



RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Friends,

The last (and only) time that I wrote the cover letter for *Insights* I revealed that words carry a lot of weight with me. I will often ponder a single word for weeks. If I were more creative and original, I would approach this letter differently, but as I was so lovingly told by a student after I tried telling a joke, I'll "stick to my strengths" and continue on with the theme of words.

Lately, the word bouncing in my mind has been "freedom." Last semester I substituted for Mr. Olson's Senior Theology class and was tasked with leading a discussion on the nature of freedom...not daunting at all. After I had the class' attention, I very simply asked the question: "What is freedom?" I was met with an equal portion of blank stares and desperation to avoid eye contact. I couldn't believe it...no one had an answer. I decided to prod a bit by saying, "C'mon! You all live in America and are stumped by the very nature of freedom?" That got the more patriotic kids to muster up some courage to speak up because how dare I question their commitment and loyalty to the American ideal of freedom. The responses from that point were what I expected from most anyone I would ask about what freedom truly is: freedom is doing what you like, when you'd like, and how you'd like.

If that is what you think true freedom is, allow me to challenge that view as I did the class. In order to be truly free and express that freedom, we must first have rules and discipline. Now, this is a tough sell, especially to high school students. However I recently heard a priest reinforce the idea that true freedom requires adherence to the rules by using the analogy of a violin and violinist. He said if you believe that true freedom is doing whatever you'd like to do, then pick up the violin and play me a song. If we follow the definition of freedom given by the class, someone would pick it up and play

some eardrum-shattering sounds because they lacked the ability to actually play. But is that person truly free? Is not a person who has put in the time practicing their scales, movements, and proper finger placements better equipped to express genuine freedom? They can pick up that violin and make something beautiful or play whatever it is they'd like to, all because they made a conscious effort to adhere to the rules and proper discipline.

We're quickly approaching Lent. I know many of us dread the idea of giving something up, so we keep our sacrifices shallow. Or we complain that we're not supposed to eat meat on Fridays and make exceptions when we really don't feel like it.

Now, the Church doesn't put these rules and disciplines in place to punish, but rather to help us grow as true disciples. Just as playing the violin requires time, practice, and intention, so does our faith and personal relationship with God. So this Lent, let's take seriously the call to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is not always easy, but nothing in life worth doing ever is. Let's take ownership of our faith and rise to the challenges given to us every year by the Church during the Lenten season. It is in these Lenten challenges that we grow closer to the heart of Christ and in Him we find true and lasting freedom (Galatians 5:1). This Lent, let's commit ourselves to experiencing freedom rather than settling for mediocrity.

In Christ,

Taylor Geiger



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.



Become a member of the Roncalli Class of 2021!!

✦ If you are still considering a Roncalli education for your child, it is not too late.

- ✦ If you still need more information about our school, it is not too late.
- ✦ If you would like a tour of Roncalli, it is not too late.
- ✦ If you would like your child to shadow a student here at Roncalli, it is not too late.
- ✦ It's not too late to register your child for the Class of 2021.

If you or someone you know is considering Roncalli, please feel free to call Cyndi Kraemer at 920-686-8145 to schedule a tour for your family or a shadow for your child. We would love to show you around and tell you the many opportunities we have to offer.

Business Office Tuition Assistance & Scholarships

We are committed to making the Roncalli experience affordable for all interested families. To confidentially explore your options, please complete the steps below or contact Barbara Strawn, Business Manager (bstrawn@roncallijets.net; 920-686-8139) for more information.

Step 1: (**STUDENTS NEW TO RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL FOR 2017/2018**)

Go to the web page for the Wisconsin School Choice program to see if your family qualifies. <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs/student-applications> Please apply to this program FIRST. If your student is eligible, she/he will have ALL TUITION COSTS PAID through graduation.

Step 2: Complete the FACTS Scholarship Application

If you believe you will be unable to pay high school tuition without financial help, you may confidentially apply through FACTS Management. <https://online.factsmtg.com/signup/> (Families with students at both Roncalli and St Francis schools will be able to complete a single application. This option is still being worked on. We will notify all families as soon as it becomes available.) Important dates to know:

- April 14, 2017, is the last and final deadline for current and registered new families to apply for

a need-based assistance through FACTS. Applications that are submitted by this date, including all of the supporting documentation required by FACTS, will be notified of their award in the beginning of May. The majority of funding available is awarded in this round of applications.

- September 15, 2017, is the last and final deadline for families new to the school and registering after April 14, 2017, to finalize an application.

Step 3: Consider additional Scholarship Opportunities for the 2017-2018 school year.

- St Francis of Assisi Middle School Scholarships
- Freshman Scholarships (granted based on students' merit, not financial need)
- Catholic Family Insurance

Step 4: Consider Hosting an International Student

A Roncalli family who hosts a student for one school year will receive a \$500 tuition discount, a monthly stipend of up to \$500 per month and the opportunity for an incredible inter-cultural experience. (The tuition discount and stipend do not apply for hosting Global Outreach students.) Contact Shannon Pritzl, spritzl@roncallijets.net or 920-682-8801.

Step 5: Participate in the Scrip Program at St Francis of Assisi or St Peter the Fisherman.

Scrip is a gift card resale program in which families and friends can purchase gift cards for many local and national businesses. This program benefits our local parishes as well as families with students at Roncalli High School. Part of the revenue generated will be applied toward tuition. (Contact St Francis of Assisi or St Peter the Fisherman for information.)

Step 6: State Income Tax Deduction

The State of Wisconsin offers an income tax deduction for elementary and secondary school tuition expenses. When filing 2016 tax return, taxpayers may claim private and religious school tuition they paid for their dependent child of up to \$4,000 for kindergarten through eighth grade and up to \$10,000 for grades nine through twelve. The Wisconsin Catholic Conference supported the tax deduction, recognizing it as one of the many ways the state can affirm the vital role parents play in shepherding their children's education. Roncalli High School FEIN is 39-1046808.

Any parent who pays tuition at a private school and taxes in Wisconsin is eligible. This credit reduces taxable income. The amount that any one family or individual will save is dependent upon taxable income.

Step 7: **Research Participation in an Education Savings Account (ESA)**

ESAs provide qualifying families the opportunity to save tax-free for private school tuition expenses. If this option is appropriate for your family, you can begin saving at birth and all earnings that are subsequently used for education will be tax-free. More information is available

at <http://www.irs.gov/publications/p970/ch07.html>

If you have any questions during this process, please feel free to call us and we will provide whatever assistance we can.

Sincerely,
Barbara Strawn
Business Manager
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Spring Break

Monday, March 20 – Friday, March 24

The school office will be open Monday – Wednesday, March 20-22, and closed on Thursday, March 23 and Friday, March 24, 2017.

Parent Reminders

If you have a change in address, telephone, or employment information, please notify Mrs. Anhalt in the Roncalli office at 920-682-8801. Thank you.

Whenever your student is going to be absent or late for school, please call the main office at 920-682-8801 prior to 8:00 a.m. that day. Thank you.

Relevant Radio to broadcast from Roncalli

Thursday, March 9, 2017 12:00pm-1:00pm
Roncalli Fine Arts Center



Father Rocky will be broadcasting his show "Go Ask Your Father" from the Roncalli Fine Arts Center. Join us to see the live broadcast or tune in at www.relevantradio.com/app. Listeners have the opportunity to ask a priest questions related to Church history, the Bible, the saints, the Vatican, the meaning of specific prayers and traditions and much more.

Become a host family today!

We have an exciting opportunity for families to host an international student during the 2017-2018 school year. These high school students will be attending Roncalli High School and are excited to have this opportunity.

Opening your home to someone from another culture is very rewarding. You will not only give a student the chance to experience a Roncalli education, you will also provide yourself and your family with an opportunity to learn about another culture.

This placement will start approximately mid-August and finish at end of the school year in June. The students will cover their personal expenses. Host families are offered a monthly stipend, and if you have a child at Roncalli, there is a discount on Roncalli Tuition as well.

If you are interested in hosting an international student for Roncalli High School, please contact me. I would love to answer any questions you would have.

Susan Senglaub
Local STS Coordinator
[920-629-0179](tel:920-629-0179)
senglaub5@gmail.com



Music Boosters

Solo Ensemble
Saturday, March 4th
at Roncalli High School
8:00 to 5:00 p.m.



Thank you to the parents, Alumni and staff for volunteering

Roncalli Choir Concert
Monday, March 13th at 7 p.m.
Roncalli Fine Art Center

Music Booster General Meeting
Wednesday, April 19th at 7 p.m.
Roncalli Fine Art Center

Pizza Explosion-Roncalli Jazz Band
Saturday, April 22nd at 7 p.m.
Get your tickets - it sells out fast!!

Guidance Department

Reality Store.- The Chamber of Commerce will once again be presenting the financial education event, “The Reality Store” on March 15. The goal of this event is to help students learn basic skills in financial planning, goal setting, decision making, and career planning. After choosing a career, students will visit the bank to determine their monthly salary after student loan payment, and then it’s off to Uncle Sam to have taxes taken out. Students will visit a variety of booths as they learn about monthly expenses including groceries, car payments and gas, utilities, insurance, recreation, and a few others. It’s always interesting to see how surprised some students are when they realize how much things really cost.

Scholarships – There are new scholarships coming in on a regular basis. Seniors should check our website for updates. Seniors will be notified when the in-house scholarships, available only to Roncalli students, are posted. The UW system has posted all of their scholarships on this site <http://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/paying/uwlist.aspx>. There are other scholarship sites that have you create a profile; then you are matched with different scholarships including www.fastweb.com and www.scholarships.com

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.

Placement Testing - The UW system requires incoming students to take a placement test in math and English with an optional foreign language test. You can take the placement test at any UW school, not just the one you plan to attend. Registration began February 1 and the website is www.testing.wisc.edu/centerpages/regionaltesting.html.

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 February 28, they should register

for one of the following: April 8 or June 10. 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 requires 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.

Roncalli Pierside Auction

Items continue to come in for this year’s auction. As a reminder, all contracts are due **Friday, March 10th**. There are so many wonderful parents, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends working to make this a success.

Remember we have three raffles that are so exciting:



1) \$10,000 cash raffle -- \$100 a ticket/only 500 sold. A 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 successful beneficial to our school and the success of the auction to sell out of these tickets and hold the drawing at the Intermission of the Oral Auction.

2) Entertainment Raffle – To be announced. Each ticket \$50. Only 200 tickets sold.

3) Vacation Raffle—Relax and enjoy an all-inclusive 5 Day Caribbean Cruise on the Carnival Cruise Line ship “Carnival Splendor” in your own balcony stateroom for two. September 18th-22nd, 2017. The ship departs out of Ft. Lauderdale with stops in Ocho Rios and Grand Cayman. \$50 a ticket/only 200 sold.

These raffle tickets can be purchased in the Development Office.

If you still have items for the auction, please bring them in. After March 10th they will be an addition to the addendum.

Proofing of the auction book will be **March 14th -16th**. Chairpersons will schedule a time to proof their area of the auction book before it goes to the printer. On Wednesday, **April 12th**, all soliciting committees will meet to fill out bid cards and pick up auction books and hand them out with our thanks to all those who so generously donated. This meeting will be held in the **café at 6:00 p.m.**

I want to thank you all for the tremendous amount of support given to the auction already. Remember the date: **April 29, 2017.**

Candice Giesen
Auction Coordinator

Athletic Department

rSchool and submitting paperwork

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 the web address into your browser's 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 an * asterisk 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 at <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 school's website: (<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 Sports Parent meeting – Wednesday, March 1 at 7:00 pm. *With the Costa Rica Spanish trip and spring break at the start of the spring seasons, this meeting is very important to get 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' &	Cafeteria	Boys Ray Baranczyk	March 6
Girls' Track		Girls Tim Schroeder	March 6
Softball	Band Room	Louie Vigue	March 13
Girls Soccer	Room 102	Katie O'Neil	March 20
Baseball	Room 106	Ben Ruechel	March 20
Boys Tennis	Room 103	Bob Nelson	March 27
Golf	Room 101	John Haug	March 27

The Spring Sports Clothing Order Form can be found at <http://www.roncallijets.net/athletics/schedules.html>
Due March 15, 2017.

Faith and Football... Pray Hard, Play Hard!

Do you know any Catholic football players who want to be their best on and off the field? Check out the Our Lady of Victory Football Camp... a 3.5-day, overnight high school football camp held at St. Norbert College June 22-25. Space is limited... register online today at <http://olovfootball.com>

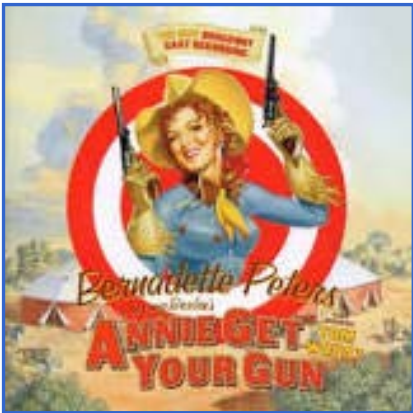


March Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Cheese Calzone, W/Marinara, OR Cod Nuggets, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	2 Chicken Teriyaki W/Oriental Veg., Rice, Vegetables, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	3 Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Fresh Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar
6 Super Nachos, Refried Beans, Mini Carrots/Dip, Rice, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	7 Orange Chicken, Rice, Vegetables, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	8 Spaghetti With Meat Sauce, Vegetable, Breadstick, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	9 Chicken Nuggets, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	10 Italian Pasta Bake W/Marinara, Breadstick, Fresh Veg., Dip, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar
13 Chicken Parmesan W/Mozz And Marinara, Dinner Roll, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	14 Chicken And Gravy Over Mashed Potato, Dinner Roll, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	15 Hamburger Or Pizzaburger On Bun, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	16 Chicken Fajita, Sautéed Peppers, Vegetable, Rice, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	17 Mozzarella Dipper W/Marinara Or Fish Sandwich W/Cheese, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar
20 Spring Break No School	21 Spring Break No School	22 Spring Break No School	23 Spring Break No School	24 Spring Break No School
27 Breaded Chicken Patty/Bun, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	28 Sloppy Joe On Bun, Potato, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	29 Mozzarella Dippers W/Marinara Or Chicken N Gravy On Bun, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit Salad Bar	30 Chicken Fajita, Sautéed Peppers, Vegetable, Rice, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	31 Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza Or Fish Sandwich W/Cheese, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Roncalli High School
Presents:



March 9, 10 & 11, 2017
7:00 pm
Zimmer Auditorium
Tickets: \$15 Adults * \$10 Students
Box Office Hours—
Monday, March 6 5:00-7:00 pm
Show Dates - March 9, 10, 11 open @ 5:00 pm
Call 686-8151 or stop in
during box office hours to purchase your tickets!

