



ACSS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: AUGUST 19, 2026

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TIM WEISZ:

- Enrollment:
 - As projected, we do have an increase in enrollment this year. Exact numbers are fluid right now as we still have families going through the application and enrollment process. As of today, Aug. 14 the 2026-2027 K-12 enrollment stands at 524. Our 2025-2026 enrollment was 511.
- We start the year with all our open positions filled.
- Capital Improvements
 - The roof replacement at RES in partnership with Sacred Heart Parish is nearing completion. There should be no adjustments or interruptions to the students' school day because of this project.
- The new playground at RPS will not be completed in time for the start of school. Adjustments to recess time have been made due to this delay. Mrs. Kost will relay specifics about these adjustments to the primary school families. We anticipate completion before Labor Day.
- Welcome Back!!!! To another year! We look forward to a great year and again ask for your prayers and support as we endeavor in delivering an authentic Catholic education. We are grateful for all the families that make Roncalli their school choice.

LIZZY RAML:

- **Introduction**

Hello! I look forward to meeting you all and working collaboratively with you throughout the year. In my first two official weeks, I met many great people that are a part of the Roncalli family. I am excited to meet more as the year progresses. I can already tell what a special place Roncalli is. My family will experience many blessings as a result of being a part of the Roncalli community. My husband, Andrew, will be teaching History classes at RMS/RHS and our 1-year-old son, Paul, has a bright future as a Cavalier!

- **New School Year**

Many students, parents, and teachers have been in and out of the building during August preparing for the new year. We are all eagerly awaiting the start of the new school year, and we are all going to work together to make it great.

- **Leadership Meetings**

Mr. Weisz, Mrs. Kost, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Uhler, Father Samson, and I met as a leadership team for two days at the end of July. Dr. Barb Rezac, the Director of Catholic Schools for the Diocese, led the sessions. We learned about our individual strengths through the Working Genius Assessment and will use the results to work cohesively as a team. The Working Genius model is said to strengthen leadership teams in any organization. Father Miller was unable to attend, but we have shared a summary of the meeting with him as he also plays an important role on the team.

- **New Family Social**

Kala Heller worked hard to lead the charge on the New Family Social at RMS/RHS on August 3rd. She contacted veteran families that graciously volunteered their time to network with the new families that will be joining our school this year. We shared a meal together and enjoyed making connections with others.

- **New Faculty Retreats**

On August 6th and 7th, five staff members, including myself, attended a New Faculty Retreat put on by the Diocese in Sioux Falls. This retreat taught us how to be effective teachers in a Catholic school. It also provided time for adoration. Similarly, on August 14th, Chris Uhler did a fantastic job leading a session for new teachers at the MS/HS. The theme focused on what a Catholic school is and how ICLE practices can be implemented.

TAMMY KOST:

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

Mark Stone, Jennifer Goscicki, Mandy Smid, and I traveled to Columbus for the National ICLE Conference, July 13–17. It was a fantastic conference, and we came away with wonderful ideas. I am excited to begin year two of our renewal process and continue growing in our understanding and implementation of Catholic liberal education.

- **RPS Playground**

There are currently some delays in the completion of the playground, and we are awaiting a final completion date. In the meantime, Shelby Braun, our Preschool Director, and I have been working on temporary plans for recess. We have been discussing options that include using more of the school parking lots as well as area parks.

- **RES Playground**

The greenspace at RES was seeded by Parkview on Saturday, June 6th. The RES students will utilize the school grassy areas for recess when school resumes.

- **PTO**

We have had a few parents show interest in helping out with our PTO. We will have an organizational meeting in September to plan for the year.

- **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 would be delivered directly to the school before the first day of classes. Those kits have arrived and the process worked well.

- **Summer CavClub**

Shelby Nigg wrapped up another successful summer with the CavClub students! Due to the ongoing work on the playground, she had to get creative with activities and rely on trips to the aquatic center, Wylie, and area parks. The students also enjoyed a trip to the Children's Museum in Brookings, SD.

- **Internship**

Mandy Smid will be interning with me during the first semester while completing her Administrative Master's Degree through NSU.

- **Enrollment Update**

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

- 40 students are enrolled in Kindergarten
- 71 students are enrolled in Preschool
- One new 1st Grader
- Three new 2nd Graders
- Two new 3rd Graders
- Two new 4th Graders
- Two new 5th Graders

We continue to receive inquiries and remain encouraged by the steady interest in our school.

RICK KLINE:

- Hall of Fame Banquet is Saturday, Oct. 10, 2026 in the Roncalli Cafeteria. The menu is set and invitations will be forthcoming. Please plan on attending.
 - Inductees are:
 - Academics—Michael Martel
 - Athletics—Dan O’Keefe
 - Benefactors—Curtis and Vickie DeWalt
 - Employee—Sandy Andera
 - Volunteer—Theresa Backous
- 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. To date, we have 31 teams. Thank you to Primrose for being our corporate sponsor along with Avera and Dacotah Bank for being longtime supporters. New to our sponsor list this year is Comm Tech and Clark Bonn.
- We are excited to announce the hiring of Riley Sangster as our new events coordinator. She will start her Roncalli career on Tuesday, September 8, 2026.
- The Booster Club will be hosting a Barnbash in the Roncalli Bus Barn on the evening of Friday, October 2, 2026. Free to Green & Gold card members, \$20 for all others. Music and entertainment will be provided as well as smoked pork sandwiches and fixings.

DAN GALLAGHER: SPORTS SCHEDULES- NORTHEASTSDCONFERENCE.COM

Our Fall Sports are officially underway.

- Girls Tennis had their matches of the season in Mitchell on Aug 11, dropping their match to Mitchell 7-2, but picking up a win over Huron 5-4.
- Boys Golf began on August 10. They will head to Sioux Valley on Monday and West Central on Tuesday.
- Football kicked off practice on August 6. The team travels to Sioux Valley for their first game of the season on August 21. The first home game will be on August 28 against Flandreau at Dacotah Bank Stadium.
- Our Middle School and JV football teams begin their season with WWSSC on Monday, August 24th on the game field at Roncalli High School.
- The Cross-Country season began on August 10th. Their first meet of the season will take place in Milbank on August 27th.
- Volleyball began practicing on August 13th. They will begin their season against Northwestern at home on August 25th.
- *We are looking to hire both an Oral Interp and Robotics Coach for this school year.
- *We will be recognizing the 2005/2006 State Champion Football Teams at our September 18 Homecoming Game vs. Miller.

PARISH REPORT: FR JORDAN SAMSON

- The summer is winding down, and like Roncalli schools, the parishes are also focused on students in the coming weeks.
- We will soon begin all the preparation work for **First Reconciliation and First Communion, Confirmation, religious education and youth group**. We have team leaders who will be assisting students and families with these programs.
- **OCIA** “Becoming Catholic” classes begin in later September. We have a handful of new parishioners that will be officially welcomed into the church who participated in the summer OCIA program
- We are on the homestretch of the Newman Center Raise the Roof campaign, having raised the necessary funds for our \$75,000 match. We are grateful for the many donors who have contributed and will continue to welcome support in any size. Still **\$61,000** yet to raise to pay for the new roof!
- Student are being welcomed back soon and 5 pm Mass on Sundays will resume at the Newman on August 23.
- This summer we began **locking doors** at the start of the weekend Masses. St. Mary’s has moved forward with this initiative. Sacred Heart is forthcoming. No particular threat in Aberdeen precipitated this move, just common sense and cultural realities. The feedback has been mostly positive as people understand the safety and security aspects. Along with security, it is our goal that this policy will actually increase hospitality and encourage ushers and regular Mass goers to be welcoming and aware of stranger.
- We are pleased to welcome **Keith Schurr as the new Finance Manager** for Sacred Heart, St. Mary’s and the Newman Center. Keith is a member of St. Mary’s and retired after nearly 30 years as the Edmunds County Auditor. Keith’s office is located at St. Mary’s.
- The **St. Mary’s Fall Festival is Sunday, September 13**. A huge debt of gratitude goes out to Stephanie Litzen who is leading this event. She and her committee are planning a fun community and family event. We are also grateful to Todd and Amy Zens who will be catering the roast beef dinner. Looking ahead, **Sacred Heart’s Bazaar is Sunday, October 4**. Jackie Braun and Katie Scott enthusiastically said ‘yes’ to be the new leaders this year.
- We are entering year four of Set Ablaze which is calling us to be lifelong, Catholic missionary disciples through God’s love. As you have read above, this work is only possible through the grace of almighty God and so many faithful and committed volunteers who are bringing this mission to life.



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~~The following conditions may also serve as a guideline for other personnel employed by the two Catholic parishes. However, the salary conditions for personnel employed by a parish, such as custodians and secretaries, who may do some part time work for the schools, are to be agreed upon by the parishes.~~

~~For the purpose of participation in benefits offered to employees (hospitalization insurance, retirement, etc.) those employees who work over 1040 hours a calendar year shall be considered “full time” employees.~~

~~The Aberdeen Catholic Board of Education reserves the right to hire an individual employee at any salary and to provide extra benefits to any employee as it deems necessary and proper.~~

Any employee who works a minimum of 20 hours per week and more than 1040 hours in a calendar year is benefit eligible.

Any employee who works less than 1040 hours in a calendar year is not benefit eligible.

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(all employees who work less than ~~1100~~ 1040 hours a calendar year)

~~Each part-time employee Notification of Salary agreement is for one year.~~

1. ~~Part-time employees will not be allowed any excused absences. Each period of work missed will be deducted from the employee's salary.~~ Part time employees do not qualify to receive any paid holidays, sick leave or vacation days.
2. ~~Part-time employees will not be allowed participation in the hospitalization insurance or retirement program~~ do not qualify to participate in the employee benefits program.
3. All Salary agreements for part-time employees shall be negotiated individually between the employee and the ~~Aberdeen Catholic School Board of Education or its representative.~~ ACSS President.

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