



RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL



INSIGHTS

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Dear friends,

The past week here at school, we have been reflecting on the concept of “community.” Now, it may seem cliché, or even like we’re beating a dead horse, to reflect on this at the very beginning of the school year, but community is something that we all too often take for granted. Seldom do we actually take the time to appreciate the people in our lives or the time to tell the stories of how we met in order to keep those precocious memories alive.

I had the opportunity to lead some of these reflections with the student body. We challenged our students to think outside of themselves because a community cannot be just the one, but rather the many. We often need to put aside our own wants and desires in order to see our communities thrive. Now I acknowledge the difficulty of this sentiment, especially when our collective philosophy seems to be “you do you.” But at our core we know this philosophy to be severely lacking. We are better because of the people in our lives and the way they enrich us.

To capstone our week, we ended with the freshman retreat at Camp Sinawa. The theme of the retreat was, “Am I My Brother’s Keeper?” I challenged the freshman to answer that question for themselves (in hopes that they would realize that the correct answer is “yes”) by asking themselves how they see themselves as part of a community. We tried to instill in them that community takes intention...we cannot just wish it into being. Mr. Olson is fond of saying that only God can call something into being, we must actively work at it. This is absolutely something we should teach to our freshman every year, but it is also something we must remind ourselves of - no matter how strong the community we have built.

I had the honor of standing up for my best friend’s wedding the day after our freshman retreat. I got to meet his extended family. We laughed, shared food and

memories, and told our stories. It was a wonderful experience, and one that felt particularly poignant given the retreat I just helped to lead. Here I was experiencing not only the community that I had to intentionally help create, but also the broader one that I had never seen. I made some new friends and bonded with people over our shared love of the bride and groom.

Community is something we so often take for granted but so desperately need. We seek it all of the time, but many of us do not like the work that it takes to build a strong and stable community. Let’s teach our freshman now, and the many more to come, what it looks like to have a good community and love each other the way that God intended.

Christ’s Peace,

Taylor Geiger

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FACTS ~ the NEW billing system at Roncalli

Thank You, for your cooperation and patience during our conversion to FACTS. Change is difficult, but when we work together, the result makes the effort worth our time.

If you’ve not already set up auto pay for “Incidental Billing,” you can do so at any time by signing into your FACTS account.

Payments can still be **made directly to Roncalli.**

If you have questions regarding your account, you may contact Wendy Nett at 686-8153, wnett@roncallijets.net OR Barbara Strawn at 686-8139, bstrawn@roncallijets.net

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.

7th and 8th Grade Day

On Tuesday, October 10th, we will be hosting area students during our Annual 7th & 8th Grade Day. The event allows students to tour our school, visit classes, learn about extracurricular activities, and meet our student body and teachers. Student arrival time is 9:05 a.m. and departure is at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. All area seventh and eighth-graders are welcome to attend. This is a wonderful way to learn about Roncalli and to experience a typical day in the life of a Roncalli student.

If your family is interested or if you know of a family who may be interested, please let us know by calling Cyndi Kraemer at Roncalli, 686-8145. We would love to have your student join us on October 10th. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email Cyndi at ckraemer@roncallijets.net.



Please join us at Roncalli High School for our Open House on Wednesday, November 8, 2017. Registration begins at 6:45p.m. The welcome session is at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center followed by a guided tour starting at 7:30 p.m. There will be a drawing for two \$500 tuition grants. If you are not able to attend our Open House, feel free to call to arrange a time for a private tour.

Come and experience what Roncalli has to offer your student. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, November 8th. Please call Cyndi Kraemer at 920-686-8145 if you have any questions.

Pierside Auction

Welcome to another school year! Being a part of the Roncalli community includes being a part of the Roncalli Auction. April may seem far away, but it is in October that the auction committees are formed. The auction chairmen are looking for individuals that would like to help in one of the many booths at the event. New families to Roncalli will be receiving a phone call from an auction chairman. This is also an opportunity for those Roncalli parents that have not taken part in the event, to please consider getting involved with it this fall.

The auction is the result of the combined work of more than 250 volunteers; however, the goal is to have every single family in the Roncalli community contribute in some way. Each and every family is needed; so please think about becoming involved in any of the following ways:

*Actively participate in one of our booths: Oral Auction, Dining & Entertainment, Services, Children, In the Home, Garden & Patio, Seasonal Palates, Fine Art, Celebrations, Collegiate, and the “Everything Roncalli” booth.

*If you’re a foodie or a fantastic cook, consider sharing your favorite recipe along with ingredients for the Seasonal Palettes booth.

*Join the \$10,000 Raffle Committee and **sell, sell, sell** those tickets.

*Purchase a religious item for the Faith & Inspiration booth, especially one from a different state or country.

*Donate a service or items from your personal business or request a donation from your place of employment.

*Volunteer to help with set up on Thursday evening or Friday. Consider helping the night of the event in registration, cashiering, food area, in a raffle booth, or in the Jet Hanger selling wine.

The auction is Roncalli’s largest fundraiser, and the money raised helps to defray the cost of tuition for every student. This event is a wonderful way to get family and friends together, let alone meeting new people and supporting Roncalli. The event date this year is **Saturday, April 28, 2018**.

Email or call Candice Giesen, Auction Coordinator, at cgiesen@roncallijets.net, 686-8150 to sign up for this event that benefits our school so much, or just say “yes” to the committee chairs who will be calling all new families.

Guidance Department

Seniors - Students are encouraged to apply to college earlier rather than later. In most cases, the sooner you apply, the sooner you will find out if you're accepted. Some schools such as UW Madison and Marquette have a set day for notification. Once you're accepted, you will receive information on housing. Only seniors have off on October 11, and all students have off on October 23 & 24. These are great opportunities to visit colleges to see what it's like now that school is back in session.

New Date

Financial Aid Night - We will be hosting a Financial Aid for College on **Wednesday, October 25** at 6:30 p.m. A local college representative will present information on scholarships, grants, loans, and filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Students can complete their FAFSA anytime after October 1. This is a change from the usual January 1 timeline.

Juniors - They will take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 11. This test measures critical reading, math problem solving, and writing skills. The PSAT prepares students for standardized college admissions tests, including the ACT. It also qualifies students for the National Merit Scholarship Competition.

Wisconsin Education Fair - This allows students an opportunity to meet college reps from over 80 four-year and two-year colleges, technical colleges, and all branches of the military. We will bus the juniors to St. Norbert College on Wed, October 18 for this event. We will prepare them ahead of time regarding what types of questions to ask. This takes place the evening before if parents also wish to attend.

P.A.R.T.Y. at the P.A.C.: The sophomores will be attending the P.A.R.T.Y. (Prevent Alcohol and Risk Related Trauma in Youth) at the Performing Arts Center in Appleton on October 5. The program educates area 10th grade students about the consequences of making poor choices and participating in at-risk behaviors. Within the teen driver population, alcohol, speeding, and distracted driving are major factors in teen-related car accidents and deaths. The program is a collaboration among the ThedaCare Trauma Center, firefighters, law enforcement, and EMTs. Roncalli is very fortunate to be among the schools that were invited to this event.



Band Concert

Monday, October 9, 2017
at 7:00 p.m.
Fine Arts Center

Choir Concert

Monday, October 16, 2017
at 7:00 p.m.
Saint Peter the Fishermen Church (Two Rivers)

Fall Musical

Roncalli High School

Presents:



Zimmer Auditorium

Thur., Fri., Sat., Nov. 9, 10, 11

7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 12 @ 2:00 p.m.

Ticket Prices: \$15 Adults ® \$10 Grades 9-12
\$5 Grades K-8 ® <K - FREE with adult
Tickets are General Admission Seating

Box Office Hours: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Mondays, Oct. 30 and Nov. 6

Show Dates

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Nov. 9, 10, 11

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 12 from 1:00 p.m. until show time

Stop at the box office or Call 686-8151
during listed hours to purchase your tickets

Commended Students in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program

Tim Olson, Principal of Roncalli High School would like to announce that three senior students have been named as Commended Students in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program. Those students are Joe Gentine, Reed Kossow, and Simeon Newton.



Joe



Reed



Simeon

Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.6 million students who entered the 2018 competition by taking the 2016 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT).

"The young men and women being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," commented a spokesperson for NMSC (National Merit Scholarship Corporation). "These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success."

NHS Criteria



National Honor Society is an honorary organization which recognizes those students who have demonstrated superior qualities of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. In order to be considered for membership in NHS, a student must be a junior or senior with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5. Students who meet these criteria will receive a letter inviting them to apply to NHS. This letter will be sent to their home addresses by the last week of September.

The application process consists of listing all activities in which the student is involved, including school, church, and community activities; writing a leadership essay; and providing three character references. Once all paperwork is completed, applicants are then interviewed by a panel of their peers, which consists of three current NHS students and a faculty or administrative representative.

Candidates for NHS will be inducted on Sunday, November 5, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center.



Spanish Honor Society

Spanish Honor Society officially accepts new members in the spring. The society seeks to recognize excellence in the study of foreign language and to promote a continuity of interest in Spanish studies.

The requirements to be admitted into the Spanish Honor Society (Segovia Chapter of the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica) are as follows:

- A senior displaying overall good character
- Enrolled in either Spanish IV or Spanish V during the senior year
- Maintains a cumulative GPA of 3.6 or higher
- Maintains a cumulative GPA of 3.8 or higher in Spanish for the 5 semesters that precede the final semester of the senior year

After School Café

The After School Café is open every day after school from 3:00 to 4:00 and is located in room 107. A variety of healthy snacks including sandwiches, yogurt, and juice boxes are available. Everything is priced \$1.00 or less, and all are a great deal! Soon, we will start our hot chocolate, cappuccino, and chai tea sales on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In addition, look for and listen for our specials each week.

Snack Time!

After School Cafe FACS Room 107

Chips	\$0.50
Granola Bars	\$0.25
Yogurt	\$0.50
Nuts or Trail Mix	\$0.75
Juice	\$0.50
Propel Packets	\$0.25
String Cheese	\$0.25
Beef Sticks	\$0.50
Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich	\$0.50
Ham or Turkey with Cheese Sandwich	\$1.00
Greek Yogurt or Balanced Breaks	\$1.00



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Stuffed Crust Cheese Or Pepperoni Pizza, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	3 Oriental Bar, Chicken, Vegetable, Rice, Sweet N Sour Or Teriyaki Sauce, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	4 Meatball Subs W/Marinara, Mozz Cheese, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	5 Chicken Nuggets, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	6 Spaghetti With Meat Sauce, Vegetable, Breadstick, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar
9 Mini Corndogs, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	10 Hot Dog/Bun, Mini Carrots W/Dip, Apple Slices, Sun Chips, Cookie, Milk, NO SALAD BAR	11 Noon Dismissal No Hot Lunch	12 Breaded Chicken Patty/Bun, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	13 Chili, Dinner Roll, String Cheese, Fresh Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar
16 Mozzarella Dippers W/Marinara Or Chicken N Gravy On Bun, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit Salad Bar	17 Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Tomato Soup, Vegetable, Crackers, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	18 Hamburger Or Mushroom Swiss Burger, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	19 Chicken Quesadilla Or Cheese Pizza, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	20 Chicken Fajitas, Sautéed Peppers, Vegetable, Rice, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar
23 No School Teacher In- service	24 No School Teacher In- service	25 BBQ Pork On Bun, Vegetables, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	26 Pepperoni Calzone W/Marinara Or Cheese Pizza, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	27 Super Nachos, Refried Beans, Mini Carrots/Dip, Rice, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar
30 Chicken Alfredo/Noodles, Vegetable, Dinner Roll, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	31 Salisbury Steak Or Grilled Chicken, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Vegetable, Dinner Roll, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar			

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