

April 2026

Footsteps of Faith

Newsletter of Aberdeen Christian School



Dear ACS Families and Community,

As we continue walking together in faith and education, we are reminded of the purpose that unites us as a school community. At Aberdeen Christian School, our mission is simple yet profound: **“equipping students to glorify God.”** Everything we do—inside and outside the classroom—is rooted in this mission and vision and is both purposeful and meaningful. As we are reminded in *Colossians 3:23*, **“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.”**

We are deeply grateful for the exceptional work of our instructional and classroom teachers. Through their thoughtful preparation of lesson plans and curriculum mapping, they faithfully meet academic accountability measures while integrating a Christ-centered approach to learning. Their dedication has led to a significant milestone for our school. We are proud to share that Aberdeen Christian School recently completed an outstanding accreditation review by the South Dakota Accreditation Review Team and has been awarded **K–12 South Dakota State Accreditation through the 2030–2031 school year.** This achievement reflects the excellence, commitment, and faith-driven purpose that define our school community.

We are grateful to offer scholarship opportunities that help make Christian education accessible to all families. **All ACS families interested in tuition assistance for the 2026–2027 school year must complete the TADS application by May 31st.** To support you, we will host a TADS Support Night on May 14th from 6:00–8:00 PM, during which staff will be available to assist with completing applications and submitting required documentation. We strongly encourage all families to take advantage of this opportunity to ensure a smooth and timely application process.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our dedicated school board members: **Mrs. Kaiser, Mrs. Shoup, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Ramirez, Mrs. Schaeffer, Mr. Inches, Mrs. Flihs, Mr. Schaeffer, and Mrs. Shelley Lovrein.** We are deeply grateful for these school leaders who have answered God’s calling to serve. Their willingness to give of their time, wisdom, and talents plays a vital role in leading and supporting the students and families of ACS.

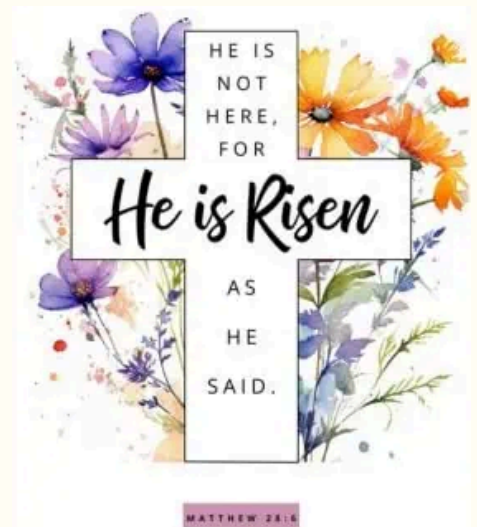
At ACS, we recognize that our strength lies in the people who faithfully give of their time, talents, and resources. Whether through leadership, volunteering, teaching, or supporting behind the scenes, every contribution helps fulfill our shared calling. Together, we are **educating and equipping students to glorify God in all that they do**—raising up a generation prepared to serve, lead, and reflect Christ in the world. Thank you for being an essential part of the ACS community!

Dr. Sombke

Reminder!

- **2026-27 In-House Scholarships**
Application link open now and until April 30th
<https://forms.gle/zRxsSTfw35yWLQHv6>
- **TADS Financial Aid Portal OPEN!**
Application for the 2026-27 school year will close on May 31st
- **ACS Banquet: April 18th @ ARCC**
Social hours for family/friends 5 pm
- **Financial Aid Support Night:**
May 14th from 6 - 8 pm
*Equipment and staff available to help upload documents for TADS applications.
- **GRADUATION:** Saturday, May 16 at 10 am in the ACS gym
- **Online Spirit Shop IS OPEN!**
Get your gear to cheer on our students and show your school spirit!

www.promoplace.com/acsspiritshop





Congratulations

Aberdeen Christian School

For meeting all the requirements set forth by the State of South Dakota to be recognized by the Department of Education as an accredited school in South Dakota.

Awarded 2025-2026
Valid Through 2030-2031

Joseph Graves
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Secretary of Education

Our new certificate of Accreditation from the SD Department of Education!

Our Administrative team, teachers, and staff all worked extremely hard to achieve this accomplishment. Congratulations on a job well done!



We currently have a limited number of **Gym Sign Sponsorship** opportunities available on the north end of our gym.

These sponsorships are \$3,000 per year, and 100% of the funds are designated for our Facility Maintenance Fund, helping us care for and maintain our beautiful campus for years to come. Your sponsorship is also tax deductible.

This is a great opportunity to:

- Support Aberdeen Christian School
- Showcase your business in a high-visibility location
- Directly contribute to the upkeep of our facilities

Spots are limited, so if you or someone you know is interested, please contact Becky Kaiser at: acsfoundation.sd@gmail.com



How does the Federal Tax Credit Scholarship work?



An individual contributes to a qualifying organization.

The contributor can claim a federal tax credit.

A student receives a scholarship to attend a Christian school.

A new federal program will provide another way for ACS friends and families to support our mission financially, as well as an additional means of financial aid for families and students attending ACS.

Beginning January 1, 2027, the Federal Tax Credit Scholarship Program allows individuals to claim a dollar-for-dollar federal tax credit of up to \$1,700 for donations to certified organizations. These donated funds are awarded as scholarships to eligible K-12 students. The application timeline has not been released yet. Information can be found and will be released at <https://sdpartnersinedu.org/>

Grateful Hearts: Almighty God, we come to You with grateful hearts for the opportunities and experiences of this school year. May we carry these blessings with us and continue to grow in Your love. Amen.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." – Psalm 107:1

WAYS TO GIVE

We are so thankful for our generous donors, who make it possible for this ministry to continue to be a growing presence in the Aberdeen community. All gifts are tax deductible. Thank you for considering a gift through one of the following:

- Direct gift to ACS by cash, check, or in your will
- S & S Auction (% sales to ACS)

Gifts through the Foundation:

- Endowments and charitable bequests
- Selling crops through AGTEGRA
- IRA distributions
- Cows, bulls, stocks, life insurance, real estate, farm equipment

Contact Rodney Johnson
(605) 252-0842

Annual Meeting of the ACS ASSOCIATION

Our Annual Meeting was held on March 26th.

With thankful appreciation we welcome the following board members for a 3 year term:

Karen Edwards, Larry Inches, Shelley Lovrien, and Becky Kaiser.

Thank you to all our board members for your service to ACS!

Linda Shoup, Betsey Dinger, Michelle Ramirez, Steven Schaeffer, Mandilyn Fliehs, Jen Schaeffer.

The \$5/month increase to tuition for the 2026-2027 school year was also approved by voting members.

The April meeting will be held on the 20st at 6 pm at the school.

Please Pray

We appreciate your prayers for the students, faculty, families, school board, and the community of Aberdeen. May ACS be a bright light to others!

Meet our TEAM

MRS. ERYNN REIMER

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT | ONLINE CLASSES



- **Hometown**
Silicon Vally, CA
- **Favorite Season**
Spring
- **Favorite Snack**
Muddy Buddies

- **Do you collect anything?**
Antique books, comic, Funko Pops

- **Favorite Hobby**
Teaching myself new skills; like soldering, building, or crafting

MRS. AMY DOUGHERTY

9-12 MATH | MATH ENRICHMENT



- **Hometown**
Aberdeen, SD
- **Favorite Season**
Spring/Summer
- **Favorite Snack**
Almonds, Lilly's chocolate, dark chocolate

- **Do you collect anything?**
Different types of Rubik's cubes for my classroom

- **Favorite Hobby**
Music- I play cello & piano

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!



Our first Friends & Family Easter treats!



6th Place finish at State B's



Elementary Vocal Festival



9-12 Region Music Contest



6th grade Science Fair



Number Ninja's



Mathcounts attended NE Chapter Competition

