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NEWSLETTER

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

NOVEMBER 2026



JILL YOUNG
MARKETING DIRECTOR

Happy November!
At Roncalli, we believe parents are their children's first educators. Choosing where to send your child to school is a big decision, and we are thankful you have decided to partner with us to continue your child's education. We love helping them learn, develop, and grow in their faith.

We also understand that choosing a private education comes with a financial commitment, which is why we are excited about a new opportunity that may help make a Roncalli education even more affordable for our families.

Beginning January 1, 2027, the new Federal Scholarship Tax Credit will give eligible taxpayers an opportunity to support student scholarships and receive a dollar-for-dollar federal income tax credit on qualifying donations to approved scholarship granting organizations (SGOs).

Since South Dakota has elected to participate and Roncalli is eligible, this opens the door to possibilities for our current families to get real, meaningful help towards tuition. It also allows us to welcome families who have wondered whether a Catholic education is possible.

There are still details coming, and we will share information as we get it. For now, we ask you to help spread the word among family and friends. Scan the QR code to go to our web page for the most current information about this program.

Thank you again for the trust you place in Roncalli. We do not take that lightly. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and know we are thankful for you!

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CAVALIER SPOTLIGHT

JOURNALISM AWARDS

Congratulations to the 2025-2026 Yearbook for winning a Superior at the South Dakota High School Journalism Association State Contest. Staff members included (front row) Elizabeth Jensen, Lucy Gutenkauf, and Gianna Madsen and (back) Morgan Helms, Reese Henrich, and Claire Crawford.



Congratulations to the 2025-2026 Cavalcade staff on winning a Superior at the South Dakota State High School Journalism State Contest. Staff members included (front row) Courtney Haverkamp, Riley Keller, Rebecca Vipond, Cambry Feickert, Ava Meyers, Kara Olivier and (back row) Scott Lohman, Graham Scott, and Joe Cogley. Many of the staff members won individual writing and/or photography awards as well!





RONCALLI BAND

Lake Region Marching Band Festival on October 9, 2026:
1st Place in Combined Division, Outstanding Flag Corps, Outstanding Drum Major, Outstanding Wind Section, Outstanding Percussion Section, Grand Champion

Congratulations to senior Jayda Siebert, clarinet & freshman Izzy Haggerty, flute/piccolo on being selected for North Area Honor Band, to be held at NSU in December.



CAVALIER SPOTLIGHT



LIVING SAINT MUSEUM

6th Grade Living Saints Museum will take place on Monday, Nov. 2nd at Sacred Heart Parish Hall from 10:00-11:00. All are invited to learn more about our beloved saints.



BINGO NIGHT!!!

The junior class will be hosting a BINGO night on Nov. 13th from 6:30-8:30pm. Proceeds will help fund Dinner Dance.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to October's Exchange Club Students - Riley Keller, Myles Martin, and Ellis Casper! These students have demonstrated exemplary leadership and citizenship as determined by their teachers. Thanks also to the Exchange Club for their continued support of all our youth in Aberdeen!



SECURITY TEAM

We are looking for volunteers who are interested in being part of our school mass security awareness team. If interested, please reach out to Rob Weinmeister at 605-380-0461.



VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

RMS/RHS: 10am on Wednesday, November 11
Open to the Public.
A display honoring our veterans will be on display in the foyer throughout the month of November.

CAVALIER SPOTLIGHT

RONCALLI ATHLETES PART OF THE EAGLES DANCE TEAM

The Eagles' Competitive Dance team wrapped up their season on Saturday, with 6th place in Poms and 9th place in Hip Hop! Congratulations to the coaches and all the student athletes - this represents hours of early morning practices, and lots of hard work!
To the seniors-- thank you for your leadership, friendship, and the example you have set for your teammates. An extra special congratulations to Courtney Haverkamp, for earning the ESD All-Conference AND AA All-State Team -a wonderful way to finish your senior season. We are so proud of you!
As always, another thank you to @aberdeencentraldance for allowing our students to compete in this sport that they love so much! We appreciate it!

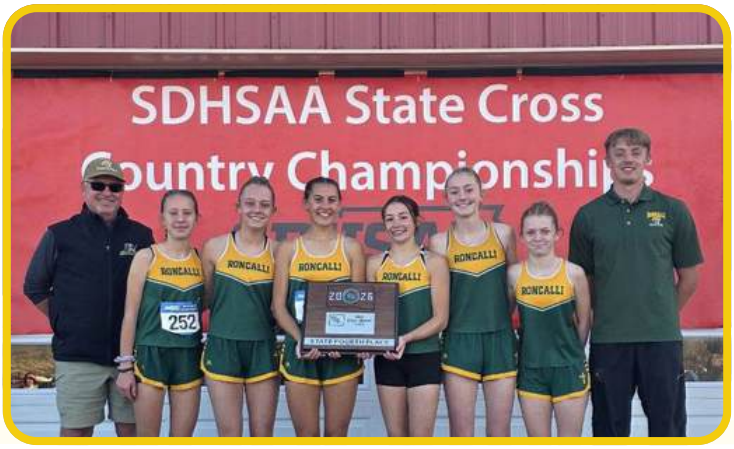




2026 RONCALLI HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Congratulations to this fine group of people who were inducted into the Roncalli Hall of Fame on Oct. 10. We are grateful for all they have done and continue to do for Roncalli.
Michael Martel, Sandy Andera, Theresa Backous, Dan O'Keefe, and Curtis and Vickie DeWalt





RONCALLI GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to our Roncalli Girls XC Country Team for earning 4th place at the State meet! Help us congratulate Coach Thorson and Steele, as well as all these ladies - Addy, Hannah, Norah, Bailey, Evelyn, Taylor, and Hazel. This is the BEST finish EVER for Roncalli!

COUNSELORS CORNER

The 2026 Common Sense Media Census: Tech and Media Use by Tweens and Teens

Personal smartphone ownership nearly doubles from age 9 to 10, and crosses the halfway point at age 11, a milestone that may line up with the transition to middle school. By age 17, ownership is nearly universal.

A typical teen spends about eight hours a day on screen media for entertainment, while a typical tween spends about five hours, and more than 4 in 10 teens are spending 10 or more hours a day. TV and video, including short-form content, is the single biggest chunk of that time for both age groups, with short-form video like TikTok and YouTube Shorts now a daily habit for tweens and teens, the highest daily participation rate of any activity measured.

Across most media types, far more youth use a type of content than those who say they enjoy it "a lot." AI shows the widest gap: 65% of all youth use AI in their free time, but only 11% of teen users and 15% of tween users say they enjoy it "a lot."

Digital divides persist: Phone ownership is fairly even across income levels, but computer access is not, which could impact access to learning resources and opportunities.

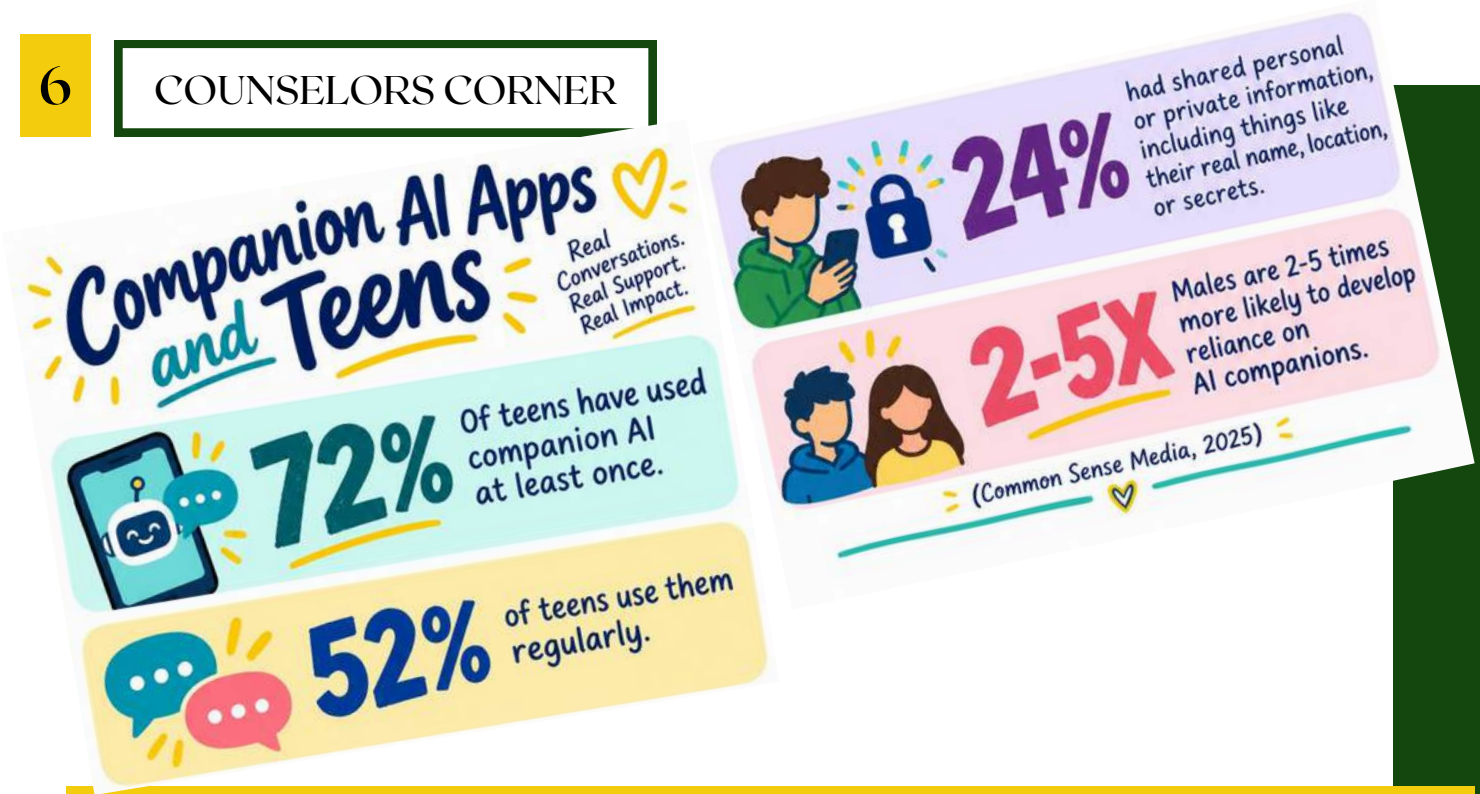
5 HELPFUL TIPS

From phones and tablets to streaming movies and YouTube, tech and media are everywhere. Kids love
easy access to shows, games, and information. Parents and caregivers love that kids can learn on the go
(and stay busy when dinner's cooking). But it's easy to overdo it when the phone never stops pinging and
the next episode plays automatically. Families can keep media and tech use in check by following a few
simple practices.

Check out these 5 tips

- Create screen-free times and zones. Help kids take breaks from tech by limiting screen time in bedrooms, during study time, or at the dinner table.
- Try parental controls. Set content limits that make sense for your family. Alongside conversations about healthy media habits, use features such as content filtering, privacy settings, and time limits offered by the apps and platforms your family uses to help manage access and exposure to media.
- Establish clear family rules. Decide together what kind of media and tech is OK -- and when it's OK to use it. A family media plan can help get everyone on the same page
- Watch and play together. Choose quality, age-appropriate media to enjoy with your kids. Visit commonsensemedia.org to find shows, games, and more.
- Help kids identify healthy behaviors. Practice talking about feelings -- both physical and emotional -- during screen and non-screen activities.

COUNSELORS CORNER



- Good article: https://www.commonsensemedia.org/articles/parents-ultimate-guide-to-ai-companions-and-relationships
- Webinars for Parents: https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxc-QYpD02mbJnlq1v46vr-ldYeeZKmPm&si=0fKuan0lZy3yeHOW

ACT PREP CLASS & REGISTRATION

- Registration for the December 12th ACT test is due by Friday, November 6th to avoid a late fee. Contact Mr. Nygaard with questions. cal.nygaard@aberdeenroncalli.org
- Mr. Nygaard will be touring West Point Military Academy from Nov. 15-18. He is looking forward to learning more about our military academies.
- Mr Dix and Mr. Nygaard will be having a Math ACT Prep class for the December ACT. The class will begin on December 2nd. See Mr. Nygaard or Mr. Dix if you are interested.

FERPA INFORMATION

A Parent Guide to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act or FERPA provides certain rights for parents regarding their children's education records. You can view this document by going to our website. https://www.aberdeenroncalli.org/resources



Explore. Experience. Discover.

Monday, November 16 • 6 pm • Roncalli Primary School

Preschool & Kindergarten Discovery Night
You and your child are invited!

Come Discover What Makes Roncalli Special!

Bring your child to Preschool and Kindergarten Discovery Night at Roncalli Primary School on **November 16 at 6pm!** Together, explore classrooms, meet teachers, and enjoy hands-on activities. Experience the welcoming community that makes Roncalli a special place for your family to learn and grow! **Registration for the 2027–28 school year opens that evening!**



Learn More

Visit: **aberdeenroncalli.org/open-house** or scan the code to learn more and watch videos about our school.

Scan for more Information

Questions?

Contact Dona Mangan at 605-225-3460 or dona.mangan@aberdeenroncalli.org



Apply for Kindergarten by December 31, 2026 and we will waive the $50 Enrollment Fee!

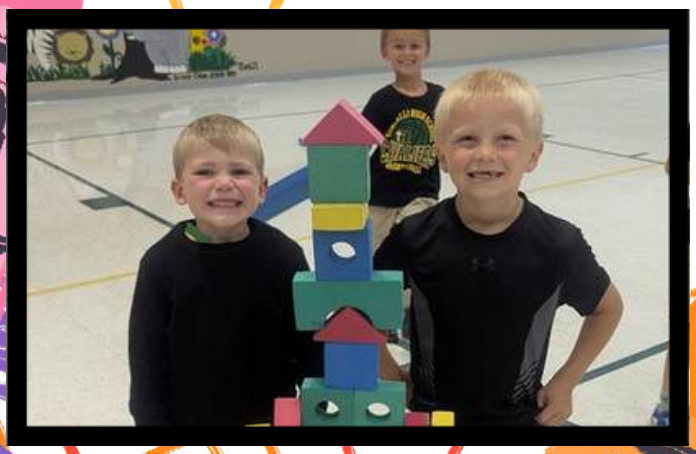
Roncalli SonShine Patch

Roncalli CavClub fun is in full swing!
Our after school crew has been having SO much fun so far this school year! From playing games and creating fun projects to spending time with friends, every afternoon is filled with laughter, learning, and lots of smiles! We love watching our students make memories, build friendships, and enjoy some extra fun after the school day ends!

Here's to many more afternoons of FUN!









RONCALLI SONSHINE PATCH

PRESCHOOL PEEK





Sensory playisan importantpartofearlychildhood developmentand provideschildrenwithmeaningful, hands-on learning experiences. Sensorytablesinvite children to explore materialsusingtheirtouch,sight, hearing, and sometimes smell, helpingthembetter understand the world aroundthem.

Through scooping, pouring, measuring, sorting, digging, and manipulating materials, children are developing fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, spatial awareness, and early mathematical and scientific thinking. Sensory experiences also encourage children to make predictions, solve problems, experiment with cause and effect, and use language to describe what they see and feel.

Sensory tables also support social-emotional development. Children practice sharing materials, taking turns, cooperating with classmates, communicating their ideas, and building confidence through independent exploration.

What may look like simple play is actually purposeful learning in action! Sensory tables provide preschoolers with opportunities to explore at their own pace, follow their curiosity, and develop skills that create a strong foundation for future learning.

Roncalli SonShine Patch

CavClub

Program

PLEASE SIGN UP ON FINALSITE FOR EARLY DISMISSAL WEDNESDAYS 1-3:20 IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO STAY FREE OF CHARGE!

Are you looking for a fun afterschool program for your child? Our CavClub program is here to inspire, engage, and empower your child during the after school hours. Your child will enjoy a snack, outside time, gym activities, arts & crafts, and SO MUCH MORE!

SIGN UP TODAY ON FINALSITE!

$8 PER DAY FOR ONE HOUR OF CARE
$11 PER DAY FOR FULL TIME CARE UNTIL 6PM
$14 PER DROP IN DAY

If you have any questions, call our CavClub Director Shelby Braun at 605-225-3460





All Saints Day



Sunday, November 1
4 - 8 p.m.
Sacred Heart Parish Hall
Dress as your favorite saint!
Crafts starting at 4pm
Dinner Served at 5 p.m.
Dance to Follow
Please RSVP and sign up for two potluck items on Punchbowl using the QR code.

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FOR INVENTORY

NOVEMBER 2ND - 14TH

We will not be able to fulfill any orders during this time.

We apologize

for any inconvenience.