, 2026 at Lee Park. We are limiting the tournament to 36 teams. Sponsorship opportunities are available.
- We have been selected to once again participate in the Catholic United Financial Raffle. Thank you to Jill Young for coordinating the effort and working with Catholic United.
- The Primary School Playground is on schedule to be completed by the first week of August.

DAN GALLAGHER: SPORTS SCHEDULES- NORTHEASTSDCONFERENCE.COM

- The spring athletic seasons wrapped up with some great marks.
 - The boys' tennis team capped off a successful spring season at the State A Meet in Sioux Falls.
 - The Track & Field team had 11 athletes qualify for the 2026 State Track & Field Meet. There were several PR's set, including one by Brock Bowman, who PR'd in the Javelin by nearly 10 feet, helping him to place third in the event.
 - The girls' golf team capped off their season with a fifth-place finish at the Class A State Golf Meet.
- Derek Larson will be stepping down as the Activities Director. Mr. Larson has served as the Activities Director for five years, while also serving as the Elementary STREAM teacher and Girls' Basketball Coach. He will continue in his role as the STREAM teacher and Girls' Basketball Coach. Please help in thanking Coach Larson for all his time and efforts as the AD.

- Coaches Jon and Rachel Murdy will be stepping back from their roles as the boys' and girls' golf coaches. We thank them for their unwavering dedication to the Roncalli Golf Programs, and we wish them all the best!
 - Chazz Vigil will be stepping in as the Boys' Golf Coach this fall. Chazz currently serves as the First Assistant Golf Professional at Moccasin Creek Country Club.
- Rick Kline will be taking over as our Middle School Football Coach. Coach Kline will be a great fit for our program, and we are excited to have him back in a coaching role!
- Taylor Thorson, our new Primary and Elementary PE teacher, will be co-coaching the Cross-Country team this fall with Coach Casey Steele and assisting the Track & Field teams this spring.
- We have the following coaching positions open:
 - Middle School Volleyball (2)
 - Oral Interp
- If interested, please get in touch with me at dan.gallagher@aberdeenroncalli.org.
- We are using Varsity Bound to register athletes and upload the required paperwork. An email was sent to all parents with instructions on how to complete the registration. Varsity Bound is also where you can find the schedules for all activities. If you are having trouble registering or uploading documents, please get in touch with me.
- The Fall Sports Meeting for Girls' Tennis will be on Monday, July 27th at 7:00 PM in the high school cafeteria. The meeting for all other fall sports activities will be on Monday, August 3rd, at 6:30 PM in the cafeteria. This meeting is for all athletes interested in a Roncalli fall sport. Parents should plan to attend as well.
- The first date of practice for all Roncalli fall sports is as follows:
 - Girls Tennis: August 3rd
 - High School Football: August 6th
 - High School Football Cheer Team: August 6th
 - Boys' Golf: August 10th
 - Boys & Girls Cross Country: August 10th
 - High School Volleyball: August 13th
 - Middle School Football: August 13th
 - Middle School Volleyball: August 20th

PARISH REPORT:

- The summer is passing quickly as our parishes have been busy with the sacraments of baptism, matrimony and the burial of the faithful. The longer days give us a sense of endless possibilities in which to fill our time and there are many opportunities in our parishes in which to do that.
- OCIA, the program in which people prepare to join the Catholic Church has been active, in addition to Lumen Christi for our youth and the St. Vincent DePaul society outreach.
- Our parish food pantries continue to help those in need, thanks to the ongoing generosity of many. Needs are printed in the bulletin each week.
- We were very pleased with the turnout on Corpus Christi Sunday (June 7) at St. Mary's and Sacred Heart for the eucharistic processions and picnic in Central Park. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus who helped cook and serve food.

- On July 1, we welcomed Fr. Tim Cone and Fr. Terry Anderson back to Aberdeen and Blessed Sacrament Pastorate. Fr. Terry and Fr. Tim will be living at Sacred Heart Rectory.
- This summer, we are pleased to host Deacon Matthew Harris and Seminarian Thomas Clinton. Deacon Harris is a transitional deacon who studies at St. Paul Seminary. He will also be returning for extended periods of time over Christmas and Easter to expand his parish experience before his ordination to the priesthood next spring. Thomas is in his 3rd year of minor seminary at the University of St. Thomas, St. John Vianney Seminary. Both men are from Holy Spirit parish in Sioux Falls, which happens to be Fr. Schulte's new assignment. Thomas' parents are graduates of Aberdeen Roncalli!
- Lonny Roach has accepted the position as Head of Maintenance for Sacred Heart parish. Lonny and his family belong to St. Mary's and his daughters are students at Roncalli. We look forward to having Lonny on the staff.
- We continue to search for a Finance Manager. Deacon Jeff Swank has graciously stepped in to help keep the bills paid and the finances on track.
- After 18 years with St. Mary's, Patty Simon has decided to ease into retirement. Patty worked at the Roncalli schools before coming to work at the parish. She will be working Mondays and Tuesdays. We are pleased to welcome Sandy Andera as a part-time administrative assistant to fill in the remainder of the week.
- Fundraising continues for the "Raise the Roof" campaign at the St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center. There is still time to give and no donation is too small!
- Fr. Mitchell McLaughlin invites everyone to his Matinee Cafe series. There are five movie showings left this summer that explore the moral and religious themes in science fiction. Films from the Vatican's approved list are shown at 1:30 pm on Sundays in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, with discussion to follow. Dates are July 12, July 19, July 26, August 2 and August 9.
- I pray that you find time for rest and relaxation, as we continue to enjoy these longer days, warmer weather and all that summer has to offer. May you experience God's goodness in abundance!



Aberdeen Catholic School System

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Due to the need for accessibility, school administrators and the IT director shall be required to carry a cell phone or other device with either texting or email capability. ~~Two options are offered:~~

Use of personal cell phone: Should employee choose to use their personal cell phone for school use, ACSS will pay to employee \$50.00 per month, based on the number of months under their employment contract. This stipend will be paid following the submission of a copy of their recent cell phone bill showing their monthly cell phone fee and completing one purchase order for the whole year. For cash flow purposes, the stipend will be paid monthly. Should employee elect to upgrade their current cell phone to obtain additional technology access, ACSS will not be responsible for the cost of the upgrade.

~~**Use of school purchased phone:** Should employee desire not to use their personal cell phone for school use, or do not have a cell phone, ACSS will provide a phone or devise for employee's use and add employee to the school's cell phone data package. The phone will be owned by ACSS and used for school purposes. If the school purchased phone is also used for personal use by employee, employee shall be charged a pro rata fee for the personal use and said fee shall be deducted monthly from employee's payroll.~~

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