

RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL



INSIGHTS

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Dear Friends,

I must have been in 4th or 5th grade, and it would have been a Monday night in December. You see, at that time stores could only be open on Monday nights, although I can't recall if that was extended to other days during the Christmas season. Nevertheless, my older sister, Linda, wanted to go downtown to shop, and she asked me to go along. Now going downtown at night was a big deal.

There was the six block walk to the cathedral, then two more blocks to get over the railroad tracks to downtown. Then a wonderland of lights, sounds, and people appeared to me. It was Christmas. Now our downtown was pretty much like any other. There were men's shops and women's shops. There was Sears, J.C. Penney's, Kresge, and Woolworth, but the centerpiece was Herbst Brothers Department Store with their animated display window. I would stand there transfixed watching automatic elves and reindeer while carols played through tinny sounding speakers. I felt special because Linda had asked me to go along. In a family our size, it was rare to spend one on one time with anyone. I followed her winding through the crowds as she hurried with the confidence that comes from being fourteen. I can't recall what we were shopping for or if we even bought anything. All I remember is how special it felt, and how wondrous this season can be. At this point in my life, almost all my Christmas memories focused on moments like that, although I did find myself wondering how we got from a stable to where we are today.

Not to worry, this won't be a screed about the commercialization of Christmas. That would be easy to write, but it's not what's on my mind these days. You see, I also remember that on the way home we stopped briefly at the stable setting in front of our church. There were no glaring lights or carols booming. There was just a small family, a few plastic animals, and an innocent child. That inspired something too. The child in me wondered what it would have been like to be there. The

adult in me wonders that still. Could anyone, at that moment, have known how the world was about to change? Now I don't know if the sky was filled with angels singing, or if shepherds rushed in. Scholars tell us that it was more likely that it all occurred in March or April, and the Magi didn't show up for years if they showed up at all. That's all important I suppose, but for a few weeks a year I don't care. I want it to be as we've all imagined. I want it to be about that family. I want it all to be about relationship and wonder. I want it to be about a child in a manger bathed in the soft golden glow of firelight. I want it to be about presence, not presents. That's the magic of Christmas.

I still like the lights and the songs. I'll admit that sometimes the hustle and bustle is invigorating. But as we get closer to that moment when "God so loved the world..." I focus more on those moments like walking with my sister. I focus more on those moments of connection and love. I'll try to metaphorically go back and stop at the stable. I'll remind myself that love begets love, that peace on earth is up to us, and that God's promise was fulfilled that night with no colored lights or fancy packages. And nothing has been the same since.

On behalf of the entire Roncalli community, I wish you and yours a most blessed Christmas.

Timothy Olson
Roncalli Principal



The mission of Roncalli High School is to educate in the Catholic traditions of spiritual growth, life-long service, and academic excellence.

Roncalli High School Mission Statement, adopted May 2012.



National Honor Society

Congratulations to the newly inducted National Honor Society Members. They have demonstrated excellence in the areas of character, scholarship, leadership, and service.

Whitney Andrastek

Ian Behringer

Hunter Borys

Isabel Diaz

Clara Dramm

Margo Eis

Elaina Falconer

Nicholas Fessler

Jenna Grall

Emily Guilette

Victoria Hoffman

Amelia Holschbach

Narathip Ketthab (Nick)

Matthew Koch

Katya Konopacki

Abigail Kuechmann

Matthew LeVene

Nathaniel Lohr

Abigail Onesti

Morgan Pritzl

Ally Schelfhout

Alec Schermetzler

Nicole Wagner

Bryannan Wallander

Natalie Weyers

Olivia Ziegler

Kaylee Zipperer



Holiday Office Hours

The school office will be closed December 25, 26, 29 and January 1st.

The office will be open from 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 27, Thursday, December 28, and Tuesday, January 2.

Classes Resume on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.



Music Boosters

Christmas Show Band and Choir



Sat., Dec. 2 ~ 7:00 pm

Sun., Dec. 3 ~ 2:00 pm

Roncalli High School Zimmer Auditorium

Box Office Hours

Mondays, Nov. 20 & 27, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Wed., Nov. 22, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

(after Grandparents Day celebration)

2 Hours prior to each show – Dec. 2 & 3

Stop in or Call 686-8151 to reserve your seats during scheduled box office hours



December 9th at 5 pm

Music Booster Annual Meeting

January 2018



In the event of inclement weather and Roncalli needs to have a late start or a cancellation, we will put an announcement on the following radio stations: WOMT (1240 AM), & WCUB (980 AM) as well as TV stations 2, 5, and 11. An email will also be sent to students and parents as well as a posting on the telephone system at Roncalli. You can also sign up to receive a text alert message from WBAY (2), WLUK (11), & WFRV (5) by going to their websites, under weather.

Lasallian Youth



Our annual “Adopt-a-Family” Christmas Drive is coming up soon, and we are always looking for help. The “Adopt-a-Family” Christmas drive helps families in our community celebrate Christmas by providing them with gifts that they would otherwise not be

able to receive. There will be paper ornaments available with a person’s age and gift. The ornaments can be picked up outside of my office (across from the cafeteria) between December 4th and December 8th. You can “adopt” as many families or individuals as you’d like. Another option would be cash or gift card donations that we will then use to do the shopping, or provide directly to the families. We ask that you return the unwrapped gift, with the ornament taped to it, to the main office, or to Mr. Geiger’s office by Wednesday, December 13th.

This is a great opportunity for the whole family to serve those in our community during this holiday season. Please email or call me with any questions. Thank you!

Christ’s Peace,

Mr. Taylor Geiger
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Guidance Department

Seniors – College application deadlines are approaching. Check your chosen college’s website for up-to-date information. Please check your emails for important information from your college including registration, housing contracts, etc.

FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid - If you haven’t already completed the FAFSA, please make sure you do so before your college’s deadline. There is a limited amount of grants available, and if you wait too long to apply, the money may already be given out.

Transcripts - We are utilizing Parchment to send transcripts and letters of recommendation to colleges electronically. You can also request an unofficial self-view, which you can print if a scholarship requires a transcript.

Scholarships - There are new scholarships coming in on a weekly basis and posted on our website www.roncallijets.net under the Guidance Department link. Scholarships are listed by their due date. Students are responsible for mailing in their scholarship applications unless it specifies that it should be returned to school.

PSAT - Test results from the PSAT will be given back to the juniors in December. Ms. Nickels will interpret the results with the students. Parents will receive information about this as well.

Youth Apprenticeship - Youth Apprenticeship is a program that combines work-based experience with classroom instruction. Students who apply for the program are selected by prospective employers. The classroom component could include classes at one of the area high schools, LTC, or online depending upon the program. There will be an informational meeting on Monday, January 29 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the Lincoln High School auditorium. This year’s sophomores and juniors can apply for next year. Contact Ms. Nickels for more information.

Roncalli Auction



The chairpersons have been working very hard on forming their committees. The committees are vital in the planning and preparing for the auction. This is Roncalli's largest event that raises funds to support tuition assistance and school operating expenses. Therefore, if a chairperson calls to ask you to be a member of a committee, please respond positively. Help is needed in soliciting, set up, working the night of the auction, and clean up. The Roncalli faculty and staff are utilized 100% for this event. We need 100% participation from our parents also. If you have not received a call and are interested in being a member of one of the committees, please give me a call. In early January soliciting will begin for the 34th Annual Roncalli Auction.

In December we will begin selling chances for the \$10,000 money raffle. Only 500 tickets will be sold. Our hope is to sell all 500 tickets before auction night so that the drawing can be held at the Intermission of the Oral Auction. There will be one \$10,000 winner, one \$2,000 winner, two \$1,000 winners and two \$500 winners. Each current Roncalli family that purchases or sells two tickets will be eligible for a chance in a drawing of a \$500 tuition certificate at Roncalli. If you would like to give a raffle ticket to a family member or friend for Christmas, please call the Development Office at 686-8150 or 686-8147, and we'll be happy to accommodate you.

Ideas for items that can be donated:

A cross, rosary, or religious item for our Faith & Inspiration area.

A sweatshirt from your child's college or a college of your choice will be a great addition to the Collegiate section.

The Everything Roncalli section is looking for items that are blue or blue and white in color, or one-of-a-kind items reflecting Roncalli school spirit.

Donate the ingredients from a family recipe for the Seasonal Palates area.

Cash gifts are also accepted for any area that you choose.

We can find a booth for just about any **new** item that you would like to donate or make with your own creative hands.

The general auction meeting is on **Wednesday, January 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the café** for all soliciting committee members. If you work in the kitchen, cashiering, at registration, bar, raffle committee, or wine booth--this meeting's not for you.

Please call if you'd like to get involved in any way.

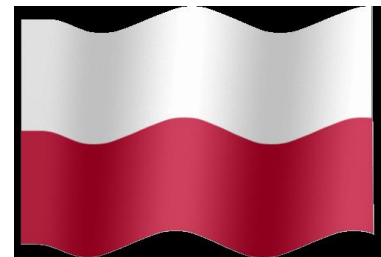
Merry Christmas!

Candice Giesen 686-8150

giesen@roncallijets.net

Global Outreach Catholic Exchange Program Summer Trip

<http://www.globaloutreachprogram.com/>



Poland
July 8 - 21, 2018

Trip Dates: July 8 - 21, 2018

Trip Purpose: Global Outreach is a Catholic youth exchange program that invites young people from East-Central Europe to study at American Catholic high schools, while at the same time providing summer trip opportunities to Europe for American youth and adults. These Global Outreach exchanges enable young Catholics to respond to the call of Pope John Paul II "to build a civilization of love" as young servant leaders for the 21st century. The trip staff will include Fr Larry Seidl, GO Spiritual Director; Barbara Tota-Boryczka, GO Director; Connie Greany, Camp Program Director; Bonny Marek and Tom Kropidlowski, Trip Directors.

Eligibility: Catholic high school students (must have completed their sophomore year), young adults, and any adults (especially teachers) who are interested in a cultural and Catholic faith based-youth ministry experience may apply for the trip.

Trip Highlights:

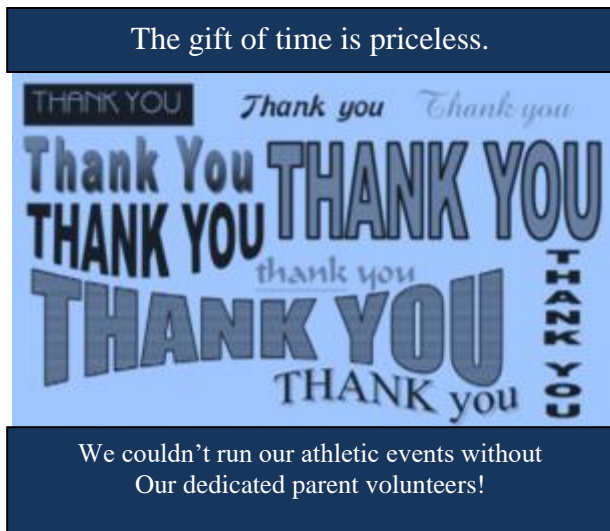
Berlin - Reminders of the city’s turbulent 20th-century history include its Holocaust memorial, Berlin Wall, Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie, Hackescher Market and a River Spree Boat Tour.

Krakow - Discover the varied WWII legacy of Poland, where some of the greatest atrocities and the finest acts of selflessness took place, from the labor camps of Auschwitz to Kazimierz the former Jewish ghetto. Visit Krakow’s Main Market Square, St Mary’s Basilica, the Cloth Hall and Wawel Royal Castle.

Zakopane - A resort town in southern Poland at the base of the Tatra Mountains. Stroll Krupowki Street or take a hike up to Gubalowka.

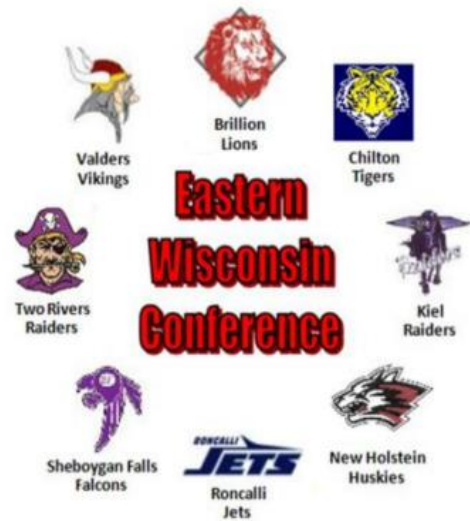
Your Experience: You will learn about new and exciting cultures. You will meet new friends from Lithuania, Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic and Slovakia. You will eat, sleep, and tour with local European families and learn about Catholic traditions in another part of the world. And in turn, share our American culture and faith with European students at a camp in Poland.

Athletic Department



This year we are using SignUpGenius to schedule workers for athletic events. Each parent is asked to help out at two events if they have a student in **any** sport at Roncalli. There are still **165** slots to be filled. If you have any questions, please contact pleist@roncallijets.net.

**Roncalli “Jets”
2017-2018 Fall Sports
EWC All-Conference Teams**



Football

Defensive Team

- Seth Giesen-12 ACHM
- Kenny Jilek-12 ACHM
- Luke Mueller-11 ACHM

Punter

- Josh Koss-12 ACHM

Offensive Team

- Luke Mueller-11 AC1
- Seth Giesen-12 ACHM
- Drew Giesen-11 ACHM
- Connor Jacoby-10 ACHM

Boys Soccer

- Casey Henrickson-12 AC1 (Two Rivers)
- Ben Oberbroeckling-12 AC1
- Joe Bettag-12 AC2
- Evan Mihalakakos-12 AC2

Volleyball

- Olivia Ziegler-11 AC1

Girls Swimming

- Elaina Falconer-11 AC3
- Caroline Tisol-11 AC3

Girls Cross Country

- Sydney Fricke-12 ACHM
- Abigail Onesti-11 ACHM

Boys Cross Country

- Chombi Lambert-11 AC2

December Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Noon Dismissal No Regular Hot Lunch. Lunch Provided For Christmas Show Cast Members
4 Chicken Nuggets, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	5 Mozzarella Dippers W/Marinara Or Chicken N Gravy On Bun, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit Salad Bar	6 BBQ Pork On Bun, Vegetables, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	7 Chicken Teriyaki W/Oriental Veg., Rice, Vegetables, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	8 Ground beef Stroganoff Over Noodles, Vegetable, Dinner Roll, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar
11 Chicken Alfredo/Noodles, Vegetable, Dinner Roll, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	12 Sloppy Joe On Bun, Mac And Cheese, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	13 Chicken Fajita, Sautéed Peppers, Vegetable, Rice, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	14 Mini Corndogs, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	15 Orange Chicken, Rice, Vegetables, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar
18 Stuffed Crust Cheese Or Pepperoni Pizza, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	19 Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Tomato Soup, Vegetable, Crackers, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	20 Hamburger Or Mushroom Swiss Burger, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	21 Super Nachos, Refried Beans, Mini Carrots/Dip, Rice, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	22 Breaded Chicken Patty/Bun, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar
25 Holiday No School	26 Holiday No School	27 Holiday No School	28 Holiday No School	29 Holiday No School

