

FOOTSTEPS OF FAITH

Newsletter of Aberdeen Christian School



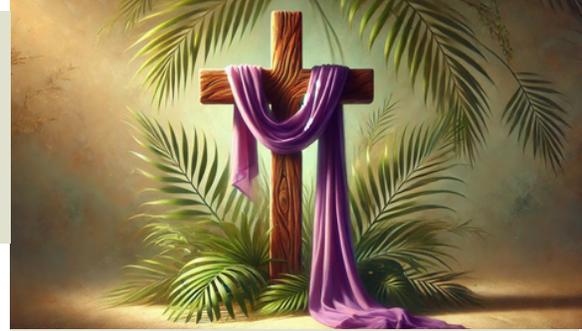
We currently have a limited number of **Gym Sign Sponsorship** opportunities available on the north end of our gym.

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



Reminder

- The annual Association meeting will be held on March 26th at 7:00 pm in the chapel. We will be voting on the 2026-2027 budget and electing school board members. You must be an Association member to vote.
- NO SCHOOL March 30 - April 6th for Spring Break, Good Friday and Easter Monday!
- April begins our Assessment Testing for students. Grade specific dates can be found on the ACS website calendar.
- 8th Grade Transition Meeting coming up in April. Date TBD.
- Online Spirit Shop IS OPEN! Get your gear to cheer on our students and show your school spirit!

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ABERDEEN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WE ARE HIRING

Join Our Team

- Business Manager
- Secondary Science Teacher
- K-6 Classroom Teacher
- Secondary Social Science Teacher
- K-12 Special Education Teacher
- Elementary Educational Assistant
- K-12 Substitute Teachers

FOR MORE INFORMATION :
aberdeenchristianschool.com

CONTACT US :
 ☎ 605-225-2053



IF YOU *confess* WITH YOUR MOUTH THAT JESUS IS LORD AND *believe* IN YOUR HEART THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU WILL BE *saved*.

ROMANS 10:9

MONTHLY LEADERSHIP LETTER

Dear Aberdeen Christian School Community,

As we enter the spring season, our school is filled with excitement and opportunity for our students. Spring is a time of growth in many ways—academically, spiritually, and personally—and we are grateful for the partnership we share with our families as we continue to nurture and guide the students God has entrusted to us.

Over the coming weeks, our students and families will have several opportunities to observe, participate, compete, and demonstrate the gifts and talents God has given them. Please take note of the following upcoming spring activities, opportunities, and reminders:

Spring Student and Family Opportunities

- **Music Competitions and Programs:** Students involved in music will be participating in regional competitions and preparing for upcoming performances that showcase their hard work and dedication. We look forward to our student's spring performances, please be sure to note concert dates and times!
- **Track Meets:** Our track athletes have begun their track practices and have been enjoying the warmer weather days by completing some conditioning exercises outdoors. We encourage families to come support our students as they represent our school with excellence and sportsmanship at local meets as you are able. Go ACS Knights!
- **Spring Achievement Testing:** Students will participate in achievement testing later this spring. These assessments help us measure growth and continue strengthening our academic programs. This year we will test students in grades 3-8 and grade 11. This is the first year that students in grade 11 will complete the ACT as the state assessment. Please be sure to let us know if you have any questions as we prepare to complete the spring assessments.
- **Student Registrations:** Registration for the upcoming school year will begin in April with students all students in grades 9-12 receiving a class registration packet for family review. Students and families will have a week to review and choose courses for the 26-27 school year. Students will receive in class instruction regarding South Dakota Graduation Requirements, ACS Graduation Requirements, ACS Course Descriptions, Dual Credit and E-Learning Course Opportunities, and CTE and Internship Opportunities. Students in Grade 8 will receive information regarding the upcoming Grade 8 Transition Meeting also scheduled for April. The Grade 8 Transition Meeting will provide information for students and parents regarding SD and ACS Graduation Requirements and guidance to choose courses for student in Grade 9 for the 26-27 school year.
- **TADS Tuition Assistance:** The **TADS Tuition Assistance Application Portal is now open!** Families who wish to apply for tuition assistance for the **2026–2027 school year** should complete their applications before the **May 31 deadline**. All families interested in tuition assistance for the 26-27 school year must complete the TADS application annually and must have an application status of “good”. Families may come in for in person assistance on May 14th from 8:00-6:00pm. Please note the forms needed to apply for the SD Partners Scholarship through TADS includes: 2025 Complete Tax Returns, W-2, any additional verification for other revenue. Please find more specific information by going to the Financial Aid Link on our website at: https://sdpartnersinedu.org/families/?utm_source=partner_school&utm_medium=button&utm_campaign=apply%22

Spring also reminds us that growth often requires stretching. In schools—as in life—growth can bring change, adjustment, and sometimes challenges. Yet Scripture reminds us that God equips His people for the work He calls them to do. In **Philippians 1:6**, we are reminded: *"Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."*

As a Christian school community, we trust that the Lord continues to guide our steps as we strengthen programs, expand opportunities, and pursue excellence in Christian education. While growth can sometimes feel uncomfortable, it is often evidence that God is moving and working among us. The Bible also reminds us in **Esther 4:14** that we are placed in our roles with purpose: *"And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"*

Our faculty, staff, students, and families are uniquely appointed for this season. God has equipped this community with gifts, wisdom, and dedication to shape young hearts and minds for His kingdom. Together, we continue the important work of preparing students academically while grounding them firmly in their faith.

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership. We are blessed to serve alongside you as we seek to glorify God through Christian education. May this spring be a season of growth, perseverance, and joy for our students and families.

Excited to keep growing with all of you!

Dr. Sombke

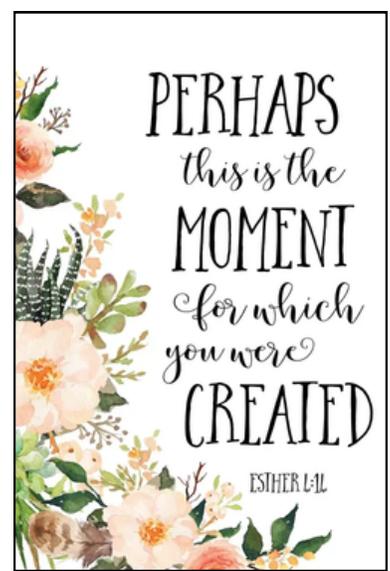
senior SPOTLIGHT

ACS is blessed to not only shepherd and educate our amazing students, but also to serve with them in service to God

and others. The March Senior Spotlight is on ACS seniors, Gabe Eichler, Isaiah Shaving, Aiden Schaunaman, Simon Voorhees, and Austin Nelson!

For their senior projects, the above students supported ACS by running the scoreboard and clocks for our home junior high and junior varsity basketball games.

Thank you, for your service to our school and the time given to help support our athletic program! We pray blessings over your senior year.



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
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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!

School Board Members

Linda Shoup, Karen Edwards, Becky Kaiser, Betsey Dinger, Michelle Ramirez, Larry Inches, Steven Schaeffer, Mandilyn Fliehs, and Jen Schaeffer. Terms ending on June 30th include Becky Kaiser, Karen Edwards, and Larry Inches. Thank you all for your service to ACS!

The March meeting will be held on the 16th at 6 pm at the school.

Meet our TEAM

MRS. SAMANTHA MILLER

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT | ONLINE CLASSES



- Hometown
Watertown, SD
- Favorite Season
Fall
- Favorite Snack
Beef Sticks
- Favorite Hobby
Baking, gardening, sewing, and camping

➤ Do you collect anything?
My husband would say I collect farm animals!

MATT ROHRBACH

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR | STRENGTH & CONDITIONING | HEAD BASKETBALL COACH



- Hometown
Aberdeen, SD
- Favorite Season
Spring
- Favorite Snack
Popcorn
- Favorite Hobby
Pickleball and Ping Pong

➤ Do you collect anything?
Just State Tournament berths ;)

Homecoming Week Fun!

In February, the ACS Student Council hosted a Homecoming week filled with dress-up days and of course - a Pep Rally to get our basketball teams fired up! They did a great job fostering school spirit for all of our ACS students and staff.



let's go

