

HISTORICAL STATEMENT

The Aberdeen Catholic School System (ACSS – often referred to as Roncalli Schools) is a private K-12 Catholic School System and is officially accredited according to the rule and standards of the Division of Education as established by the SOUTH DAKOTA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

St. Mary's and Sacred Heart Parishes each established an elementary school, grades 1 through 8, in 1912 and 1913 respectively. Roncalli High School was established in 1964 with freshmen and sophomore students enrolled. Roncalli Junior High, grades 7 and 8, was established in 1969. From 1971 until 1988, all Junior High students attended classes at Sacred Heart. They then moved to the high school which became the Roncalli Junior-Senior High School.

In 1980, the Aberdeen Catholic School System was consolidated and Kindergarten was added to the educational program. In 1988, the Roncalli Sunshine Patch-Daycare Program, for children between the ages of 4 and 10, was added at the Roncalli Elementary School. Roncalli Middle School became the attendance center for grades 3 through 6. In 2003 the names were changed to Roncalli Primary for grades Pre K-2 and Roncalli Elementary for grades 3-6 to more accurately describe the programs offered at each site.

Roncalli is the family name of Pope John XXIII, who captured the imagination of the entire world, and changed the hearts of millions in a short space of time. Born of peasant parents, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli began his life at Sotto il Monte, Italy, on November 25, 1881. He was named a cardinal by Pius XII, and was elected Pope on October 28, 1958.

Pope John XXIII was expected to be only an “interim” pope, but he changed the course of modern Christianity by summoning the Second Vatican Council to deal specifically with the question of Christian unity. Under his leadership, many sweeping changes were made to help the church meet the challenges of modern times. In 1964, the name selection committee felt that the new high school, RONCALLI, should be dedicated to the same objectives as that of Pope John XXIII, by assisting the Catholic students of Aberdeen to meet the challenge of the modern times...educationally, socially and spiritually.

STATEMENT OF MISSION

Sioux Falls Catholic Diocese

The Bishop's Pastoral, **To Teach as Jesus Did**, largely sets the tone for Catholic education today. The pastoral reminds us that Catholic Schools offer the greatest opportunity to teach the message of Jesus Christ, to foster a community of believers who grow in the faith, and to provide for Christian service to the community.

Catholic education is an expression of the mission entrusted by Jesus to the Church He founded. Through education, the Church seeks to prepare its members to proclaim the Good News and to translate this proclamation into action.

The educational mission endorsed by the Sioux Falls Catholic Diocese is an integrated ministry embracing three interlocking dimensions: the “message” revealed by Jesus which the Church proclaims; “community” in the life of the Holy Spirit; and “service” to the entire human community. All who share in the responsibility for educational ministry must support programs which give promise of realizing this threefold purpose, which is the guide and inspiration of all the Church’s educational efforts.

As parents are the primary educator of their children, we believe they will participate in the education of their children by:

- recognizing that all we are and have is a gift from God and meant to be shared for the common good
- promoting positive attitudes toward school at home and in the community
- bringing concerns about their children to the teacher in a timely manner with honesty and integrity
- showing respect for school personnel as professionals working for the well-being of their children
- supporting the policies of the school
- attending Mass on weekends and holy days with their children
- participating in the liturgical and sacramental life of the parish
- promoting family prayer and faith traditions at home
- volunteering, giving service, and financial support to the school and parish
- witnessing Gospel values in their everyday lives
- working together to share gifts and talents to build a strong faith community through hospitality, service and outreach

Aberdeen Catholic School System

Until the 2000-2001 school year, the ACSS held, “To Teach As Jesus Did,” as it’s primary mission statement. During the 2001-2002 school year, the ACSS began a process of discernment and school improvement which included an in depth analysis of ‘who we are’ and ‘what we believe’. Pastors, teachers, auxiliary staff, students, parents and community members were involved in this process. From this introspective study, a new mission emerged:

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

This mission complements the previous mission, which is still a part of our charism. To Teach as Jesus Did is a call to our staff, parents and community as to how we are to teach. The goal of our teaching is expressed in the new mission statement. Thus, as we strive TO TEACH

AS JESUS DID, our goal is INSTILLING CATHOLIC VALUES AND PROMOTING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE BY NURTURING MIND, BODY AND SOUL.

VISION

As a ministry of St. Mary's and Sacred Heart Parishes, we have been commissioned to nurture a solid Catholic faith foundation. We are called to follow the direction of our name sake, Blessed John XXIII (Pope Angelo Roncalli) to "find what Christ loves in each person and also to love that person in the same way."

- By accepting, living, and sharing the message of Christ, we will develop a sense of personal responsibility to God and his creation.
- By cultivating the spiritual, emotional, intellectual, and physical well-being of all members of the Roncalli school community, we will pursue educational excellence.
- By translating the Good News into action, we will send our students forth to carry the light of Christ.

BELIEF

Under the guidance and directions of the Office of Catholic Education of the Diocese of Sioux Falls, and through the patronage of Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Catholic Parishes of Aberdeen, South Dakota, the ABERDEEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM (ACSS) has adopted the following beliefs as a guide for serving the needs of each child.

WE BELIEVE that

- all children are made in the image of God and are created to know, love, and serve God and one another
- the family is the child's first teacher
- we share the responsibility for our students' spiritual growth on the journey to holiness
- all students have the potential to be successful in a changing global community
- our bodies, minds, and talents are gifts from God and these gifts are nurtured by making healthy and holy choices
- a successful Catholic School commissions students to live as Jesus did and to share their time, talent and treasure
- a Catholic School is distinguished by its attempt to build a community permeated by the Gospel.

OPEN HOUSE

An open house is held at the beginning of the school year to give parents the opportunity to meet their child's teacher and become acquainted with the classroom. At this time both buildings will be open and all teachers will be on duty.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Weekly Mass - A school Mass is celebrated each week. At our student Masses, children are offered a more meaningful celebration of the Eucharist through our efforts to involve them according to their ability to understand and participate. Parents are encouraged to attend children's liturgies. Ordinarily grades 1 and 2 celebrate on Thursdays at 12:10 and grades 3-6 on Wednesdays at 12:10.

Sacraments - The second grade religion curriculum consists mainly of preparing the students for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist. After classroom preparation, and parental involvement, the children receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

Opportunities for Penance services and private confession will be provided based on students' needs and maturity. Ordinarily students, grades 3-6, are given the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent and Lent. Parents are encouraged to see that children form a habit of receiving the sacraments at times outside of school, also.

Catholic Schools Week - Pre-12 Mass - A special All School Mass is celebrated during National Catholic Schools Week. Students at all attendance centers gather at Roncalli High School for this celebration. Participation by Alumni, Roncalli families, and members of the Aberdeen Catholic Community is encouraged at this memorable event.

COMMUNICATION

General Communication - It has always been the policy of the Aberdeen Catholic Schools that parents are welcome at school. Communication is essential in the education of the students. Therefore we invite you to visit with teachers as often as necessary in order to keep communication open and useful for all.

Parents are encouraged to arrange visits to our school. If you wish to eat hot lunch with a student please let the office know by 8:30 a.m. Parents should report to the office before visiting a classroom.

Phone - Staff and students will not be called to the phone except for emergencies. Messages can be left on the teachers voice mail. Teachers will try to return parents' phone calls after school is dismissed. Students are asked not to use the phone for routine calls. Students who need to use the phone must have permission from their classroom teacher.

Cell phones may be brought to a school class or activity under the following conditions:

1. Phone must be OFF from 8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
2. Cell phones may not be used for picture taking on school premises or school activities.
3. Use of cell phones to harass or threaten is not permitted.
4. Those who violate any of the rules regarding cell phones may forfeit the privilege of bringing a cell phone to school.

Attendance Notification - Anticipated absences require written notification to the classroom teacher. This notice should be received at school as soon as final plans are made. Classroom teachers will give advance assignments when possible.

When a student is ill or unexpected emergencies arise the parent is required to call the school. If telephone contact has not been made, the school will call after classes begin.

Written Notices - Periodically written notices are sent home to keep you updated with current information.

CURRICULUM

The Aberdeen Catholic School System is a K-12 system accredited by the South Dakota Department of Education. To form a sound educational basis the curriculum is designed for steady growth K-12, and is reviewed on a 6-year cycle.

A curriculum review committee is selected and formed annually to review a particular area of study. This committee consists of teachers, administrators, school board members, and professionals educated in that area of study.

Curriculum Cycle:

- 2009-2010 - Language Arts and Foreign Language
- 2010-2011 - Religion
- 2011-2012 - Social Science
- 2012-2013 - Science – Health
- 2013-2014 - Math, Physical Education
- 2014-2015 - Business, Computer, Fine Arts, Home Ec.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Attendance - Good attendance practices enhance student progress. Absence from school can never really be made up. Success at school requires, like success at any job, promptness, responsibility, and dependability. The student must not only complete his/her school work satisfactorily, but maintain a good attendance record as well.

State Law tells us that parents and guardians of children between the ages of 5-16 are responsible to see that the child attends school regularly unless the child has completed the 8th grade. The attendance record becomes a permanent, official part of the student's total school record.

Tardiness - Punctuality is important. Although parents should see that their children are not tardy they are asked to avoid having children arrive at school before 8:00 a.m. If for some reason your child needs early entrance, please notify the office. A student will be considered tardy after 8:10 a.m. at RPS and 8:05 a.m. at RES.

Dismissal - The school day ends at 3:10 p.m. at RPS and 3:15 p.m. at RES. Students are to leave the school immediately after dismissal. No student will be kept beyond 15 minutes after dismissal without prior notification and approval of his/her parents. School supervision is provided for 15 minutes after dismissal.

Emergency Closing - Inclement Weather - School closings because of inclement weather will be announced on the Aberdeen radio stations. The Catholic Schools will follow the same schedule as the public schools.

Picture Day - Generally, individual picture taking is scheduled in September. Parents will be notified of the date and options available for purchase. Uniforms are not required for picture day.

Concerts - Grades K-6 present two concerts a year. Our Christmas Program will be held at the high school gymnasium on the second Sunday in Dec. at 2:00 p.m., and the spring concert will be held at RHS on a Tuesday evening in May at 7:00 p.m. The Elementary band performs at our Christmas and Spring Concerts.

DISCIPLINE

Together we constantly strive to guide the children in courtesy, kindness, respect and to a healthy inner self-discipline. Each child deserves to be in a safe learning environment. We strive for consistent expectations and consequences for everyone involved as we work together on achieving our goal. Individual classroom rules will be shared with parents at open house.

What Would Jesus Do? This behavior modification/reinforcement plan is designed to help nurture the mind, body and soul of the Roncalli students. Students attending our school are required to demonstrate respect for all of God's creation. Everyone must work together to maintain a Christian environment that is conducive to learning.

When a school employee acts to assist a student in proper conduct, the emphasis shall be toward teaching the appropriate behavior and guiding our students to make holy choices. Because it is not possible to list every inappropriate behavior that occurs, the administration and staff reserves the right to respond to misbehaviors not included in this plan. Consequences are designed to be fair, firm, and consistent for all students.

Actions which may be used by the Aberdeen Catholic School System to discipline and/or encourage student to modify their behavior include but are not limited to: student conference, parent or guardian notification, parent or guardian conference, restitution, detention, removal from class, in-school suspension, dismissal from school, expulsion, referral to law enforcement authorities, conflict resolution training and student assistance plans.

This plan is just one of many assistance programs and behavior modification strategies used by the Aberdeen Catholic School System. We will strive to

instill Catholic values, increase assets, promote effective communication, and build relationships. Positive reinforcement will be provided through classroom rewards, and positive progress reports.

The Aberdeen Catholic School System is continually striving to have a safe and holy environment. Safe and holy environments:

- Promote sensible risk taking
- Are free from violence
- Enhance the self-esteem of all
- Are Christ-centered
- Cultivate the spiritual, emotional, intellectual, and physical well-being of all

“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:34-35.

FIELD TRIPS

Students occasionally participate in field trips as an extension of the classroom learning experience. The parental permission for activity/field trips form must be signed by parent/guardian in order for the student to participate in these activities. Consent shall continue during the time the child is a student in the Aberdeen Catholic Schools unless revoked by the parent/guardian in writing.

GRADING

Grading practices differ depending on the child’s grade level.

HEALTH

Injuries and Illness - Should your child become ill or injured during the school day, you will be notified by the school authorities. In order that parents can be reached in cases of emergency, they are asked to maintain a current emergency card at the school office showing their current address, home, and work phone numbers. Students are to comply with SD State Law regarding immunization requirements for school attendance.

General Screenings - Hearing and vision screening will be done periodically as the child progresses through school. If a parent has a concern in one of these areas, they can contact their child's teacher to request a screening.

Immunization Records - South Dakota Law (SDCL 13-28-7.) requires any child entering school to present to school authorities certification that he/she has received or is in the process of receiving immunization against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, measles (rubella and rubella), mumps, tetanus and varicella (or parent documentation of history of the disease.)

Scoliosis Screening - Screening for scoliosis is done in grade 5, and then continues in junior and senior high. Results are recorded on the child's permanent health card.

Medications - Prescription drugs and over-the-counter medicine should, whenever possible, be dispensed by a parent or guardian. If a child is given a prescription or medicine to "take 3 times daily," ACSS recommends that it be given to the child before he or she comes to school, after going home from school and before bedtime. Only when dispensing is required more often or with lunch should the school be involved with dispensing. It is the policy of the Aberdeen Catholic School System that students shall be permitted, if necessary, to take medication during the school hours. The Administration shall develop regulations which outline procedures and assure protection of the welfare of students using medication.

Regulations: Prescription Medications

1. The principal of each school shall designate the staff members who will have the responsibility to implement the guidelines of this policy. These staff members must have completed the "Medication Administration Training Course."
2. Prescription medications brought to school shall be in pharmacy-labeled containers, including the student's name, the name of the drug, dosage to be taken, name of the physician, and the date of the prescription. The parent needs to complete the "Parent Request for Assistance with Medication Form." In the event that written permission is not received from the parent, medication will be given for one day only, upon telephone consent.
3. All prescription medications must be brought to the Principal's Office of the school, placed in custody of the principal and stored in a locked location.
4. It is the responsibility of the child to come to the office to take the medication. The child shall be supervised by trained school personnel when taking Medication.
5. A "Daily Medication Record Form" shall be maintained. Recording should be done immediately after medications have been taken.
6. Each school shall maintain the "Parent Request for Assistance with Medication Form" and the "Daily Medication Record Form." Parent request and recording forms will be retained for a year and then destroyed.

Regulations: Non-Prescription Medications - The school discourages the use of nonprescription, over the counter medication at school. Whenever possible, nonprescription medication should be given at home. School personnel shall not provide medications for student use.

ELEMENTARY - students shall be allowed to take nonprescription medications providing the following are met:

1. Nonprescription medication shall be brought to school in the original container, including the student's name, name of the medication, dosage to be taken and time schedule for self-administration.
2. Nonprescription medication shall be accompanied by written permission from the parent requesting that the child be allowed to take the medication. In the event that written permission is not received from the parent, medication can be taken for one day only, upon telephone consent.
3. All nonprescription medication must be placed in the custody of the principal and shall be stored in a locked location.
4. It is the responsibility of the child to come to the office to take the medication. The child shall be supervised by trained school personnel when taking medications.
5. A daily medication record shall be maintained. Recording should be done immediately after medications have been taken.
6. Each school shall maintain the "Parent Request for Assistance with Medication Form" and the "Daily Medication Record Form." Parent requests and recording forms will be retained for a year and then destroyed.

HOME AND SCHOOL

All parents and teachers of students K-6 in the Aberdeen Catholic School System are members of the Roncalli Home and School Association. A tentative calendar of events for the school year is sent home in the fall. A reminder is sent home with students concerning meetings and events. Roncalli Home and School sponsors the following:

Homeroom Parents - These parent volunteers sign up at Open House in the fall to assist classroom teachers with class parties, provide drivers for outings and contact parent helpers when needed.

General Mills Box Tops and Campbell Soup Company Labels for Education Program - are collected at both churches and all schools to be used to acquire school equipment in the spring.

Fund Raisers - The Roncalli Walk-a-Thon and Roncalli's spring carnival are significant fundraisers sponsored by Home and School. Monies raised support our programs and supplement the general education fund.

HOMEWORK

Research indicates that homework improves student scores, stimulates independent learning and fosters self-discipline. Homework also lets parents know what is being taught and therefore bridges school to home.

Parents can help with homework by limiting TV watching and by providing a good work area. This means good lighting, a desk to work at, the right tools (a good dictionary is especially helpful), and peace and quiet. Agree on a regularly scheduled homework time.

Three major purposes for which homework may be used are as follows:

1. As an extension of class work--to practice, drill and reinforce skills or concepts introduced in class. Homework is used to deal with different ability levels, with work missed because of absences, and to encourage students to correct errors.
2. As preparation for class work --to prepare for in-class discussions or experiments. Upper elementary students are often asked to read or study materials. Other activities may include collecting materials or information to bring to class, studying spelling words, memorizing prayers and math facts.
3. To expand and enrich--to allow students to explore in-depth subjects of personal interest and to allow individual creative forms of expression. Activities may include reading, writing, research, or art projects.

Suggested Guidelines

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| Grades 1 and 2: | Occasional memorization type work may be sent home as stated above. Children could be expected to do homework one to two times per week. This should be able to be completed in 15 to 20 minutes. |
| Grades 3 and 4: | Students can expect homework on a daily basis. This should be able to be completed in 20 to 40 minutes. |
| Grades 5 and 6: | Students can expect homework on a daily basis. This should be able to be completed in 30 to 60 minutes. |

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Roncalli Primary and Elementary Schools sponsor a lunch program under state and federal guidelines. A letter with an application for free or reduced lunches is sent to families in mid July. Lunch and milk tickets may be purchased at our August registration or at school offices. Lunch tickets are purchased for 20 lunches. You are asked to place the money in an envelope with the child's name, grade and date written on the outside. Lunch prices are set by the school board and will be in the school information sent to each family in July and published in the Aberdeen American News school year information report. Students, including those bringing sack lunches, will eat in the lunchroom. Students are asked NOT to bring pop, candy, or gum in home packed lunches. Students are expected to be orderly and respectful in the lunch line and lunchroom. Please check with your child periodically to see that he/she has not run out of meal tickets.

The School Menus are listed in the Aberdeen American News and in the Midland Press for the succeeding week.

LIBRARY SERVICES

Library media services are available to every child and staff person in the Roncalli School System. All books and magazines, vertical file materials, and records may be loaned for two weeks. Encyclopedias and other reference material may be loaned for overnight use.

The school library promotes student responsibility in returning all borrowed material to the library. Notices are sent to individual students if materials are not returned. After two notices the Librarian may refuse check out privileges to the student. Report cards are held at the end of each nine weeks period for any student failing to return materials and/or pay fines. Replacement costs are based on the cost of the item.

The library is here to serve your needs. Scheduled story times, library instruction, and weekly class times allow for entire class use. Please ask whenever you need assistance.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences are three times a year midway through each nine weeks grading period. Your attendance at these conferences is very important. Each conference is scheduled for a ten minute slot of time with notices sent home with the student in advance. Other conferences may be arranged by appointment with your child's teacher as the need arises.

PARTIES

School Parties - Homeroom parents and teachers will coordinate three classroom parties. Families will have the opportunity at our Open House to sign up to bring treats for a Fall Celebration, Christmas or the Valentine's Day Party.

Christmas is our time for sharing and this concept will be further developed with the Christmas party. Each grade level will decide on how sharing will be demonstrated. This may include a gift exchange which will involve no more than \$3.00 per student.

Birthday - Treats are allowed for the students' birthdays. Parents are encouraged to keep them simple and easy to distribute.

Personal Parties - Personal party invitations, gifts, etc. should not be sent to school unless all children are included. Friends should be invited by telephone or mail when the number of invitations needs to be limited. This procedure eliminates problems such as hurt feelings.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards for students K-6 are sent home with the child within the week following the end of the nine weeks. If, after you read your child's report card, you have any questions please feel free to call the homeroom teacher.

The envelope in which the report is sent home should be returned to school for the first three quarters.

SAFETY

Playground - Students are to play only in the area or areas designated as the playground. Students are expected to be respectful of themselves, others and school property.

Bikes - A bike area is provided for use by the students at the Elementary School who wish to ride their bikes to school. Bikes are to be kept in this area during the school day and may not be driven until students are dismissed at the end of the day.

Fire Drills - Fire safety drills are routinely practiced at both the Primary and Elementary Schools. Directions for exiting the buildings are posted at the door of each classroom. The teacher in charge of the students at the time of the drill is responsible for taking roll call, and keeping students lined up and in order until the all clear signal is given.

Tornado Drills - All students and staff have a designated area in which to go during a tornado drill. All will be near an inside wall away from windows and loose flying debris. The door of each classroom posts directions of where students are to go. All teachers will stay with their students, take roll call, and see that all students are seated in a protective position.

Cold Weather Attire - During the cold season please make sure that your child comes warmly dressed in winter coat, boots, gloves and cap.

All items of clothing, such as coats, boots, sweaters, jackets, caps, etc. should be marked with the child's name on the inside.

SCHOOL RECORDS

A cumulative folder containing family, academic, attendance, and health records are kept in the office file. The student's folder is transferred to Roncalli Junior High or to the school the child attends after leaving sixth grade or upon request from proper authorities.

SONSHINE PATCH

Roncalli Sonshine Patch is a care enrichment program. Sonshine is not spelled wrong - it stands for Jesus, God's son, and we hope to "shine" with His love.

Enrollment is open to students in grades K-6 for before and after school care. Enrollment for 3-6 is available for after school care. The center is open 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. every day Roncalli Schools are in session. An hourly rate is charged with payment envelopes sent home monthly.

If you are interested in this service please call the Sonshine Patch director, Patricia Buechler, at Roncalli Primary, 225-3460.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Title I Program - Roncalli Primary School is actively involved in the federally funded Title I Program. Through this program we are able to offer supplementary reading assistance to our students. In accordance with The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, this program is staffed by a highly qualified teacher and coordinated for the city of Aberdeen through the Aberdeen Public School Office. If you would like information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's Title I teacher, please contact the principal.

Special Education - Services will be available to students needing special considerations. The special education teacher will assist the classroom teacher with modifications and accommodations to meet the needs of the student. An Individual Academic Success plan will be written with input from parents and staff.

A student may be referred for formal evaluation if it is determined that an alternative placement may be necessary. When it is determined that a student is to be seen by the special education teacher on a regular basis, the parents will be involved in writing an Individual Academic Success plan for their student.

Speech Therapy - Roncalli provides speech/language therapy services to students who are in need of assistance. This program is coordinated, for the city of Aberdeen, through the Aberdeen Public School Office.

Gifted Education - Roncalli Elementary School and Roncalli Primary School provides services for the intellectually gifted. A Special Education teacher K-12 heads this program.

Instrumental Music Program - The band program for elementary students begins in 5th grade. Students who are interested in playing band instruments are encouraged to participate. Conferences should be held with the band director before purchasing an instrument. The instructor will direct you as to what to purchase after having this conference regarding your child's participation in band.

Music Education - Each student participates in a well-developed music program. The students present a Christmas Program and a Spring Concert in May.

Physical Education - Each student receives proper instruction in the area of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. The physical education classes follow a curriculum guide developed by the instructors of physical education.

Religion Instruction - Religion instruction is a very integral part of Roncalli Primary School and Roncalli Elementary School. Religion classes are taught on a daily basis to all students. The religion instruction is not just present during religion classes - a Christian example is exhibited and demanded from everyone who is involved in the Roncalli Schools.

Counseling - School counseling is provided at Roncalli Schools. Developmental issues such as self-esteem, interpersonal relationship, decision-making skills educational and occupational information are dealt with in regular classroom sessions. Individual counseling, small group, and teacher and parent support services are also available.

STUDENT CONDUCT

Along with achievement grades in each subject area, each student is also evaluated according to conduct and work habits. If a child has need for improvement in any of these areas, the appropriate box will be checked on his report card.

SUPPLY LISTS

Grades K-6 supply lists are sent home with each student in their report card at the end of the school year for the next year. They are also available at registration day in August.

TESTING PROGRAM

Stanford Achievement Tests are given in grades three through six. A Stanford Writing Assessment is given to fifth graders. Students in third and sixth grades take the Dakota Assessment of Content Standards. Test results and information are shared with parents. Students referred for special education, psychological, or other testing are scheduled through the Aberdeen Public Schools.

ABERDEEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM UNIFORM POLICY

Aberdeen Catholic School System has a uniform policy for three primary reasons. First, the school believes that the manner in which individuals present themselves affects how they view themselves, how they are perceived by others, and consequently, how they perform in life. Secondly, in keeping with the school's mission of preparing students for the future, acquiring an appropriate definition and sense of dress is an essential part of the learning process. Thirdly, a uniform policy fosters a sense of equality within the student body, and reflects a higher uniform standard of work to be accomplished by the students.

Therefore, students will dress in an appropriate manner; be modest, neat, and clean at all times; and reflect a personal pride and dignity as well as the pride and dignity of the school.

Uniforms are required in grades K-12.

UNIFORM PURCHASING

Any Donald's brand is acceptable.

DRESSING REGULATIONS FOR ALL STUDENTS ON ALL SCHOOL DAYS

(Uniform and non-uniform)

- All students must maintain an appropriate level of personal hygiene that is neat, clean, and pleasant.
- Shoes are required. Slippers may not be worn at any time. Sandals may be worn by students in grades 7-12 during May, August and September. Students in grades K-6 may not wear "flip-flop" type sandals at any time.
- Uniform shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- If uniform sweatshirts or cardigans are worn, a designated uniform shirt must be worn underneath.
- When layering uniform shirts, the shirt with the longest sleeve must be on top.
- Only PLAIN WHITE tee-shirts are allowed to be worn under the specified uniform dress shirts or blouses.
- Hair, for boys and girls shall be clean, well styled, and avoid extremes and faddish forms. Students are to be clean shaven and look well groomed.
- 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.
- No visible tattoos are allowed.
- Students in K-6 may not wear coats or jackets during school hours.
Students in 7-12 may wear the approved uniform fleece jacket but no other coats or jackets during school hours.

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.

RONCALLI PRIMARY AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (GRADES K-6)

Students are expected to be in full uniform the first day of school and for each day of the year unless otherwise directed by the administration.

GIRLS

Jumper: The designated plaid uniform jumper purchased from Donald's.

Pants: Any designated navy pant from Donald's.

Leggings or Tights: In any solid color. (Leggings are leg coverings which may vary in length. Tights are leg coverings which also serve as stockings because they have feet attached.)

Skirts : The designated plaid skirts purchased from Donald's,
in grades 5 and 6 only.

Blouses and Shirts: Any of the designated shirts, blouses or turtlenecks from Donald's, in dark green, white or light blue. The Roncalli logo will adorn the green and white blouses and shirts.

Shorts: The designated navy walking shorts from Donald's. The shorts may be worn from the opening day of school until October 31 in the fall. In the spring, they may be worn from April 1 until the last day of school.

Sweatshirt: The official Roncalli navy sweatshirt sold by the School Spirit Store.

Sweater: The designated navy cardigan with pockets, crew pullover, v-neck pullover or sweater vest from Donald's

If any girl in Primary or Elementary School chooses to wear the designated navy pant from Donald's from the boy's department, she may do so. Sweatshirts and cardigans with pockets may be worn over the jumpers.

BOYS

Pants: Any designated navy pants from Donald's.

Shirts: Any of the designated shirts or turtlenecks from Donald's, in dark green, white or light blue. The Roncalli logo will adorn the green and white shirts.

Shorts: The designated navy walking shorts from Donald's. The shorts may be worn from the opening day of school until October 31 in the fall. In the spring, they may be worn from April 1 until the last day of school.

Sweatshirt: The official Roncalli navy sweatshirt sold by the School Spirit Store.

Sweater: The designated navy cardigan with pockets, crew pullover, v-neck pullover or sweater vest from Donald's.

Roncalli Primary School Drop-off Procedure

Use the southeast entry off of Arch and exit on to First Avenue.

Parents that are escorting children into the building should park their vehicle in the southeast parking lot across from the drop off lane or in the east parking area next to the gym.

When using the drop off lane, please pull forward to the fenced area to allow additional cars in the drop off lane.

Children must exit from the passenger side onto the sidewalk. Please be sure your children are ready to leave your vehicle in a timely manner to minimize delays for others dropping off children.

Do not park in the drop-off lane.

Do not Double Park in the driving lane.

Roncalli Elementary School Drop-off/Pick-up Procedures

Please follow these procedures for drop off and pick up of your children at the Roncalli School located at 501 Third Avenue Southeast.

Enter the southeast driveway onto the parking lot/playground. When multiple cars are in the area, turn right and proceed along the fenced area to allow as many cars on the lot as possible. Continue traveling west to the area in front of the school and have the students exit or enter the passenger side of your vehicle. Exit the playground using the southwest driveway using the east lane to turn left or the west lane to turn right. If you need to park and come into the school or if your passengers are not ready to board, please park in the center spaces and leave the curb area for drop off/pickup.

Students arriving before 8:05 a.m. should report to the gym using the west entrance. Anyone arriving after that time should use the front entrance to the school. All other entrances will remain locked during the school day.

No parking will be allowed on the playground during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:45 p.m.

Annual Notice of Confidentiality of Information

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Part B of IDEA, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1983, parents and eligible students have the right to do the following:

- Inspect and review the student's educational records;
- Request the amendment of the student's educational records to ensure that they are not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy or other rights;
- Consent to disclosure of personally identified information that is contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that the act or District Policy authorizes disclosure without consent;
- File with the U.S. Department of Education a complaint concerning alleged failure by the agency or institution to comply with the requirements of the act of this Chapter, and
- Obtain a copy of the district's policy.

This right extends to all approved schools located within the Aberdeen Catholic School System boundaries.

EDUCATING THE WHOLE PERSON

Proper development of heart, mind and body is essential to the growth of every person.

SPIRITUAL: A Catholic School is an ideal setting for a young person to respond personally to God, to grow in faith, and to participate in religious activities.

PHYSICAL: Recreation, physical education and athletic activities help students develop confidence, coordination, and a spirit of cooperation.

MENTAL: Intellectual discipline increases students' ability to concentrate, solve problems, think clearly and to use their imaginations.

MORAL: A well-ordered learning atmosphere helps each student form a strong personal conscience for moral guidance now and throughout life.

EMOTIONAL: Teachers and administrators offer guidance, support and concern as young people cope with the pressures of growing up.



PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CLASSROOM TEACHER.

OUR FAMILY HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE PROVISIONS IN THE STUDENT AND PARENT HANDBOOK Grades K-6.

STUDENT SIGNATURE:

Grade _____
Grade _____
Grade _____
Grade _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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