

# RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL

# INSIGHTS



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Dear Friends,

The first week of school always engenders a myriad of emotions. There is excitement of course, tempered by some apprehension, and for me a little nostalgia. I can't believe it's been forty years since I first stood in front of a class as a full time teacher. I'd been hired by the Catholic school system in Winona, Minnesota to teach music. I was paid the enormous salary of \$7000 a year to teach grades 4-12 in four different schools. The back seat of my car was full of music, books, guitars, and recorders. I would rush from one building to the other over the course of the day. I sometimes had nine classes a day. I also did drama at the high school, worked with student council, and eventually was the 9<sup>th</sup> grade basketball coach, although I had absolutely no real idea what I was doing. Scared as I was, and unsure as I was, I loved every minute of it. I still do. Okay, perhaps not every minute, but this is still a profession that brings with it satisfactions that I doubt can be matched in almost any other.

It is incomprehensible how much has changed over those forty years. When I began, I was expected to teach as I'd been taught. There were no computers, cell phones, reform movements, or what seem like endless standardized tests. If someone mentioned school violence, they were most likely referring to some dust up between two students. Doors were open. I remember an entire faculty meeting devoted almost entirely to two subjects: shoes that left scuff marks on the floor and gum chewing in class. It was indeed a simpler time. The other night on the news a reporter was doing a story about police and fire departments training for a school shooting. She called it the "new normal." There is nothing normal about that at all. I guess not all the change has been good.

There is still one constant, and it is what has kept me going back into a classroom for four decades. You see it on the faces of those in front of you. As much as a teenager will

try to hide it, they are hungry for meaning, for substance, for direction, and to learn. I am still just as hungry to teach them. And for all this time, they continue to teach me. There is an energy found in the company of adolescents that could fuel the world. When I began, I was barely older than my students and only a hint or two wiser. I'm not in my golden years yet, but the days do have a yellowish hue. I don't listen to their music, wear their fashions, understand their technology, and sometimes am completely clueless about topics they discuss. But fundamentally, they aren't all that different from those first classes. They aren't all that different than I was. They want and need the same things. And they want their lives to mean something. As a theology teacher now, I have just the answers. They may not take hold right away, but it is a tremendous responsibility to lay a foundation for the rest of their lives. Teachers help do that. I can't imagine forty years better spent.



Roncalli Principal



## 8th Grade Day

On Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting area students during our Annual 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Day. The event allows students to tour our school, visit classes, learn about extra-curricular 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 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 11<sup>th</sup> and if you have any questions, please feel free to call or email Cyndi at, [ckraemer@roncallijets.net](mailto:ckraemer@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.

## Guidance Department

Seniors - Ms. Nickels will review the application process for colleges during the first couple of weeks of school, including filling out the application and how to send transcripts and letters of recommendation. She will also meet with the seniors one-on-one to help them plan for their future.

Juniors - All juniors will be attending the Wisconsin Education Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at Lakeland University from approximately 8:45 - 11:45. There will be representatives from over 100 colleges, technical colleges, and military branches. More information on this will be given to the juniors.

Aspire Test Results - These will be shared with the students and copies of the results, along with an explanation of them, will be mailed to the parents.

College Admissions Testing - Almost all colleges require either the ACT or SAT for admission purposes. Both of these tests have changed in the past year. ACT will have additional scores including a STEM Score, Progress Toward Career Readiness Indicator, English Language Arts Score, and Understanding Complex Text Indicator. The score scale of 1 - 36 will not change. The writing portion is still optional for the ACT. UW Madison is no longer requiring it. These specific changes will be discussed with the juniors. The SAT has undergone some changes. There are now two SAT sections: Math, Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, plus an optional Essay.



### 2016-17 ACT Test Dates

September 16  
 October 22  
 December 10  
 February 11  
 April 8  
 June 10

**Lasallian Youth & Campus Ministry**

Welcome back!

I want to take this opportunity to thank so many of the student volunteers who have made several service projects and events a success already this summer. In July, students helped run kids games at the Lakeshore Weekend for Kids and participated in the Relay for Life in Two Rivers. Their love and dedication did not only help make the events a success, but it was also a blast for everyone involved. Already in August, students have sacrificed much of their time to help set up for the Touched Twice United Clinic which happened August 9<sup>th</sup> – August 13<sup>th</sup>. That week they also helped serve the religious of our community at the annual Serra Club Picnic. At Touched Twice they helped local volunteers sort through thousands of clothes and hundreds of personal care items. Then, on August 13<sup>th</sup>, students volunteered to walk families through the school to pick out clothes and receive services. I am deeply grateful to so many people for stepping up to help.

Throughout the year there will be many opportunities for students to grow in their faith- whether that be through the Liturgy, prayer opportunities, or service. I would like to take a moment to invite not only the students, but also you, their families, to these events. All school Masses happen once a month, the first one being on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> @ 1:50 in the Auditorium. Weekly 7:17 AM Liturgies in the school Chapel begin on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. All members of our community are always welcome to join and worship with us. Also, every Monday in the Chapel there will be what we call “Monday’s With Mary”. The students, just before their lunch period, gather to pray just one decade of the rosary. On Tuesday – Friday we gather in the chapel, again before lunch, to pray just a decade of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. If you do not know the prayer, no worries! We will happily include and teach you. Again, family is more than welcome to join us for that.

Father Michael Warden will once again be joining us on Tuesday of every week, but we are changing up his visit just a little bit. We will be offering Reconciliation one week, and then having Eucharistic Adoration the following week, going back and forth each week for the rest of the year. This is a great chance to grow in faith and take some time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

I look forward to the new school year and getting to know many of you as the year goes on.

Christ’s Peace,  
 Taylor Geiger, Campus Minister  
 tgeiger@roncallijets.net



### Music Boosters

- Music Boosters General Membership Meeting is Wednesday, September 21st at 7:00pm in the Zimmer Auditorium
- Board of Directors Meeting is Monday, September 12th at 6:30pm in the Brother's House
- Band and Choir Uniform Fees and Volunteer Forms should be turned into the main office as soon as possible.

Please add first semester concert dates to your calendars:

- Band Fall Concert - Monday, October 17th at 7:00pm in the Zimmer Auditorium
- Choirs Sacred Choral Concert - Monday, October 24th at 7:00pm at St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church in Two Rivers
- All Bands and Choirs - The Christmas Show - December 2, 3, and 4th.
- Oratorio Choir and special ensembles - Madrigal Dinner - Saturday, December 10th 5:00pm



### Roncalli Open House

Please join us at Roncalli High School's Open House on Wednesday, November 9, 2016. Registration begins at 6:45p.m. The welcome session is at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center followed by a guided tour beginning at 7:30p.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 family. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Please call Cyndi Kraemer at 920-686-8145 or email her at [ckraemer@roncallijets.net](mailto:ckraemer@roncallijets.net) if you have any questions.



### Cafeteria Notes

Hot Lunch price for the 2016/17 school year is **\$3.05** per meal. Student's ID card is **REQUIRED** to eat lunch.

SALAD BAR is for students purchasing Hot Lunch or those who purchase a salad from Ala Carte ~ **NO** containers from home are permitted at the salad bar.

Peanut Butter & Jelly is available every day as Substitution to the main Entrée. In addition, Fruit Yogurt Parfaits and Hummus & Chips are available on an alternating day basis.

Government regulations state - Hot Lunch students must take a minimum of two (2) servings of fruit and vegetable which can be one (1) serving of Fruit and one (1) serving of Vegetable **OR** two (2) servings of the student's choice of Vegetable or Fruit

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Chicken Fajita, Sautéed Peppers, Vegetable, Rice, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	2 Noon Dismissal No Hot Lunch
5 Holiday No School	6 Hot Dog Or Chili Dog On Bun, Baked Beans, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	7 Chicken Alfredo/Noodles, Vegetable, Dinner Roll, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	8 Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Tomato Soup, Vegetable, Crackers, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	9 Mini Corndogs, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar
12 Brunch For Lunch, Sausage Links, Pancakes, Hash Browns, Fresh Vegetables, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	13 Breaded Chicken Patty/Bun, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	14 Meatball Subs W/Marinara, Mozz Cheese, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	15 Oriental Bar, Chicken, Vegetable, Rice, Sweet N Sour Or Teriyaki Sauce, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	16 BBQ Pork Or Chicken And Gravy On Bun, Vegetables, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar
19 Hamburger Or Mushroom Swiss Burger, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	20 Chicken Nuggets, Mac And Cheese, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	21 Chicken Quesadilla Or Cheese Pizza, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	22 Spaghetti With Meat Sauce, Vegetable, Breadstick, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	23 Mini Corndogs, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar
26 Salisbury Steak Or Grilled Chicken, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Vegetable, Dinner Roll, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar	27 Super Nachos, Refried Beans, Mini Carrots/Dip, Rice, 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 Stuffed Crust Cheese Or Pepperoni Pizza, Vegetable, Milk, Fruit, Salad Bar

**RAA Event Workers Schedule**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the need to staff various jobs for various events, it is most practical to assign people to these jobs on the dates listed. Effort was made to not schedule parents to work when their student is participating.

IF YOU CANNOT MAKE THE DATE YOU HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND A SUBSTITUTE OR MAKE A SWAP WITH SOMEONE. If you make a change, please notify Bob or Susie DeRoche (920-682-2578)

Parent(s)	Date	Time	Job	Event
Andrastek, Joseph	9-24-16	8:30-10	Tickets	Volleyball
Bartel, Michael and Sarah	9-20-16	5:15-7:15	Usher	Volleyball
Becker, James and Judy	9-15-16	4:45-6	Ushers	Volleyball
Bettag, Mark and Teresa	9-16-16	6-half	Tickets	Football
Bierman, Crystal	9-20-16	7:15-end	Usher	Volleyball
Brey, Tim and Angela	9-16-16	6:30-end	Usher	Football
Parent(s)	Date	Time	Job	Event
Czekala, Christopher and Paula	9-12-16	5:30-7	Concessions	Volleyball

Dewane, Robert and Tricia	9-12-16	7-end	Concessions	Volleyball
Dvorachek, Jeffrey and Tamara	9-16-16	6:30-end	Concessions	Football
Eis, Steve and Mary	9-16-16	6:30-end	Concessions	Football
Evanoff, Kurt and Daniela	9-23-16	6:30-end	Concessions	Football
Falconer, Steve and Clare	9-12-16	5:15-6:30	Usher	Volleyball
Fowles, Catina	9-20-16	5:15-6:45	Tickets	Volleyball
Gabalton, Philbert and Amanda	9-24-16	8:30-10:30	Ushers	Volleyball
Gallenberger, Richard and Kimberly	9-16-16	6:30-end	Concessions	Football
Gauger, Wilfred and Carol	9-23-16	6-half	Tickets	Football
Gentine, Anthony and Mary	9-23-16	6:30-end	Ushers	Football
Giesen, Thomas and Candice	9-24-16	8:30-10:30	Concessions	Volleyball
Gill, Rick and Jerilynn	9-15-16	6-end	Concessions	Volleyball
Glander, Timothy and Judy	9-24-16	10:30-12:30	Usher	Volleyball
Gleichner, Scott and Annette	9-24-16	10:30-12:30	Concessions	Volleyball
Gottshall, Paul and Lisa	9-23-16	6:30-end	Concessions	Football
Guyette, Ned and Beth	9-23-16	6:30-end	Concessions	Football
Halstrom, Chris	9-12-16	6:30-end	Usher	Volleyball
Haney, Anne	9-20-16	6:45-8	Tickets	Volleyball
Haws, Troy and Dawn	9-24-16	12:30-2:30	Concessions	Volleyball
Henning, Thomas and Barbara	9-24-16	2:30-4:30	Concessions	Volleyball
Howard, George and Karlyn	9-24-16	12:30-2:30	Usher	Volleyball
Isselmann, Eric and Carla	9-20-16	5:45-7:15	Concessions	Volleyball
Jacoby, Jeffrey and Kathleen	9-24-16	2:30-4:30	Usher	Volleyball
Nelson, Rosemary	9-15-16	4:30-6	Tickets	Volleyball
Orchekowski, Mike and Deanna	9-20-16	7:15-end	Concessions	Volleyball
Patek, Dale and Lisa	9-15-16	6-end	Usher	Volleyball
Petri, Cariann	9-24-16	10-11:30	Tickets	Volleyball
Piaskowski, Barb	9-12-16	5:30-7:30	Clothing	Volleyball
Schnur, Tracy	9-20-16	5:45-7:30	Clothing	Volleyball
Soukup, Sue	9-12-16	6:30-8	Tickets	Volleyball
Tisol Retzinger, Amy	9-12-16	5-6:30	Tickets	Volleyball
Ziegler, Donald and Koss-Ziegler, Judith	9-15-16	4:45-6	Concessions	Volleyball

Roncalli High School Virtual Tour

<http://www.roncallijets.net/tour/>

