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NEWSLETTER

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

OCTOBER 2026



ELIZABETH RAML
6-12 PRINCIPAL

Greetings all!

What a joy it has been to become a part of the Roncalli family. From the faculty to the students, everyone is so welcoming and kind. This has really helped me enjoy stepping into my new role. I especially like being surrounded by faith-filled people every day. I can't imagine a more uplifting environment.

Thank you to all of you, parents, for being involved in your student's school life. From academics, to modesty, to everything in between, we couldn't do it without your support. When I see our students doing exceptional things, I can't help but think about you all behind the scenes, raising them in a great way. Sometimes, I know you don't have a direct involvement - like the time I watched a 6th grade boy teach Mr. Dix how to moon walk. I don't think his parents would have sent him to school with that particular mission, but I do know they are allowing him to be his funny, energetic self.

This year has been off to a great start with an early homecoming and many home sporting events! For me, seeing the students outside of the academic setting allows me to get to know them better. While I am a little further behind in getting to know everyone's name than I would like to be, I'll take that as a good sign because it means people are not being sent to the principal's office!

Please pray for me in this season that I may lead our school well and keep God at the center of all we do. I look forward to meeting more of you with every passing day!

God Bless,
Lizzy Raml

2026-2027 HOMECOMING LORD AND LADY

CONGRATULATIONS

Cambry Feickert, daughter of Toni and Justin Feickert and
Jean-Anthony Thomas, son of Jean-Marie and Jennifer Thomas



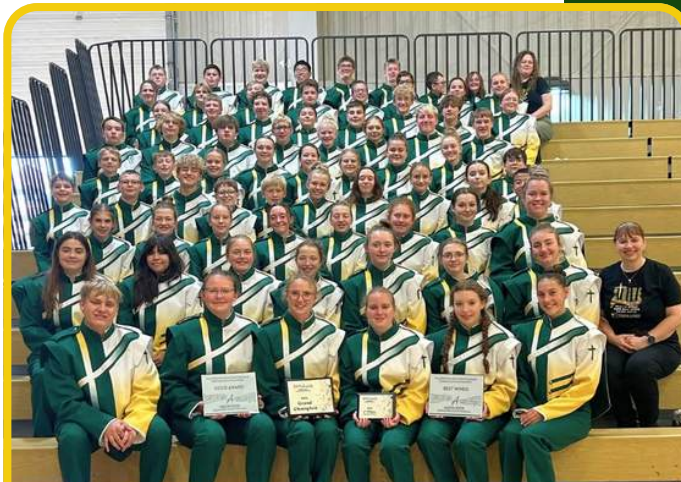
2026 Homecoming Court

Front, L to R: Ella Feickert, Courtney Haverkamp, Ava Meyers, Cambry Feickert and Lydia Kost; Back, L to R: Lucas Daggett, Quinten Shelton, Austin Fisher, Linus Johnson and Jean-Anthony Thomas



MARCHING CAVALIERS

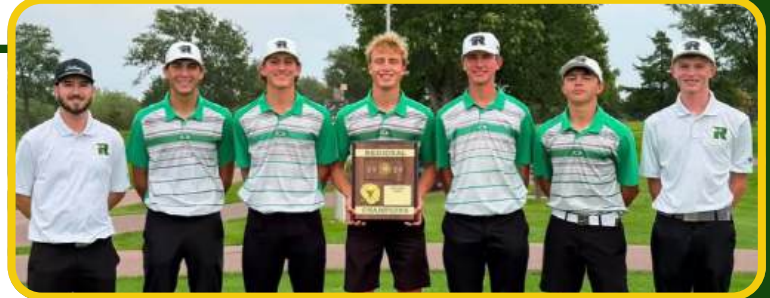
- Saturday, Sept. 26, the Roncalli Marching Band earned a Gold Award, Best Flag Corps, Best Winds (meaning brass and woodwinds), Best Percussion, and Grand Champion of the Gypsy Day Parade!
- Wednesday, Sept. 30, the Marching Cavaliers received several awards at the Aberdeen Marching Band Festival.
 - Gold Award
 - 1st Place in the Combined Division
 - Best Winds
 - Best Flag Corp
 - **Grand Champion!!**



CAVALIER BOYS GOLF

Congratulations to the REGION 3A CHAMPIONS. Harper took 1st with the other players placing 4th - Lucas; 6th - Finn; 18th - Matthew; 19th - Owen. We wish them well as they compete at the State A Golf Tournament in Mitchell, Oct. 5-6.

L to R: Coach Chazz Vigil, Finn Anderson, Harper Schnabel, Lucas Daggett, Matthew Gerlach, Owen Vogel, Matthew Darling.



EXCHANGE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our Aberdeen Exchange Club students for September - Joe Cogley, Hannah Eskro, and Madelyn Ring! We appreciate this great organization and their commitment to recognizing future leaders in our communities!



BLOCK OUT
BREAST CANCER
OCTOBER 1 WEAR YOUR PINK!

RONCALLI V. CLARK WILLOW LAKE
C TEAM STARTS AT 5 PM • ROLLING SCHEDULE

Booster Club Tailgate 5:30 PM	Squishies Sale	Serve to Win a T-Shirt, \$1/chance (between JV/V Game)
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T-shirts have arrived and can be picked up at the middle/high school.

Congratulations to Dan Gallagher (M.S. Dean of Students & AD). He was recognized on Saturday in the Northern State University parade and at the game with the 2026 Graduate of the Last Decade Award!



**ANDREW BULLER- RPS FACILITIES CARETAKER**

Andrew grew up in Brookings and moved to Aberdeen in 2015. He was employed with 3M in Brookings and Aberdeen for a total of 14 years before joining ACSS this past January. He and wife April have been married for 11 years. When asked what he is looking forward to at Roncalli he replied "I am looking forward to a new chapter and grateful for this opportunity and hope to make an impact with the Roncalli School System. The staff have all been terrific to work with and I appreciate the fantastic atmosphere.!"

COUNSELORS CORNER**MONDAY, OCTOBER 5**

Southeast Technical College will be visiting RHS on Monday, October 5th at 11am to visit with any interested juniors and seniors.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Mr. Nygaard will be taking all the juniors and seniors to Northern on Wednesday, Oct. 14th from 9am-11am for their Post High Planning Day. There will be 60 colleges, universities, and technical schools for the students to visit with. Also, there will be a business expo so students can also visit with area businesses about opportunities like internships and employment/career opportunities.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

We will be having our Financial Aid Night on Wednesday, October 28th at 6pm in the chorus room. Seniors and their parents should plan to attend to get information about the FAFSA and other scholarship opportunities. This meeting will last about an hour.

COUNSELING STAFF

Jackie Braun- K-5 School Counselor, jackie.braun@aberdeenroncalli.org
Elise Cardella- 6-8 School Counselor, elise.cardella@aberdeenroncalli.org
Cal Nygaard- 9-12 School Counselor, cal.nygaard@aberdeenroncalli.org

FAITH & FITNESS FUN RUN

FREE



5K FUN RUN WITH OUR
RONCALLI ROADRUNNERS

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME

OCTOBER 26TH

Located at the Dome
Check in time is 5:30pm
Race begins at 6:15pm

Any questions? Contact Jackie Braun!
605-229-4100 or jackie.braun@aberdeenroncalli.org





PRESCHOOL PEEK

FINGERPAINTING IS ONE OF THOSE PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES THAT LOOKS LIKE PURE FUN—BUT THERE IS SO MUCH LEARNING HAPPENING ALONG THE WAY! AS CHILDREN DIP, SWIPE, SWIRL, AND MIX, THEY ARE STRENGTHENING THE SMALL MUSCLES IN THEIR HANDS AND FINGERS, BUILDING FINE-MOTOR SKILLS THAT SUPPORT FUTURE WRITING, CUTTING, AND OTHER CLASSROOM TASKS.

FINGERPAINTING ALSO ENCOURAGES SENSORY EXPLORATION, CREATIVITY, AND SELF-EXPRESSION. CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT COLORS, TEXTURES, PATTERNS, AND CAUSE-AND-EFFECT WHILE MAKING CHOICES AND EXPERIMENTING WITH THEIR IDEAS. IT ALSO GIVES THEM OPPORTUNITIES TO PRACTICE FOCUS, COORDINATION, AND FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS.

SO WHEN YOU SEE THOSE LITTLE PAINT-COVERED HANDS, REMEMBER: THEY'RE NOT JUST CREATING—THEY'RE LEARNING, EXPLORING, AND GROWING!





BUS BARN BASH

AT THE RHS BUS BARN

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2
6-10 PM

KARAOKE • SUPPER • WATCH A GAME

Adults Only

Green & Gold Members **FREE**

All Others **\$20** Admission

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FALL BAZAAR

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Sunday, October 4

11 AM-6 PM

MIDWAY CAFE & SWEET SHOP | BOOKS & BOTANICALS
CHANCE & SILENT AUCTION | SNACK WALK
MIDWAY GAMES | BINGO | AND MORE!

4 PM-6:30 PM

ROAST PORK DINNER

ADULTS \$13 | KIDS 6-12 \$8 | 5/UNDER FREE

DELIVERY MEALS AVAILABLE
CALL 605-225-7065 BY NOON ON
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2.

TAKE OUT MEALS SUNDAY
AT 4 PM, NORTH SIDE OF
PARISH HALL ON 2ND AVE



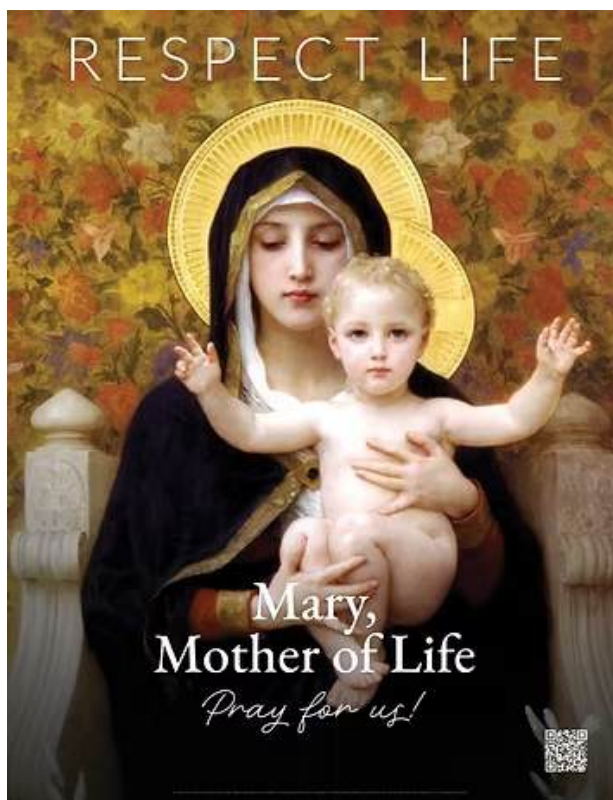
OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH



Click the image to
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more information
about the
background of

Respect Life Month
and access to more resources.

Use the QR code below to join in
praying the Respect Life
Novena (9 DAYS OF PRAYER)





BLESSED SACRAMENT PASTORATE INVITES YOU TO



CALLED & GIFTED

WHO:

Any baptized Catholic seeking to better understand how God has gifted them

WHAT:

Called & Gifted™ is a discernment process that helps Christians discover the charisms—or spiritual gifts—that the Holy Spirit has given them for the sake of others and the mission of the Church.

WHEN / WHERE:

Introduction seminar (w/ breakfast) Sat, Oct 10 from 9:45am – 12:30pm @ St Mary's. Followed by a 4 month discernment process, for those who wish to dive deeper, with bi-weekly small groups & a one-on-one gifts interview

WHY:

Because every Christian is given spiritual gifts for the building up of the Kingdom of God—and we want people serving according to their strengths, not their frustrations.

HOW:

Register online at

blessedsacramentparishes.org/called-gifted,
or email zack@blessedsacramentparishes.org
for more info. No cost to attend the seminar. A
free-will donation of \$90 is welcomed for the
discernment process to help cover materials
and team training



SAVE THE DATE:

- **All Saints Day Party**- Nov. 1, 4-8pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, rsvp on Punchbowl <https://www.punchbowl.com/parties/a5e4995b1267fec1c307>. Dress up as your favorite saint. Crafts start at 4pm, dinner served at 5pm.
- **PreK/KG Open House**- Nov. 16
- **Roncalli Ball**- April 10