



ACSS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

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TIM WEISZ:

- We have had an awesome start to the school year. Thank you to all the staff! Fulfilling the mission.....‘Instilling Catholic values and promoting academic excellence by nurturing mind, body and soul’.....is actively happening in our classrooms.
- Enrollment is up. We are very thankful to our entire Roncalli family for creating a welcoming environment.
- Our emphasis on delivery an authentic Catholic education continues.
- The RPS playground is now fully functional. We are very appreciative to be able to offer this to our PreK-1 grade students.

LIZZY RAML:

- **Homecoming-** We kicked off our homecoming week this week, September 14-18. In addition to normal classes on Tuesday and Thursday, students had mass on Monday, a game day on Wednesday, and will have the school parade and assembly on Friday. Teachers also participated in the “color day” by wearing our “Iron sharpens Iron” shirts that we got in conjunction with our district theme of the year. Congratulations to the seniors that were nominated for Homecoming Court! I am proud of them for representing our school in this way.
- **25th Anniversary of 9/11-** In memory of those who lost their lives on 9/11, and in honor of those who responded to the tragedy, we had a school-wide tribute in which we paused four times throughout the day. Each pause took place at the exact time a plane either crashed into a building or went down in Pennsylvania. The pauses included a moment of silence, a short reflection, or an audio recording of someone who made a 911 call on that day.

- **America 250 Display-** The library at the MS/HS is hosting a traveling exhibit from the Dakota Prairie Museum in honor of America 250. The exhibit will be on display from 9/21 - 10/2. Each exhibit has seven (7) panels, developed by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. The panels are 80"x33". You are welcome to stop by the library to check it out!
- **Father Miller-** I can't stress enough what a blessing it is to have Fr. Miller in the building. In the first few weeks of the school year, it was evident to me just how important he is. He prays with students, eats lunch with them, joins the band and tennis practice, leads book studies, holds the door and says goodbye to each of them by name at the end of the day, tells dad jokes, gives shoutouts during his homilies, and is just all around awesome. From my understanding, having a full-time Chaplain is a newer development. Know that the staff and I are very appreciative of this - especially with someone as great as Fr. Miller in the role.
- **Touchstone Energy Scholar of the Week-** If you are already familiar with Dakota News Now's "Touchstone Energy Scholar of the Week" feature, they are running the feature again this year. I am excited to say we have nominated one senior already (hopefully they are selected!) and am looking forward to nominating more. We have some pretty great seniors that would represent our school in a positive light!

TAMMY KOST:

- **Institute of Catholic Liberal Education (ICLE)-** The faculty and staff participated in a two-day training on Mimetic Teaching, an educational method centered on learning through imitation, observation, and guided discovery using concrete examples. During the training, faculty and staff had the opportunity to develop a lesson using the Mimetic Teaching format and then present their lesson to their peers. This hands-on experience allowed them to put the principles of Mimetic Teaching into practice and receive feedback from one another.
- **RPS Playground-** The rubberized flooring under the playset was poured on Thursday, September 10th, and the basketball court also received a refresh. We are still awaiting the assembly of the storage shed and sandbox. Once those final pieces are completed, the students will finally be able to enjoy the entire playground! While this project took a bit longer than we anticipated to complete, it's been well worth the wait. We are grateful for all the time and resources put in to make this dream a reality.
- **PTO-** We have had a few parents come forward interested in helping out with our PTO. We will have an organizational meeting in the coming weeks to plan for the year.
- **The World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser** began on Wednesday, September 9th! The students participated in a kickoff presentation and are excited to get started. We are looking forward to a successful fundraiser again this year.
- **RES Altar Server Training-** The 4th and 5th graders participated in Altar Server Training on Tuesday, September 8th, and Thursday, September 10th. We are grateful for their willingness to serve at Mass and look forward to seeing them grow in this important ministry.

- **Roncalli Roadrunners-** Mrs. Braun, along with other members of our staff, has begun the Roncalli Roadrunners program! This opportunity is open to students in 3rd–5th grade and will take place after school for eight weeks. At this time, 55 students have signed up to participate. At the conclusion of the program, students will have the exciting opportunity to put their training to the test by running a 5K!
- **James Valley Threshing Bee-** The 5th grade students had the opportunity to attend the James Valley Threshing Bee on Friday, September 11th. This is always a fun and memorable event for our 5th graders, and they look forward to spending the day together while learning about our local history and agricultural heritage.
- **Congratulations!-** We are excited to welcome two new members to the Roncalli family! Second grade teacher Danielle Stafford and her husband, Garrett, welcomed their daughter, Seraphina, who was born in July. First grade teacher Andrea Sommers and her husband, Spencer, welcomed their son, Harrison, who was born in August. We love watching our Roncalli family grow! Congratulations to both families, and welcome, Seraphina and Harrison!
- **Enrollment Update-** We continue to receive inquiries and interest in our school. We welcomed a new family during the first week of school and have two more families going through the application process.

RICK KLINE:

- The Booster Club is sponsoring a Notre Dame Football Trip. The dates of the trip are September 11-13, 2026.
- This year's Hall of Fame inductees are: Academics—Michael Martel, Athletics—Dan O'Keefe, Benefactors—Curtis and Vickie DeWalt, Employee—Sandy Andera, and Volunteer—Theresa Backous. The Hall of Fame Banquet is set for Saturday, October 10, 2026 in the Roncalli Cafeteria. Please plan on attending.
- The Cavalier Classic Golf tournament is set for Monday, September 14, 2026 at Lee Park. Thank you to Primrose for being our corporate sponsor along with Avera and Dacotah Bank for being longtime supporters.
- Riley Sangster started her employment as our new Special Events Coordinator on Tuesday, September 8, 2026.
- The Booster Club will be hosting a Barn Bash in the Roncalli Bus Barn on the evening of Friday, October 2, 2026. Free to Booster club members. Music and entertainment will be provided as well as smoked pork sandwiches and fixings.
- Chocolate sales began on Wednesday, September 7, 2026.
- 2027 Roncalli Ball preparations have begun.

DAN GALLAGHER: SPORTS SCHEDULES- NORTHEASTSDCONFERENCE.COM

- Girls' Tennis is off to a 10-3 start with several wins against AA opponents. Last year, they finished the season 3-15. They compete at home on Monday versus STM, and on Friday versus Rapid City Stevens and Rapid City Central.
 - Boys' Golf is midway through their season. At the Hub City Invitational, the team totaled a school record of 295, with Harper Schnabel being the gold medalist. The boys' team heads to Mitchell Friday, September 11, for the Parkston Invite.
 - Cross Country is off to a strong start. The girls' team won the Milbank Invite with Addison Cassady claiming the individual championship. Our Roncalli Invitational is this coming Thursday, September 17, at Lee Park beginning at 11:00 AM.
 - Football is entering into week 4 of the season with a 1-2 record. They play Deuel at home on Friday, September 11, and then they host Miller for our Homecoming game on Friday, September 18. We will be recognizing the 2005/2006 State Football Championship teams at the homecoming game.
 - Volleyball is currently 5-1, including a win over the Northwestern Wildcats for the first time since 2003 (in a five-set match). The girls head to Hamlin on Tuesday and host Webster next Thursday
 - Our Student Leadership Class for students in grades 6-12 is in full swing. The class takes place every other Tuesday morning at 7:00. Students receive breakfast and then dive into our Leadership Curriculum. The topics thus far have been: 1) *What is Leadership?* 2) *IAM3RD + Servant-Leadership led by Terry Dosch and Mark Stone* 3) *Competitive Excellence and self-sacrifice to achieve greatness*. Brayden McNeary and Dalton Cox will lead our next session on *Tough Love/Love Tough - pushing others to reach their God-given potential*.
- We are looking for a secondary bus driver to help with our activities. Please contact Dan Gallagher at dan.gallagher@aberdeennroncalli.org if interested.

PARISH REPORT: FR JORDAN SAMSON

- Mid-September is quickly approaching and the parish activities that accompany the start of the school year are well underway.
- Wednesday night faith formation for grades K-12 began September 9. The information meeting for Confirmation candidates and their families will be held on September 16. Family Education begins at St. Mary's on September 20. Second graders preparing for First Communion and their parents will meet on September 30.
- As the Sacred Heart Church building approaches its 100th anniversary in 2033, a campaign study is underway to gather parishioner feedback on the priorities the parish renovation committee has established. Katie Schaitberger from the Steier Group is

spending the next month in Aberdeen to assist in this endeavor. Surveys are currently being mailed to registered parishioners and a final report will be completed in mid October.

- The Raise the Roof Campaign at the Newman has around \$53,000 left to raise as we near the homestretch. There is still time to help us cross the finish line by making a donation to the Newman Center.
- The fall would not be complete without the compliment of fall festivals and dinners in our parishes. St. Mary's Fall Festival is Sunday, September 13, under the leadership of Stephanie Litzen. A special thanks to Todd & Amy Zens and family who have stepped forward to cook the roast beef dinner. Sacred Heart's Bazaar is Sunday, October 4 and is being led by Jackie Braun and Katie Scott.
- We are seeking more volunteers to take Holy Communion to the Homebound. There is a growing need for this important ministry. If you are interested or know someone who is, please have them contact one of the parish offices to find out about training opportunities.
- With school back in session, Eucharistic Adoration is held the third Thursday of the month at St. Mary's. Exposition begins after the 10:10 am Mass.
- We are fortunate to live where the change of seasons manifests the glory of God. As the days become shorter and we get caught up in the busy-ness of life, I pray that you find time in the weeks ahead to stop and reflect on the beauty of nature and the blessings bestowed upon us.

~~ABERDEEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM UNIFORM POLICY~~

We believe that the manner in which individuals present themselves affects how they view themselves, how they are perceived by others, and consequently, how they live out God's purpose in life. In keeping with the school mission, guiding students to acquire an appropriate definition and sense of dress is an essential part of the learning process. A ~~uniform policy~~ **dress code and uniforms** foster a sense of equality within the student body and reflects a higher uniform standard of work to be accomplished by the students.

Uniforms are required in grades K-12.

A. Dress Regulations for All Students on All School Days

(Uniform & non-uniform)

1. Students are expected to be in full uniform on the first day of school and for each day of the year unless otherwise directed by the administration. All students must maintain an appropriate level of personal hygiene that is neat and clean, and modest. All clothing items must be free of stains, rips and holes.
2. Shoes are required.
 - a. 6-12 can wear sandals throughout the year
 - b. Sandals with a back strap may be worn by students in grades K-5
April 1 – October 31
 - c. Slippers, flip flops or slide shoes may not be worn at any time by any student.
3. Uniform shirts must always be tucked in.
4. If a uniform fleece jacket, cardigan or navy crewneck sweatshirt is worn, a designated uniform shirt must be worn underneath.
5. When layering uniform shirts, the shirt with the longest sleeve must be on top.
6. Only PLAIN WHITE or BLACK tee-shirts are allowed to be worn under the specified uniform shirt or ¼ zip pullover.
7. Hair must be clean and neat, combed and of a natural color. (Ex: No blue or green hair). Excessive or faddish hairstyles that cause a distraction are not permitted.
 - a. Male hair length will not be long enough to touch the shirt collar. ("Man buns" are not allowed) Facial hair is not permitted, and students must be clean shaven. This rule also applies to any Aberdeen Roncalli athletic event or activity.
8. Jewelry for both boys and girls shall be simple and modest. ~~No more than two earrings in each ear for girls.~~ No other visible body piercing is allowed. The wearing of earrings by boys is not permitted.
9. No visible tattoos are allowed.
10. Students in K-12 may wear the approved uniform fleece jacket, cardigan, ¼ zip pullover or navy crewneck sweatshirt, but no other coats or jackets during school hours.
11. Fridays are designated as an optional Roncalli Spirit Day for grades K-12. If a student chooses, any uniform bottom may be accompanied by a Roncalli activity/spirit shirt, crewneck sweatshirt, or hoodie sweatshirt (with the hood always remaining down while in the school building and with a shirt underneath). All other dress regulations must be adhered to.

The school administration and/or staff reserves the right to define and determine what is neat, clean, well-groomed, and modest in dress, clothing and appearance.

B. **For GIRLS**

1. **Jumper:**
 - a. Plaid uniform jumper
 - b. Purchased from Donald's or other vendor with same pattern and style.
 - c. Cannot be shorter than right above the knee.
2. **Skirts:**
 - a. Plaid skirt
 - b. Purchased from Donald's or other vendor with same pattern and style.
 - c. Cannot be shorter than right above the knee.
3. **Green Knit Dress with logo:**
 - a. Purchased from Donald's only
 - b. Cannot be shorter than right above the knee.
4. **Leggings or Tights:**
 - a. In any solid color to be worn under jumper or skirt only

(Leggings are leg coverings which may vary in length. Tights are leg coverings which also serve as stockings because they have feet attached.)

C. **For GIRLS and BOYS**

1. **Pants:**
 - a. Any navy or khaki unmarked uniform dress pant.
 - b. Purchased from Donalds Uniform or other vendors. They cannot have outside pockets and excludes colored denim, skinny legged or cargo style pants.
2. **Shorts:**
 - a. Any navy or khaki walking short.
 - b. Purchased from Donalds Uniform or other vendors.
 - c. Cannot be shorter than right above the knee.
 - d. K-5 may only wear shorts April 1- October 31.
3. **Shirts:**
 - a. Any long or short sleeve polo in, light or dark blue. Purchased from Donald's or another vendor with same style and colors.
 - b. Light blue Oxford button up from Donald's.
 - c. Dark green long or short sleeve ~~cotton~~ polo shirt with logo. ~~or dark green short sleeve dri-fit polo with logo.~~ Purchased from Geffdog Design & Apparel.
4. **Sweatshirts:**
 - a. The navy pullover sweatshirt ~~or full zip~~ with logo.
 - b. The ¼ zip pullover sweatshirt in grey, with logo.
 - c. Purchased from Geffdog Design & Apparel.
5. **Sweater:**
 - a. The navy v-neck cardigan with pockets.
 - b. Purchased from Donald's.
6. **Fleece Jacket:**
 - a. The dark grey full zipper fleece jacket, with logo
 - b. Purchased from Geffdog Design & Apparel
7. **~~Quarter-Zip~~ Pullover:**
 - a. Quarter-Zip pullover in grey or green, with logo
 - b. Purchased from Geffdog Design & Apparel.

008.2 Tuition

Tuition will be set each year by the ACSS Board of Education. The most current rates can be found on the system website, aberdeennoncalli.org.

008.2.2 Homeschooled Students: Academic Enrollment and Participation in Activities

Academic Enrollment Requirements-

K-5 grade

- Pro-rated tuition based on percentage of weekly minutes attending school. If the percentage is 75% or more, full tuition will be charged.
- All fees apply regardless of tuition per fee schedule

6-12 grade

- 0-3 classes, tuition is pro-rated based on an 8-period day
- 4-8 classes, full tuition
- All fees apply regardless of tuition per fee schedule

~~Final decision of enrollment is made by~~ The ACSS President in consultation with the principal, makes the final enrollment decision. Class size, teacher workload, and effect on the learning environment, are a few factors to be considered.

Participation in Extracurriculars-

Homeschooled students are not required to be enrolled in any academic classes to participate in extracurricular activities.

Fees for participation in extracurricular activities:

- Tuition paying homeschooled students will pay the normal activities and transportation fees.
- Non-tuition paying homeschooled students will pay twice the normal activities fee.
- ~~Non-tuition paying students will pay the normal transportation fee.~~

Homeschooled students must satisfy all South Dakota High School Activities Association and ACSS paperwork requirements. After all required paperwork is complete, the Activities Director must approve participation before the student may participate in extracurricular activities.

Other requirements:

- ~~1. Complete appropriate paperwork required by the South Dakota High School Activities Association.~~
- ~~2. Complete paperwork required by the Aberdeen Catholic School System. Upon completion of paperwork, approval is needed from the ACSS President in consultation with the Athletic Director.~~
- ~~3. Purchase of a student Activity Pass.~~

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008.2.3 Tuition and Fees Policy

Enrollment Fee:

A nonrefundable enrollment fee of \$50.00 will be charged to all new students enrolling with the Aberdeen Catholic School System, including the SonShine Patch, to be paid at the time of application.

Registration Fees and Course Fees:

All registration fees and course fees paid or due at the time of registration each year are non-refundable.

Tuition Fees for Early Withdrawal of Student:

The tuition contract with the Aberdeen Catholic School Systems represents a family's commitment to pay the entire school year tuition amount, or the adjusted amount due to financial aid. Should a student leave the school during the year, or is dismissed from the school for any reason outlined in the Student/Parent Handbook, the Tuition Contract will remain in effect, and family shall be responsible for payment pursuant to the following:

1. Withdrawal prior to the first day of school: Family will be released from the tuition contract, except for non-refundable fees. Any tuition payments received by the school prior to the date of the withdrawal will be refunded.
2. Withdrawal after the first day of school and any time before the end of the first semester: Family will be responsible for **one-half** ~~1/2~~ of tuition, plus non-refundable fees. Any

tuition payments received by the school over the one-half of tuition amount will be refunded.

3. If a student applies for and is granted permission by administration to finish all credit requirements and earn a Roncalli High School diploma, i.e., graduate early, full tuition for all eight high school semesters will be required to receive said Roncalli High School diploma.
4. Withdrawal any time after the start of the second semester: Family will not be released from the tuition contract, and all tuition and fees are to be paid

Any tuition refund requests are to be made in writing and signed by the parent(s) for approval by the ~~Finance Committee~~ **ACSS President**. Transcripts and report cards will be held for any unpaid tuition or fees.

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008.3 Payment Plans

Payment Plans

~~Aberdeen Catholic School System~~ ACSS offers a variety of payment plans by which families can pay their tuition and fees. ~~Including:~~ The ACSS Business Office will share and define plans within each annual tuition contract. Arrangements for special tuition payment schedules may be considered based on need.

~~Senior Tuition must be paid in full prior to Commissioning Mass.~~

A late fee of \$25.00 per month will be charged on ~~all past due tuition~~ tuition payments not made by the 15th of the month due.

Emergency Situations and Tuition Payments

The ACSS Board of Education and the administration are aware that emergency financial situations may develop during the course of the year that may make the payment of tuition or the meeting of deadlines for payment impossible (e.g. illness, job loss, medical expenses, family crisis, or other temporary hardship.)

If such an emergency arises during the course of the year, parents are asked to contact the business office for special arrangements for payment or excuse from tuition.

Participation in Commissioning Mass and Coronation is contingent on being current with the contract payment plan.

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008.4 ~~Non-Admittance~~ Payment

~~If tuition payments are not made according to the above schedule, none of the children in the family for which tuition is due will be admitted to class on the day following the due date and on the following days until tuition is paid.~~

ACSS will make reasonable efforts to work with families regarding tuition payment concerns. If tuition remains unpaid after these options have been explored or exhausted, ACSS reserves the right to restrict admission or continued attendance until the account is current or an approved payment arrangement is in place.

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008.5 ~~Excused or~~ Reduced Tuition

ACSS is committed to partnering with families who may be experiencing financial hardship. When a family is unable to pay full tuition, the business office will work with the family to explore available tuition solutions, including scholarships, student work opportunities, tuition reductions, special payment arrangements, or other approved financial assistance options. These efforts are intended to support access to Catholic education while ensuring tuition obligations are addressed in a fair and responsible manner.

Financial aid and work grant applications are available online at aberdeenroncalli.org. Submit all completed forms to the business office.

~~Aberdeen Catholic School Board of Education is committed to the principle that no child will ever be refused attendance at Aberdeen Catholic Schools because of inability to pay tuition. Student jobs are available and reduction of tuition is granted by the Board for those who simply do not have the means.~~

~~If a family cannot afford to pay tuition several options are available.~~

- ~~a) — Students may apply for a tuition work contract.~~
- ~~b) — Families may apply for financial assistance to obtain a reduction in tuition. Financial Assistance Application can be found at aberdeenroncalli.org.~~
- ~~c) — Fill out Family Financial Information Form, which includes a copy of the W-2.~~
- ~~d) — They will be evaluated by the Financial Assistance Committee of the ——— Aberdeen Catholic School System.~~
- ~~e) — Send the forms to the Aberdeen Catholic School Central Office, ——— 1400 N. Dakota Street.~~
- ~~f) — Families may sign a promissory note for tuition to be paid in the future ——— when family expenses are not as demanding.~~

008.14 School Dances

Dances ~~should be~~ **are** open to Roncalli students and **may include** ~~their dates~~ **as directed by faculty or administration** ~~only~~.

Students who attend must remain inside once they have entered.

Anyone who has been **determined to be under the influence or** ~~drinking or is determined to be in possession of~~ **illegal substances** ~~alcoholic beverages, drugs, and tobacco should not be allowed to attend future dances~~ will be removed and subject to further discipline.

~~Dances should be held for social and recreational purposes, not to make money.~~

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The following policies are presented for approval to remove from the policy book

008.6 Arrangements for a Special Tuition Payment Schedule

If families prefer to make tuition payments according to a schedule other than that outlined in the regular policy (for example: monthly over a period of 12 months or at “income tax time”) special arrangements can be made.

However, if the agreed upon special schedule of payments is not met, the same policy of non-admittance will be applied.

008.7 Emergency Situations and Tuitions Payments

The Aberdeen Catholic School Board of Education and the administration are aware that emergency financial situations may develop during the course of the year that may make the payment of tuition or the meeting of deadlines for payment impossible (for example: sickness, unemployment, etc.)

If such an emergency arises during the course of the year, parents are asked to contact the administration for special arrangements for payment or excuse from tuition.

008.8 Aberdeen Catholic School System Electronic Sign Policy

This policy is being established to provide guidelines for use of the electronic sign on the grounds of Roncalli Junior/Senior High School. The purpose of this sign, and any future electronic signage installed on the properties of the Aberdeen Catholic School System is to provide support and recognition for ACSS and the parishes of St. Mary's and Sacred Heart. The guidelines are meant to establish parameters for use and assure the purpose of the signage is served.

Purposes:

- To provide public relations support for the Aberdeen Catholic School System and its sponsors, St. Mary's and Sacred Heart Parishes
- To inform the public of school activities and important calendar dates
- To provide recognition to students and staff
- To improve System communication with the general public
- To allow, on a limited basis, community use. Community activities must be non-profit.

In order to accomplish the purposes, the following procedures have been established:

Operational:

Operation of the high school electronic sign shall be under the direction of the High School Principal or designee. The Principal shall work with staff to insure that proper operational training takes place. All information on the sign must comply with ACSS Board Policies, administrative regulations and appropriate standards relative to editorial standards (spelling, punctuation, grammar, style), be factually accurate and in good public taste. The sign may not be used for advertising or to publish student directory information, nor any other confidential student records, as protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Information on the sign must relative to the purposes above and will not be considered part of a "public forum" for general staff or student use.

Recognition of Students and Staff: The High School Principal or designee, in conjunction with the Activities Director and staff, shall appropriately recognize student and staff accomplishments. Recognition should be reserved for major academic, extra-curricular club, fine arts or athletic accomplishments.

Calendar: The electronic signage will be used to communicate high school calendar activities. Activities communicated shall be limited to those which attract public attention (i.e. concerts, academic, extra-curricular contests).

System Use: While the primary purpose is high school use, on occasion the electronic sign may be used to post information that applies to all schools in the system and both parishes. Examples would be significant school calendar dates, school board meetings and the parish bazaars.

Community Use: While the primary purpose is high school use, on occasion the electronic sign may be used to post one-time, non-profit community events that involve community youth or events that are compatible with missions and goals of the Aberdeen Catholic School System.

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008.9 All Special Arrangements for Payment of Tuition

All Special Arrangements for Payment of Tuition must be made prior to the Opening of School.

If Special Arrangements are not made, the Standard Tuition Policy will be applied as Written.

008.10.1 RHS Honor Code

Honor Code

The principles of religion are integrated into all facets of the curriculum and life of the school.

The Roncalli High School Honor Code is based on the Ten Commandments and the principles of Pope Saint John XXIII. Students whose actions reflect negatively on Roncalli will be referred to Administration for disciplinary action.

Summary of the Roncalli Honor Code

On average, students at Roncalli High School will spend 1300 hours together this school year. They will invest at least another 360 hours doing homework. The Honor code has been instituted to help provide each member of our school community a safe, respectful and equal environment in which to spend this time. The Honor Code is positive and represents the standard for Roncalli students. Honor, personal integrity and loyalty to each other and the school and its developing traditions are fundamental characteristics essential to a successful Roncalli student.

Roncalli students are expected to reflect Christian ideals, attitudes and values in their lives. They are expected to:

- ☐ ☐ Be persons of integrity and stand for that which is right
- ☐ ☐ Tell the truth and ensure that the full truth is known

- ☐ ☐ Embrace fairness in all actions
- ☐ ☐ Ensure that all work submitted is their own
- ☐ ☐ Respect the property of others
- ☐ ☐ Ensure that others are able to benefit from the use of their own property

Living out the virtue of honor means treating all persons with great value and respect. Honor helps to build a healthy and strong community. The Honor Code describes a way of life in our school community.

A student not living the Honor Code offends himself or herself and the school community.

Therefore, the Honor Code also sets forth a procedure for handling violations. This procedure maintains confidentiality and assures a student's right to be heard. When intervention or assistance with self-discipline becomes necessary, corrective measures will be exercised.

Procedures shall be flexible enough to allow for individual fairness and consistency. The welfare of the school is always paramount. Sanctions for violating the Honor Code may include prohibition of participation in activities or performances; prohibition of official representation of Roncalli; loss of position of authority; delayed graduation if the offense is committed by a senior; assignment to a remediation program; honors probation; expulsion. The Honor Code has been instituted primarily to describe our expectations for living a respectful way of life during your time together at this school and then to clearly outline the procedure for handling violations of that way of life.

Guidelines Regarding Cheating

NOTE: THESE ARE PRESENTED AS "GUIDELINES" TO ASSIST STUDENTS IN UNDERSTANDING WHAT DOES/DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF THE HONOR CODE. THE LIST IS REPRESENTATIVE AND DOES NOT INCLUDE ALL EXAMPLES. TEACHERS MAY HAVE MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING HOW THESE GUIDELINES PERTAIN TO THEIR CLASS OR MAY HAVE GUIDELINES OR RESTRICTIONS THAT ARE STRICTER THAN THESE. IN SUCH CASES THE STRICTER GUIDELINE APPLIES. AS ALWAYS, THE BEST GUIDELINE FOR STUDENTS

IS TO USE COMMON SENSE AND FOLLOW THEIR INFORMED CONSCIENCES.

Homework

THE FOLLOWING IS "**NOT**" PERMITTED AND CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION:

- ☐ ☐ Having another person, including parents, do any portion of the work for you
- ☐ ☐ Copying or paraphrasing any portion of another student's homework papers in your

possession

- ☐ ☐ Comparing answers and then changing them
- ☐ ☐ Not counting a problem wrong when correcting your own or someone else's paper
- ☐ ☐ Any changing of answers while correcting your own or someone else's paper
- ☐ ☐ Copying answers while you are supposed to be correcting the assignment
- ☐ ☐ Changing an answer without changing corresponding work
- ☐ ☐ Plagiarizing material without citing source and giving credit to author

THE FOLLOWING IS PERMITTED AND ***“DOES NOT”*** CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION:

- ☐ ☐ Working together when approved by teacher if none of the above guidelines are violated
- ☐ ☐ Working together when approved by teacher on process and not on answer, e.g.—lab experiments, teacher-assigned group project, helping a student understand math formula or concept
- ☐ ☐ Sharing notes if approved by teacher when student has been absent (excused)
- ☐ ☐ Discussing homework with another student to share and learn process/method/concepts, e.g.—lab work, understanding formula, helping someone understand the distinction between affect/effect
- ☐ ☐ When working together each individual does all the work assigned
- ☐ ☐ Inspiration, ideas from each other's or artist's work (e.g.—in art, music project.

Tests/Quizzes:

THE FOLLOWING IS ***“NOT”*** PERMITTED AND ***“DOES”*** CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION:

- ☐ ☐ ANY use of ANY unapproved assistance to determine answers—calculators, notes, book, other students, “cheat sheets”, “wandering eyes”, notes on hands, shoes, etc.
- ☐ ☐ Answers without corresponding work if required by teacher
- ☐ ☐ Answers from one test version found on another test version
- ☐ ☐ Sharing any test information not provided by the teacher and learned by taking the test; e.g.—number and/or types of questions, details, length, etc.
- ☐ ☐ Making any comments or using gestures or “signs” during a test/quiz
- ☐ ☐ Asking leading questions out-loud during a test/quiz; e.g. – “Is it right if we include the fact that Pope St. John XXIII died in 1963?” (Knowing the date is an answer to another test question.)
- ☐ ☐ Using a “Key” or old test to study unless approved by teacher
- ☐ ☐ Taking or copying any items from test/quiz

THE FOLLOWING IS PERMITTED AND ***“DOES NOT”*** CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION:

☐☐ Telling other student's general level of difficulty; e.g. – “hard”, “easy”

Consequences for Cheating

1st offense: “0” on the work, test, or quiz; Parent Contact. Detention

2nd offense: “0” on the work, test or quiz; Parent Contact, 1 day of ISS. Ineligible for NHS.

3rd offense: “0” on the work, test, or quiz; Parent Contact, 2 days of OSS (5 hours of service required at one of the parishes or other approved location. These hours of service cannot be recorded for any other service requirement.). Teachers will not be able to write a letter of recommendation for you.

4th offense: “0” on the work, test, or quiz; Parent contact, 2 days of OSS (5 hours of service required at one of the parishes or other approved location. These hours of service cannot be recorded for any other service requirement.) Future enrollment with the school will be reviewed and determined by the administration.

First Reading- January 2015

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008.11 Fees

Class Fees are charged at Roncalli Junior High and Roncalli High School to cover special expenses (for example: consumed supplies in Science, Biology, Chemistry, Home Economics, Art, etc.).

Since these supplies are “out-of-pocket” expenses for the school and supplied to the students over and above the regular operational expenses of the school, there is no excuse from payment of fees.

All fees must be paid before the third Monday in September each year.

These forms may be obtained at Roncalli High School or at the Central Office, 1400 N. Dakota Street.

008.12 Application for Student Jobs

- 1) Complete the online application through FACTS Tuition and Assessment.
- 2) Fill out application for Student Employment Form.
- 3) Return the Student Employment Application back to the Aberdeen Catholic School's Central Office, 1400 N. Dakota Street.

There are approximately (30) jobs available for students at the high school, junior high, and elementary schools.

Revised: January 2008

008.13 Activity Tickets

- 1) Activity tickets will be required of K-12 grade students.

All other entrance tickets will be sold individually at the door.
- 2) Season tickets that are misused (i.e. given to a person other than the true owner, etc.) are to be taken from the student by the school administration. A new activity ticket may be sold to the student at full price.

Revised: August 2014

008.15 On Married and Pregnant Students

We believe the primary purpose of the school system is to provide educational opportunities for students. Therefore, in instances of students' involvement in moral and civil situations, such as pregnancy, drug violations, legal entanglements, etc., the decision to remain a member of the school will be the prerogative of the students and parents.

In the event that the school administration determined that a students' attendance is detrimental to the educational preparation of other students, he will bring the matter to the attention of the Board, showing cause, requesting expulsion of the student.

Educational opportunities refer to both curricular and co-curricular school activities.