ACSS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: OCTOBER 21, 2026

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TIM WEISZ:

- Coming soon: Information on the Education Freedom Tax Credit Act has been released in the past couple of weeks. This supports national school choice and allows for a dollar-for-dollar income tax reduction. This tax reduction amount is up to $1,700 for an individual and up to $3,400 for married couples filing jointly. Please stay tuned for specifics.
- Please look to our activities director report for details on a very successful fall regarding activities. Congratulations to all of our athletes and coaches.
- State Accreditation work is in progress. There will be more to report at the November Board Meeting

LIZZY RAML:

- **NWEA MAPS Testing-** Our middle school students completed their fall NWEA testing. NWEA testing occurs three times a year: Fall, Winter, and Spring. The test has four areas: math, science, language use, and reading. We use the data to give us valuable information on each student as well as a school profile.
    - For the fall testing period, our middle school scored in the 68th percentile when compared to all national test takers. This means they scored equal to or higher than 68% of their peers nationally. Our 8th graders alone scored in the 78th percentile in math.
    - In reading, RMS scored in the 59th percentile with our highest achieving grade being the 8th graders at the 62nd percentile.
    - On the language usage test, which measures mechanics, grammar, punctuation, and writing structure, RMS scored in the 69th percentile with our 8th graders scoring in the 73rd percentile.
    - Finally, on the science portion, our middle school students collectively scored in the 70th percentile, with our 7th graders scoring in the 77th percentile.

- **Retreats-** Middle school students, juniors, and freshmen have had the opportunity to attend their class retreats. The retreats provide our students with an opportunity for fellowship, mass, adoration, hearing testimonies, and team building. Overall, they give our students a chance to deepen their faith in a profound way as well as allowing them to grow alongside their classmates. The focus on the middle school retreat was to grow into the holy men and women God is calling us to be. The focus of the junior retreat was discernment. Testimonies at the junior retreat were from Father Miller (on his path to the priesthood) and from Collin Stoebner (on marriage). The freshman retreat had a theme of being called.

- **Drug Dogs and ALICE Training-** On October 2nd we partnered with the APD to bring in a drug dog. The dog did a sweep of the MS wing, the HS wing, and the locker rooms. Looking ahead, on October 23rd, we will again partner with the APD to conduct the next round of ALICE training. During this drill, based on the information given about the intruder, teachers and students will have to actively decide if they are going to stay in place and barricade their door or if they are going to escape the building. If they choose to escape, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church across the street will welcome them in temporarily.
- **MS Dance-** We have a middle school dance coming up on October 30th. This will be at 7:00 PM in the MS Cafeteria. Adults that are chaperoning the dance have been told that costumes are NOT optional for them.
- **Suicide Prevention Presentation-** Northeastern Mental Health came in and presented a suicide prevention presentation to our seniors, sophomores, and 7th graders. We are thankful for their partnership in this effort as suicide prevention and mental health are important topics.

TAMMY KOST:

- **Institute of Catholic Liberal Education (ICLE)-** Our faculty are working to incorporate imitation pedagogy into their daily instruction. They are learning and practicing ten imitation strategies, each designed to help children engage deeply with what they are learning and to encounter the truth, beauty, and goodness present in the world around them - including in the subjects they study. Through these practices, students are not simply receiving information; they are learning to observe carefully, listen attentively, imitate what is excellent, and respond thoughtfully. The goal is to cultivate a love of learning while helping students recognize that what they study is connected to truth, beauty, and goodness.
- **RPS Playground-** The long-awaited sandbox has finally been installed, and the children are enjoying every bit of the new playground! While this project took a little longer than we anticipated to complete, it has certainly been worth the wait. We are incredibly grateful for the time, effort, generosity, and resources that went into making this dream a reality. It is a joy to see our students enjoying a space created especially for them!

- **Grandparent's Day-** We honored our grandparents with a special day at each of our schools. The celebrations included school tours, time spent in the classrooms, and the opportunity to celebrate Mass together. At RES, our grandparents even tried their hand at SINGO - a musical take on the classic game of BINGO! We are so grateful for our grandparents and the beautiful witness they provide through their love, wisdom, and faith. Their presence is a blessing to our students and our entire Roncalli community.
- **The World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser-** The fundraiser has officially wrapped up, and our students exceeded their goal! We are so proud of their hard work and enthusiasm. Students will participate in a "pig" race to compete for prizes, while our top sellers will celebrate their success with a special limo ride. Thank you to all of our students, families, and supporters who helped make this fundraiser such a success!
- **Roncalli Roadrunners-** Mrs. Braun, along with several other members of our staff, is nearing the end of the Roncalli Roadrunners season! This after-school opportunity was open to students in 3rd–5th grade and has taken place over the past several weeks. We are excited to have 55 students participating this year! The students have been working hard to build their endurance. At the end of the season, they will have the opportunity to put their training to the test by completing a 5K! We are proud of their dedication and look forward to cheering them on as they cross the finish line!
- **5th Grade Field Trips-** On Wednesday, September 30, our 5th grade students attended the Aberdeen Marching Band Competition to cheer on the Marching Cavaliers. They also had the opportunity to visit the Terry Redlin Art Center in Watertown on Friday, October 2. These experiences provided our students with opportunities to support their school community, appreciate the arts, and enjoy time together outside the classroom. These were fun and memorable experiences for our 5th graders!
- **School Spirit-** On Friday, October 2, the Roncalli State Golf and State Tennis teams paraded through both RPS and RES. Our younger Cavaliers had the opportunity to cheer on their fellow students and wish the teams well as they headed off to compete at State. It was a wonderful way for our students to celebrate and show their school spirit.

RICK KLINE:

- The Notre Dame football trip went very well on September 11-13, 2026. No major flaws and I believe it was a great friend raiser for the school.
- 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 was held Saturday, October 10, 2026 in the Roncalli Cafeteria. Thank you to all board members that were in attendance.
- The Cavalier Classic Golf tournament was set for Monday, September 14, 2026 at Lee Park. Mother Nature won this year as we had to cancel due to inclement weather.

- The Booster Club hosted a Barnbash in the Roncalli Bus Barn on the evening of Friday, October 2, 2026. We had about 50 people attend and all went well.
- 2027 Roncalli Ball preparations have begun. This year's chairs for the ball are Kim Bowman, Chelsey Kline and Abbey Larson. The theme is Hollywood. The date for the Ball is April 10, 2027.

DAN GALLAGHER: SPORTS SCHEDULES- NORTHEASTSDCONFERENCE.COM

- The Girls' Tennis team capped off their 13-5 regular season by placing 4th at the State A Tournament in Rapid City, the highest state finish for the girls since 2019.
    - Sydney Bohle placed 4th in Flight 2 Singles
    - Abigail Anderson placed 2nd in Flight 5 Singles
    - Lydia Nora placed 5th in Flight 6 Singles
    - Gianna Cihak and Molleigh Hofer placed 2nd in Flight 2 Doubles
    - Abigail Anderson and Lydia Nora placed 3rd in Flight 3 Doubles
    - The Roncalli girls also won the Sportsmanship Award as voted on by all of the judges and coaches.
    - The team will graduate one senior, Josie Mitzel. We thank her for her leadership and guidance throughout the season with this young team.
- The Boys' Golf team finished their season with a Region 3A title and a 3rd-place finish as a team at the State A Tournament in Mitchell.
    - Harper Schnabel placed 9th
    - Lucas Daggett placed 13th
    - Finn Anderson placed 14th
    - The Boys' Golf team will graduate two seniors, Finn Anderson and Lucas Daggett, who have been staples of the program over the last six years. They have been incredible leaders and mentors for the younger players, and we thank them for their contributions over the years.
- The Girls' Cross Country team took home the team championship to win the NEC meet yesterday in Webster - their first conference title since 2019!
    - Addi Cassady placed first individually
    - Taylor McComsey- 4th
    - Hazel Kannegeiter-5th
    - Hannah Eskro- 6th
    - The Boys' team placed 4th, with Ben Weigel finishing 8th overall.

- We have our next Leadership Class on Tuesday, October 20th. We are currently averaging about 48 students per session. The breakfast we are providing for the students is currently coming out of the general athletic fund. We are looking at ways to modify this.
- The following positions are open:

    - Part-time bus driver
    - Girls' Golf Coach (Coach Vigil will still coach the boys next fall)
- Our Volleyball team swept the previously 13-2 Britton-Hecla Braves last night, and all of the lower-level teams earned wins in their matches as well!
- The Band finished off an incredible Marching Band season with their first-ever clean sweep in the Lake Region Marching Band Festival today in Groton. The band took home the following awards:
    - 1st Place in Combined Division
    - Outstanding Drum Major
    - Outstanding Flag Corps
    - Outstanding Winds
    - Outstanding Percussion
    - Grand Champion

PARISH REPORT: FR JORDAN SAMSON

- As of this writing, the priests of the diocese are gathering in Chamberlain/Oacoma for our annual Clergy Days. This week of spiritual and fraternal renewal not only gives the priests time away from parish daily life, it gives us the opportunity to share with our brother priests and the bishop all of the blessings God is bestowing upon our respective pastorates.
- The Steier Group is wrapping up its planning study work regarding the feasibility of a capital campaign at Sacred Heart. A final report will be presented later this month, but early indications show there is support for a capital campaign in preparation for the building's 100th anniversary.
- Our parishes' respective fall festivals have nearly concluded for another year. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish in Groton will finish up the season on Sunday, October 25 with their fall supper. Support from across the pastorate does not go unnoticed by our friends outside of Aberdeen! These events not only raise operating money, more importantly, they build community and I am grateful for so many who commit time, talent and treasure to these endeavors.
- Later this month, the priests will begin holding fall interviews with students who want to be confirmed next spring. (mostly Sophomores and a lot of them Roncalli students). A second round of interviews will be held in the spring. The Confirmation Retreat will be held October 31-November 1 at Abbey of the Hills. The date of Confirmation Mass for Aberdeen is Sunday April 18, 2027.
- Middle School Youth Group and High School Youth Ministry meetings are underway. Groups meet every other Wednesday, 6:30 pm. Middle school students meet at the Roncalli Elementary Gym and high schoolers at the St. Mary's Parish Hall.
- We continue to see growth in the number of individuals interested in joining the Catholic Church. Fr. Mitchell is leading the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) program, with the next round of classes beginning in mid-October. Now is the time to invite a friend or family member to consider learning more about our rich Catholic faith!
- Finally, as the days get shorter and the months get colder, we are entering the time of year when there is an uptick in the number of guests being served at our parish food

pantries in Aberdeen. We are called to serve the poor and through the generosity of our parishioners, we are able to help those in need throughout the year.

- The Finance Manager position is open as Keith Schurr has resigned his position. Contact JoEllen Lindner to apply!

008.1 Dress Code

~~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~~. Other than earrings, 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.

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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, aberdeenroncalli.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~~1-3 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 extra-curricular 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 in grades PreK-12, to be paid at the time of signing their contract. ~~with the Aberdeen Catholic School System, including the SonShine Patch, to be paid at the time of application.~~

- $100 Sonshine Patch Preschool
- $50 K-12 grade

~~**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. 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.

4. 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.

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.~~

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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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008.16 Participation in Inter-School Competitive Athletics – Grades 7-12

Students in the Aberdeen Catholic School System are allowed to participate in inter-school competitive athletics at a level higher than the attendance center they are attending. A request for advancement for a junior high student must be completed and approved before high school competition is allowed. Form is available from the Activities Director.

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008.16.5 Grades 1-6 Competitive Extra-Curricular Teams

The Aberdeen Catholic School System (ACSS) recognizes as part of our extra-curricular activities organized teams in grades 1-6. These teams must meet the following criteria to be eligible to request use of ACSS facilities:

A. Any coaches/leaders will be considered volunteers; and as such, will adhere to Policy 006.43, Volunteer Criminal Background Check.
B. Coaches/leaders are responsible for payment of initial and recurring background checks.
C. Use of facilities is subject to completion of the Safe Environment Requirement and approval of Administration ~~or Administration designee's discretion~~.
D. Use of facilities will not conflict with school operations or activities.

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008.18 Policy in Regard to the Purchase of Meals for Participants in Extra-Curricular Activities who Travel Out of Town

1) The school does not provide meals for participants. The only exception to this is overnight trips. In such cases, the school will pay for meals beginning with the second meal.

2) The amount allocated for the meals purchased by the school will be set at ~~$3.50~~ $5.00 for breakfast, ~~$5.50~~ $700 for lunch, and ~~$7.00~~ $10.00 for dinner for students.

3) While it is recognized that at certain times the entire group cannot eat at the same time, it should be the normal procedure for the supervisor to be present and to pay for the meals of all participants unless other arrangements are made. Supervisors may submit for student meal expenses to be reimbursed at the aforementioned amounts.

4) Breakfast will not be covered if a continental breakfast is provided.

008.21 Transportation Policy

Any participant traveling in a vehicle to a school-related activity must be driven by or supervised by an adult of 25 years of age or older and approved by the activity director. Volunteer Driver Form must be completed prior to driving to any of the activities. Forms may be obtained from any building secretary, from the Activities Director or on the system website, aberdeenroncalli.org.

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008.21.1 Parish Involvement and Tuition Rate Policy

The Aberdeen Catholic School System is a mission of the St. Mary's and Sacred Heart Parish Communities. Together, a strong partnership exists in the academic and spiritual formation of our students. The parishes also provide a significant financial investment in Catholic education ensuring an affordable and positive experience can be provided to all families. Without the financial support from the parishes, the level of tuition rates would be much higher.

To ensure that everyone can benefit from this partnership, it is important that involvement occurs not only in the school but also in the parishes. It is through an active level of involvement that we, the school and the parishes, can grow and excel in our mission.

In order for one to receive the Active Parishioner Tuition Rate, and to participate in the financial tuition subsidy provided by the parishes, the appropriate form must be completed, signed by your pastor and returned to the ACSS before the tuition contract process can be completed.

General Provisions

A. All families, including faculty and staff, with children enrolled will need to have the parish involvement form completed by July 1 to receive the Active Parishioner Tuition Rate.
B. Non-Catholic families will also have a form to complete and signed by their respective pastor to be eligible to receive the Active Parishioner Tuition Rate.
C. The pastors of St. Mary's and Sacred Heart, along with the administrative staff, will review the program on an annual basis and if necessary make changes to the level of verifiable financial support required and to the number of volunteer hours provided to the parish.
D. The School Board will approve the tuition rates.
E. Families will complete the Parish Involvement Form at the time of initial registration or by July 1 which will then be forwarded to the respective pastor for their review and signature.
F. The pastors may do a mid-year review to ensure families are meeting their obligation of involvement.
G. Families who receive the Non-Active Parishioner Tuition Rate and disagree with the decision of the pastor, are to appeal to the pastor. The decision of the pastor is final and binding.
H. The ACSS will provide a list of students who are members of the parish to the respective pastor in August and January of each year.

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008.22 Guidelines for Senior Privileges

~~1) Seniors who have a composite 2.00 grade point average at the start of the year would be granted senior privileges at the beginning of the school year.~~

~~2) Seniors who do not have a composite 2.00 grade point average at the start of the year would be granted senior privileges at the start of the second nine week grading period if they earned a 2.00 grade point average during the first nine weeks.~~

~~3) A student must maintain at least a 2.00 grade point average for each nine week grading period in order to maintain his/her privileges for the next nine week grading period.~~

~~4) Seniors would be able to leave the building during their study hall periods and lunch hours. Seniors would not be required to check into study hall, but they will be required to leave the building within the normal five minute passing time.~~

~~5) A student must be doing passing work in all of his/her subjects. If a student is denied senior privileges due to grades, those privileges can be reinstated as soon as he/she has brought up the grades to passing.~~

~~6) After a senior has accumulated two tardies, each subsequent tardy will result in a one week revocation of privileges.~~

~~7) Seniors would be able to wear regular clothing during the last week they are in school. However, clothes should be appropriate for school.~~

Seniors may be granted privileges established by the administration, provided they meet applicable academic and attendance requirements.

~~Also at this time, we would like to remind you that the~~ The Aberdeen Catholic School Board does not authorize or recognize ~~has abolished~~ senior skip day. Any senior who participates in ~~any form of~~ a senior skip day will be prohibited from participating ~~not participate~~ in the graduation ceremony. ~~nor receive a diploma. We ask for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.~~

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008.23 Exchange Students

~~1) It is the general policy that Roncalli High School will not accept more than two foreign students per year.~~

~~2)~~ 1) There will be no admittance of an exchange student without prior consultation with the Principal and the sponsoring organization. This must be done early enough to allow the Principal to make a sound decision as to the benefit for the student and for Roncalli High School.

~~3)~~ 2) The sponsoring organization would also meet with the President to discuss any costs, expenses, etc. that would be incurred by the student's attendance.

~~4)~~ 3) Upon admittance, the student would fall under the same guidelines as any student who is attending Roncalli High School.

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008.24 Policy for Attendance of Non-Catholic Students

~~1)~~ Attendance at all schools of the Aberdeen Catholic School System is open to non-Catholic students. All interested parties should complete the online application.

~~2) Non-Catholic students who desire to enroll in one of the attendance centers of the Aberdeen Catholic School System must complete the application form supplied by the school system.~~

~~3) Students enrolled in the Aberdeen Public Schools who wish to transfer to the Aberdeen Catholic School System must complete the application form supplied by the school systems that a transfer would be beneficial to the total educational development of the student.~~

~~4)~~ Non-Catholic students will be required to participate in the full academic and religious program of the Aberdeen Catholic School System, i.e. attend regular Religion classes and the liturgical celebrations required of Catholic students. ~~If exceptional circumstances exist which may make the fulfillment of these requirements impossible, the Aberdeen Catholic School Board of Education may, by majority vote, allow excuse from this requirement and subsequent enrollment in the Aberdeen Catholic School System. No exceptions are to be made without approval of the Board.~~

~~5) Students will not be accepted who desire to attend one of the Catholic schools simply as a matter of convenience (transportation, etc.) or simply for participation in co-curricular activities, or only for academic reasons. The student and his family must have an honest desire to~~

~~participate in and obtain the special benefits of a Christian, religious educational program and environment.~~

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RONCALLI JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL DUAL PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

General Information

1. Parents must arrange a meeting with the activities director at least two weeks prior to the first practice of the involved activities (prior to whichever activity starts first). This meeting will allow parents to request that their child be allowed to participate in two school sponsored activities during the same season.

2. This meeting will include parents, student, activities director, and the coaches/advisors of both activities. The agenda of this meeting includes guidelines, scheduling conflicts, expectations, and workability. In cases of consensus, an agreement form will be completed and causes of termination will be discussed.

3. Parents and students must fully understand that requests for dual participation may not always be workable.

4. The activities director will conduct the meeting and determine consensus.

Guidelines: Each student who participates in dual activities will:

1. Meet all current eligibility requirements.

2. Maintain grades as agreed upon the pre-season meeting.

3. Be expected to fulfill the practice requirements for both activities as determined by the coaches/advisors.

4. Maintain good health and physical well-being as determined by the athletic trainer.

5. Be asked to make a preference in situations where the competitions for both activities overlap. However, post season events (play-offs, districts, regions, state competition) will have precedence over regular season events.

Failure to comply with any of the guidelines will result in termination of dual participation. In cases of termination, the student will be allowed to continue with one of the two activities (to be determined at a termination meeting).

Scheduling Conflicts:

Date:	Events:	Preference:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Agreement: signing your name below means you agree with the guidelines and that failure to comply with the guidelines will result in termination of this agreement.

Parent: _____ Date:_____

Parent: _____ Date: _____

Athlete: _____ Date: _____

Coach: _____ Date: _____

Coach: _____ Date: _____

Activities Director: _____ Date: _____

Approve to remove

008.25 Student Discipline

The ACSS ~~School~~ Board of Education (School Board) has the authority to make reasonable and necessary rules governing the conduct of students in schools. Teachers, coaches/advisors and school administrators will administer discipline within the guidelines adopted by the School Board. The principal of each school will be responsible for informing both parents and students of the school rules at the opening of the school year. All students will be under the jurisdiction of these rules while in any school or other ACSS buildings, on ACSS property, in ACSS or volunteer vehicles, in school buses and at any school sponsored activity or event.

The teachers have the responsibility to maintain a suitable environment for learning, and the administrators have the responsibility for maintaining and facilitating the educational program. The teachers have the authority to send a student from class to an appropriate school official for cause. The principal has the authority in each school on discipline matters, including the suspension or expulsion of a student. If parents are not satisfied with the discipline proposed for their child, they may appeal to the President. If the parents are not satisfied with his/her decision, they may appeal to ACSS School Board.

Coaches and advisors have the responsibility to maintain a suitable environment for learning and activities director has the responsibility for maintaining and facilitating the activities program. The coaches/advisors have the authority to send a student from an activity to an appropriate school official for cause. The activities director has authority on discipline matters. If parents are not satisfied with the discipline proposed for their child, they may appeal to the President. If parents wish to appeal the decision of the President, they may appeal to the ACSS School Board.

Students shall be afforded the rights of fair procedure or due process. This includes the right to (1) be informed of conduct which could result in disciplinary action against the student; (2) notice of any rule violation; (3) explanation of the evidence supporting the charge; (4) an opportunity to present the student's side of the story; (5) a penalty that is appropriate to the violation.

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