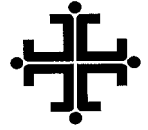




RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL



INSIGHTS

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Reap the amazing benefits of exposing your family to an international education, the cultures of others, and still stay at home.

Dear Friends,

A few years ago, I called our new international students to the office and invited them to a meeting of our Education Committee. It was the first year of the program and the committee members wanted to hear how the international students were adjusting to school in the United States. When I arrived for the meeting that evening there were four extremely nervous young people waiting for me. I had apparently underestimated just what being called before “a committee” might mean to them. They were certain they were about to be expelled. Such a summons has a different connotation in other cultures so I quickly set about allaying their fears. During the ensuing 90 minutes we heard anecdote after anecdote about their new families, the excitement of new activities unavailable in their home countries, and how grateful they were for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Since that first year, the reputation of our program has only grown. From the beginning our philosophy has been to embrace these wonderful students as our own children. We want to give them the same attention and care that we would hope for one of our own studying abroad. Our international students are sometimes thousands of miles from their families, and all they know. They are adjusting to new customs, expectations, and acquaintances. It is an awesome responsibility, but it has also truly enriched our school community.

These students have graced our stage and shared their remarkable talents. They have discovered American sports and flung themselves head first into the ranks of our teams. They have excelled in the classroom. They have found new families, and the ties to those who have generously opened their hearts and homes will last a lifetime. They

have made our world smaller, closer, gentler, and more understanding.

We are now looking for families who might be willing to serve as hosts for the 2016-17 school year. We have already begun to receive applications. When we ask them why they are choosing to apply to Roncalli, their response almost always goes back: they know that they will be cared for. So we are asking for families to help us fulfill that pledge.

We have been very successful thus far largely due to the efforts of Ms. Shannon Pritzl, our coordinator, and the families with whom she works. She will guide you step by step, and work closely throughout the year to make this a truly life changing experience. As one student once remarked, “I have a mother at home, a new mother in America, and a mother at school.” And they said it smiling.

We are asking that you consider joining us in making our world a more compassionate place. If you have questions, or are interested or even know someone who might be, please contact us. Call 682-8801 or email spritzl@roncallijets.net. Empty nesters are more than welcome. We hope to hear from you.

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.

Guidance Department

Financial Aid for College - Students applying for financial aid need to file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Please make certain you go to the .gov site instead of .com. The .com site will charge a fee. There are FAFSA worksheets on the web to assist you. **New this year** - Both student and a parent will need to create an FSA ID which replaces the PIN from previous years. Check deadlines at the financial aid office at your college. It is to the student's advantage to apply early for financial aid. The PowerPoint from the financial aid presentation that was held in December is available on our website under the Guidance Department.

Senioritis - Do your seniors know that slacking off during the spring semester, or after being accepted to college may jeopardize their future plans? According to the College Board, **every year colleges rescind offers of admission, put students on academic probation, or alter financial aid packages as a result of "senioritis."** Often, college acceptance letters include warnings to students such as **"your admission is contingent on your continued successful performance."** Admissions officers can ask a student to explain a drop in grades, and can revoke an offer of admission if not satisfied with the response. Since colleges do not receive final grades until June, students may not hear about this until July when there are few options left. The best advice is to stay focused and keep up your grades.

Scholarships – There are new scholarships coming in on a regular basis. Seniors should check our website for updates. The in-house scholarships, available only to Roncalli students, will be posted by March 14th.

Placement Testing for College: Most U.W. schools require students to take a placement test in English and math with an optional foreign language test. Students need to register at <https://testing.wisc.edu/centerpages/regionaltesting.html>. Students can test at any UW site not just at the college they will be attending. UW Manitowoc will have testing on March 19, April 23, and May 14.

ACT - It is highly recommended that juniors take the ACT in the spring of their junior year. If they are not taking it at Roncalli on March 1, they should register for one of the following:

Test Dates

April 9
June 9

Registration Deadlines

March 4
May 7

When registering, you will be asked to sign up for the ACT assessment or the ACT assessment plus writing. Marquette is the only school in Wisconsin that recommends the writing portion. If you have any questions about whether or not to take the optional writing portion, please see Ms. Nickels, or check the ACT website at www.actstudent.org. You can also register on this website. It is recommended that students select colleges to have their scores sent to when they register for the ACT to avoid paying an extra fee later.

Sophomores: Ms. Nickels will be holding Individual Planning Conferences for sophomores and their parents starting in March. These are not the same as Parent/teacher conferences; instead the focus is on the student's current talents, abilities, interests, their educational and career development, and information to begin planning for their future in a positive atmosphere. Sophomore parents will be sent an email explaining how to sign up for these conferences.

The Pulsera Project



From March 14th to March 18th, Roncalli High School's Spanish 2 Classes will be selling hand-woven bracelets, or 'pulseras' in Spanish, to empower the artists who make them in Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Uganda. The sale was organized through the Pulsera Project, a nonprofit organization that empowers and educates young people in the U.S. and Central America through pulsera sales.

Student and teacher volunteers raise funds that benefit fair trade jobs, worker rights, sustainability, and education, while learning about the culture, lives and struggles of Central Americans. The Pulsera Project's goal is to create a more just and colorful world by encouraging conscious consumerism and social enterprise.



Easter Office Hours

Main office will be open Mon. March 21–Wed. March 23
7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. and
closed Thurs. March 24–Mon. March 28.
Regular office hours and classes resume on
Tues. March 29.

Roncalli Pierside Auction

Items continue to come in for this year's auction. As a reminder, all contracts are due **Friday, March 11th**. There are so many wonderful parents, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends working to make this a success.

Remember we have three exciting raffles:

- 1) \$10,000 cash raffle -- \$100 a ticket/only 500 sold. Reminder that for every two tickets sold or purchased by a Roncalli parent, you are eligible to be in a drawing for a \$500 tuition certificate. It would be so beneficial to our school and the success of the auction if we sell out of these tickets.
- 2) Entertainment Raffle – Invite your family, friends, or even your neighbors if you are the lucky winner of this package. You can entertain them with a 65” Samsung Curved Smart TV with a sound bar, set on top of a beautiful Bakersfield TV stand, while sitting in a La-z-time reclining two seat sofa with console, enjoying a year of Netflix. Win this with a \$50 ticket. Only 200 tickets sold.
- 3) To be announced. Please check the website as it will be announced soon.

These raffle tickets can be purchased in the Development Office.

If you still have items for the auction, please bring them in. Items turned in after March 11th will be listed in the Addendum of the Auction Book.

Proofing of the auction book will be **March 15th -17th**. Chairpersons will schedule a time to proof their area of the

auction book before it goes to the printer. On Wednesday, **April 13th**, all soliciting committees will meet to fill out bid cards and pick up auction books which they are in turn to hand out, with our thanks, to all those who so generously donated. This meeting will be held in the café at 6:00p.m.

I want to thank you all for the tremendous amount of support given to the auction already. Remember the date: **April 30, 2016.**

Candice Giesen
Auction Coordinator



WHEN: March 17th, 18th, and 19th @ 7:00 pm

WHERE: Zimmer Auditorium, Roncalli Fine Arts Center

DETAILS: The story involves the production of a musical version of William Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew* and the conflict on and off-stage between Fred Graham, the show's director, producer, and star, and his leading lady, his ex-wife Lilli Vanessi.

Tickets are \$15 (adults), \$10 (students) and are available in the Box Office from 5-7pm on March 8, 14, and 17-19th.

Music Boosters

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| March 5th | Solo and Ensemble at Brillion High school |
| March 7th | Choir Concert at Roncalli 7:00pm |
| March 17th-19th | <i>Kiss Me Kate</i> - Food and water donations for concessions are always appreciated! |
| March 20-25 | Band and Choir tours |

Spring Music Explosion
 Saturday, April 23, 2016
 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 Roncalli Fine Arts Center

Tickets are on sale now - act fast, there is limited seating!!! Contact the main office, Mr. Van Sickle or your band student for more information! Follow the link below for an order form.

<http://www.roncallijets.net/pdf/WildfireSpringMusicExplosion2016.pdf>



Athletic Department

NEW FOR 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

All paperwork can now be completed online. This only has to be completed once each school year. If this is the first sport your child will be participating in then the online process must be completed before the first practice.

Below is the link to begin the registration process. This process must be completed by both the parents and students – we need both electronic signatures.

Activity registration link-- <https://roncallihigh-ar.schooltoday.com/> --- either click on the link or cut and paste web address into your browsers address bar.

1. Navigate to the website listed above
2. Read directions on the main page
3. Click the “Register Now” button in the middle of the page
4. Submit all required info on the top portion of the registration –
 - a. If you don’t know your student ID please leave it blank
 - b. All required information has a *asterisks next to it
5. Read through all information and check boxes at the bottom of the page

6. All concussion information can be found on the WIAA website
<http://www.wiaawi.org/Health/Concussions.aspx>
7. Type your name in the appropriate boxes and click next
8. Participation fees are still being taken at the Roncalli business office or online with RenWeb.

Listen to announcements for team meeting times and dates coming up before practice begins.

Spring Sports - Calendar

All game and transportation information for the spring varsity sports is located on the schools web site: (<http://www.roncallijets.net>). From there go to the athletics calendar. Make sure you use these calendars to keep up to date with the spring sports. If there is a cancellation or postponement, the athletic website will be changed immediately. On the athletics website you can sign up for email or text notification of cancellations of games. Just follow the directions on the website. All changes will be announced on WOMT as soon as they are made. Some of the games/meets announcements will be made at the last minute depending on the weather. Please be flexible.

Spring Sport Parent meeting – Wednesday, March 8 at 7:00pm. *Because the band and choir are leaving on their trips at the start of the spring sports season, this meeting is very important for getting the appropriate start times and schedules.*

This meeting is for all spring sports – rooms where the meetings will be held are below:

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Meeting Rm</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Start date</u>
Boys’ &	FAC	Boys Ray Baranczyk	March 7
Girls’ Track	FAC	Girls Tim Schroeder	March 7
Softball	Band Room	Louie Vigue	March 14
Girls Soccer	Cafeteria	Donna Hodous	March 21
Baseball	Computer Lab 106	Dennis Vogel	March 21
Boys Tennis	103-104	Bob Nelson	March 28
Golf	Comp Lab 106	John Haug	March 28

The Spring Sports Clothing Order Form can be found at <http://roncallijets.net/pdf/athletics/2016SpringOrderform.pdf>

Due Date: March 14, 2016

March Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Meatball Subs W/Marinara, Mozz Cheese, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	2 Salisbury Steak Or Grilled Chicken, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Vegetable, Dinner Roll, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	3 Chicken And Gravy On Bun, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	4 Cod Fish Nuggets, Mac And Cheese, Vegetables, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar
7 Brat Or Hot Dog On Bun, Baked Beans, Veg., Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	8 Hamburger Or Pizza burger On Bun, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	9 Chili, Dinner Roll, String Cheese, Fresh Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	10 Soft Beef Tacos, Refried Beans, Rice, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	11 Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Or Fish Sandwich W/Cheese, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar
14 Chicken Alfredo/Noodles, Vegetable, Dinner Roll, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	15 Mozzarella Dippers W/Marinara Or Chicken N Gravy On Bun, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit Salad Bar	16 Chicken Nuggets, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	17 Chicken Fajita, Sautéed Peppers, Vegetable, Rice, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	18 Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Tomato Soup, Vegetable, Crackers, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar
21 Holiday No School	22 Holiday No School	23 Holiday No School	24 Holiday No School	25 Holiday No School
28 Holiday No School	29 Breaded Chicken Patty/Bun, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	30 Hamburger Or Mushroom Swiss Burger, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	31 Chicken Teriyaki W/Oriental Veg., Rice, Vegetables, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	

