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As a Catholic high school, our pledge is to provide, in concert with parents, parish and community, an educational opportunity which seeks to form Christian leaders in body, mind and spirit.

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POINT OF VIEW

A Forty Year Pilgrimage

Joseph D. Hollowell Ed. D., President

As Roncalli gets closer and closer to celebrating its 50th year as a school community, I am preparing to celebrate a personal anniversary of sorts as well. The end of this academic year will mark the completion of 40 years of service to the Roncalli Family. I have often heard from others who have spent the majority of their professional life at one organization, "I never thought I would ever stay that long anywhere!" In retrospect, I confirm this phrase certainly applies to me.

I called Roncalli based on a tip from a friend who had heard that the school was looking for a chemistry teacher in August of 1979. When I called Bernie Dever, who was the principal at that time, he asked me if I had a chemistry degree. I said yes. I think it was so close to the start of the school year and Bernie was so desperate for a teacher that he decided to end the interview right then and ask me, "When can you come in and sign a contract?" As it turns out, perhaps Bernie should have asked me a few more questions!

Nearing the end of my first year of teaching, which I thought had gone very well, I found myself in the principal's office with Mr. Dever and Dick Schott who served as my supervising teacher. A supervising teacher was necessary because I had never gone through a student teaching program which is normally required for all

teachers before they begin their career. About five minutes into the meeting, I realized that we were talking about whether or not I was going to be offered a chance to teach for another year at Roncalli. It seems Mr. Dever did not share my opinion of how well the first year had gone!

Finally, it was determined that I would be given another chance because Mr. Schott noted that he saw some potential in my work. In all of my years at Roncalli, I have never forgotten those few minutes in the Principal's Office. And I have been forever grateful that I was given another chance to get better. Seven years later, I was on the stage with Indiana Governor Robert Orr being recognized as a charter member of the first group of 40 Indiana Academic All-Star Mentor Teachers from throughout the state - one of the most gratifying awards I have ever received. I hope that if Mr. Dever had been alive then to see that spectacle he would have felt affirmed in his decision to give me another chance at teaching.

Now at the other end of my journey at Roncalli and related to the true meaning of pilgrimage - another blessing during my time here has been the opportunity to lead the Summer Field Study program. In a few months, we will depart on our 40th trip into the mountains to hike, raft, backpack, climb, swim, and

explore the extraordinary wonders of God's creation. This coming summer we will surpass 3,000 students in terms of the number of participants who have been able to travel with us on this two-week adventure into the mountains. The combination of the challenges of living in the mountains, wandering outside of our comfort zone, and being immersed in the beauties of God's creation allows for the sacred character of the souls of our students to come to full bloom. It is a program that has truly been guided by the Holy Spirit, and it has been a unique opportunity to be a part of this experience with our students.

The idea of going on pilgrimage is to take a journey to a sacred place - often accompanied by struggle, personal growth, and a renewal in understanding of self and others. The unending theme of my pilgrimage at Roncalli has been to meet fascinating students, great families, and committed colleagues all rising to meet engaging challenges together. It is through the people I have met and the challenges we have risen to meet together that I know I have traveled through a sacred time and space on a journey that has forever changed me.

To everyone who is reading this who has been a part of my Roncalli pilgrimage I say - thank you for struggling with me, thank you for changing me, and thank you for helping me to grow. Perhaps most importantly, thank you for showing me the beauties of God through your lives uniquely and fully lived.

May God bless you and all of those dear to you in every good way!



ADVANCEMENT ANGLE

Just Can't be Defined

Terese R. Carson Hon'18, Vice President for Institutional Advancement

I am about to date myself with my age. When I was growing up, obviously there was no internet, Google or phone apps to seek information when you wanted to know something. In our household, my brother and I would frequently ask my parents what a particular word meant. The standard response always came from my mom: look it up in the dictionary! She wanted us to learn, and I am certain that she already knew the answers to our questions, but she also knew that if we sought the answers ourselves, it would be more meaningful and lasting. So we would haul ourselves into the family room where the bookshelve was located, and pull down the very worn dictionary to look up the word in question. I am going to ask my mom if she is still in possession of that dictionary.

Well, I heard something again this week about defining a word/feeling. In fact, it is probably safe to say that I have heard a similar comment at least once a month during my 17 years here. Our visitors experience something indescribable. They walk into our building and just can't define the feeling. It is something special - that they know. It is something different, but that is not enough to convey the feeling. They also know that this is a place where their children should be, a place of learning so many things.

Some of our visitors have tried to define the feeling as the Holy Spirit. They have conveyed that the Holy Spirit is alive at Roncalli. This is true but somehow not all encompassing. The Roncalli Rebel spirit is alive and well at Roncalli. Teachers are excited to teach and students are

excited to learn. And learning does not just entail academics, it also entails growing in one's faith, in relationships and as a young adult. Roncalli is a place of excellence, of tradition, of faith and of family. Goodness, I have worked here for almost two decades and even I can't define what is so differently refreshing when entering 3300 Prague Road! So, I will continue to take the word of our visitors (whether first timers or frequent fliers) that there is something very special about Roncalli that they experience when in our school.

If you have never been to our school or have been around for many years, I invite you to come for a visit to experience what I and so many others have experienced for years. I promise it will be so much more meaningful and lasting if you are able to feel it for yourself. Please don't refer me to the dictionary (thanks mom!) to find the right word for this incredible school family and community.....it just can't be defined.

GYMNASIUM CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction Start Date – October 2018

Items Complete at End of February

- Precast Gym Walls
- Gym Roof
- Structural Steel for the West Entrance and East Locker Rooms/Storage Buildings

Next Steps:

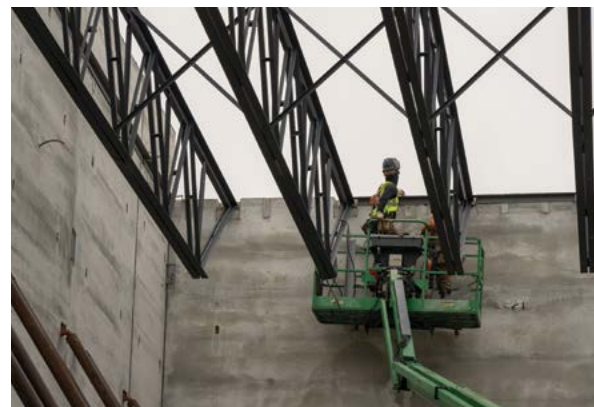
Concrete Slab for Gym Floor – Early April

Wood Floor and Bleachers – Summer

Expected Completion – Mid-September 2019

Facts about the project:

- Seating capacity will be 2,000+
- The main entrance lobby will face west, while locker rooms and storage rooms will be built on the east side.
- A connector to the main school building is anticipated in the design and will be completed when funds are available.
- Site improvements include expanded and new water retention areas that will reduce water flow from the campus during rain events.



PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE TALENTS AT CHRISTMAS SHOW

The Roncalli community began ringing in the Christmas season by attending the Roncalli High School Christmas concerts on December 4th when the concert band, jazz band and orchestra, led by director Ms. Kathy Peach, entertained at 7:00 PM.

The Christmas Choral concert with performances by the advanced women's chorus, beginning mixed chorus and show choir performed at 6:00 PM on December 11th. The 8:00 PM show featured the advanced women's chorus, beginning women's chorus and show choir. Mr. Joey Newton led the choral groups.

Choir Director Joey Newton, said, "The choirs have been working hard since October to prepare for this joyful concert!"



Juniors Abby Conway and Lilly Secrest



Freshman Ian Knight

Beginning Women's Chorus and Show Choir





(left to right) Amanda Blankenberger and Katie Minton

MINTON VALEDICTORIAN, BLANKENBERGER SALUTATORIAN

Senior **Katie Minton** was named the Valedictorian and senior **Amanda Blankenberger** was named Salutatorian for the Roncalli High School class of 2019.

Minton selected Roncalli's most challenging curriculum throughout her high school career including seven Advanced Placement classes and 14 additional honors and accelerated courses. She earned no grade lower than an A in any class, not even an A-. Minton also earned a perfect score, twice, on the Reading portion of the ACT and is an AP Scholar with Distinction after scoring a five, the highest score, on three different AP exams.

Outside of the classroom, Minton serves as the Dance Captain for Show Choir. She is also a four-year varsity athlete in two sports: Cross Country and Track and Field and earned the Team Excellence Award every year.

Minton, who attended Nativity grade school, plans to attend the University of Notre Dame where she will major in pre-health. She is the daughter of Linda and Andy Minton.

At the end of Blankenberger's senior year, she will have completed 38 semesters of Honors, AP or

accelerated coursework. She is an AP Scholar with Honor, and her test scores put her in the 99th percentile on both the SAT and the ACT.

While at Roncalli, she has received many awards, including the Catholic Math League Advanced Math award, the Spanish 1 student of the year award, the 2017 Indiana Association of School Principals "Rising Star" award and she is a National Merit Commended student.

Blankenberger has shown tremendous leadership and time-management skills. She is a dance instructor, volunteers at a non-profit organization that serves adults living with life-altering diagnoses, co-founded a dance club through Roncalli, participates in both the Physics Club, and Ski Club and several competitive dance teams. She received the Senior Legacy Award for her high school dance team and mentors middle school students in an abstinence program through a Promise to Keep.

She is the daughter of Martha and Terry Blankenberger. She attended Our Lady of the Greenwood grade school and plans to attend Purdue next fall to study bio chemistry.

SENIOR ASSIST DAY



Mr. Banich and Brigid Parker



Alexia Sheets and Ms. Carroll



Mr. Crissman and Sam Brown



Mariab Attai and Mrs. Shover



Mr. Stratton and Calder Robinson



Mrs. Lewinski and Mackenzie Meyers



Mrs. Rose and Jacob Perez



Mrs. Schembra and Camille Woods

REBEL RHAPSODY SHOW CHOIR

Roncalli High School's Rebel Rhapsody Show Choir is three-peat Grand Champions as they wrapped their performance season. Choral Director Joey Newton led the 40 member show choir, consisting of 16 boys and 24 girls, as they finished their performance season with three consecutive grand championship titles.

"I was able to increase the size of our show choir this year simply because the talent coming into the school and the interest in these kinds of activities just continues to sky rocket. Allowing more students in didn't require lowering the standard of excellence but rather resulted in an extremely talented and motivated group. They've truly earned their success this year!" said Newton.

The theme of the show this year was "Time." Songs performed in their show included "Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is," "9 to 5," "Step in Time" and "Final Countdown." Over the season, the show choir has earned three grand champion awards, two third place, a fourth place, three best vocals, three best choreography and best crew. An individual award went to senior Mara Fowler for best female soloist.

Newton said it best after the final performance, "Rebel Rhapsody wrapped up their season

as Grand Champions for the third time in a row, earning best vocals, best choreography and best crew. That's 11 trophies in one week... what a season! These kids worked so hard to earn this. I'm so proud of them!"



TENBARGE AWARDED LILLY SCHOLARSHIP



Senior **Kaylee TenBarge** was awarded a Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. TenBarge was selected from many Johnson County applicants. The scholarship provides full tuition, required fees and a special allocation of up to \$900 per year for books and equipment for four years of undergraduate study at any Indiana public or private college or university. TenBarge has not yet determined which Indiana college she will attend. She does know that she wants to study aerospace engineering.



Ryan Flick



Andrew Gangstad

REBELS NAMED RISING STARS

Four juniors have been named Indiana "Rising Stars" in the most recent publication of the Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP). **Ryan Flick, Andrew Gangstad, William Hawkins** and **Grace Whitaker** were selected from among the class of 2020 for this honor based on a combination of academic achievement, standardized test score results and school/ community involvement. In addition to receiving a certificate from the IASP, these students will be made known to potential future college choices in Indiana.



William Hawkins



Grace Whitaker



ARCHBISHOP THOMPSON CELEBRATES MASS

Roncalli was honored and blessed to have Archbishop Charles Thompson celebrate the all school liturgy on January 24, 2019. He was welcomed to the family room with a spirited mass. Thank you for your leadership and guidance, Archbishop Thompson!

SOUTH DEANERY QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE



Super Quiz Champions



First Place in Science

Over 200 South Deanery middle school students converged on Roncalli for the 34rd annual Quest for Excellence competition on Saturday, February 23. They competed in a number of categories including: art, music, vocals, current events, religion, physical fitness, geography, drama, essay writing and the super quiz team competition. St. Barnabas was the winner of this year's super quiz. As has been the case in the previous 33 years, there was a near capacity crowd in the gym during the awards ceremony to recognize these middle school students for their talents.

GRAMMAN NAMED SAN DAMIANO SCHOLAR



(left to right) Mark Erdosy, Nathan Gramman, Katie Hibner and Patrick Verhiley

Senior **Nathan Gramman** was selected into Marian University's San Damiano Scholars Program. This scholarship program is for students interested in becoming leaders in parishes, schools, healthcare and not-for-profits. Students selected in the program participate in specific theology courses, retreats, monthly community meetings, service, internships and pilgrimage opportunities.

Gramman is the son of Beth and Bob Gramman and the brother of freshman **Emily Gramman**.

BAWI KIWANIS CIRCLE OF VALOR AWARD

Senior **William Bawi** was honored Friday, February 8, 2019 at the Kiwanis Club of Indianapolis' annual Abe Lincoln Awards dinner. The program celebrates students who have overcome adversity while achieving success. Bawi is one of 20 area high school seniors who received the Kiwanis Circle of Valor Award.

"William is a true blessing to the hallways of Roncalli. We are inspired by his daily commitment to bring joy and laughter to the world in the face of adversity," said Kevin Banich, assistant principal for student life.

Bawi said, "It was a true honor and a proud moment to receive this award."



(left to right): William Bawi, mother Teresa Man Lyin, brothers Henry Sang and Joseph Thang

WE C.A.R.E. GROUP



*(back row left to right): senior Nellie Nnatubeugo, junior Angie Snow, senior Sarah Hayden, freshman Kho Ti, sophomore Mary Kim, freshman Man Kiim
(front row left to right): junior Sui Par, seniors Elijah Mahan, Robert Thang, Tam Ha and sophomore Mang Lian*

In response to the schools growing diversity, Roncalli High School launched in March 2018 a student outreach program to help our diverse student population feel a sense of belonging. Each month, **Kevin Banich R'09**, assistant principal for student life, and Kelley Fisher, Catholic Charities social worker, have a lunch meeting with eight to ten students to hear their stories and listen to their perspectives on student life at Roncalli. The students created the group's name, "We C.A.R.E." which stands for "Cultural Awareness & Racial Education."

Junior **Angie Snow**, a member of this group commented, "As a group, we get together every other month to advocate for growth and continued support. We invite everyone with open arms into our family."

Through open dialogue with the students, the school continues to empower them to create a more welcoming environment. Specific initiatives this year include a large number of faculty and staff members who have attended an Undoing Racism workshop. In addition, the administration is currently working on a grant proposal that will assist the school in better communicating with our Burmese and Latino students and families.



TEACHER'S CREATION OF 'STARS' PROGRAM LEADS TO CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOL VALUES HONOR

By John Shaughnessy

The moment will always stay with **Pat Musgrave Hon'13**—reminding her of the potential of her students while also reaffirming the difference she has made in their lives.

The moment happened during an all-school assembly at Roncalli High School in Indianapolis, where Musgrave led its special education program for 24 years.

“I worked extremely hard to develop a program where students could have a Catholic education, attend school with their siblings and peers, and feel safe and accepted. I knew that had been achieved during a pep session at Roncalli,” she notes, referring to the moment that involved the school’s principal, **Chuck Weisenbach R’79**.

“There was a young man with autism that struggled with the sounds at the pep sessions, but loved the energy. We worked it out that he would attend, but be on stage where the sound was not coming directly at him. Mr. Weisenbach happened to be on stage with the student at the time that one of the faculty members was energizing the crowd with a dance from Napoleon Dynamite.

“The student on stage was shouting directions to the faculty member when Mr. Weisenbach told him to go out onto the floor and show him how it was done. As the student joined the faculty member on the floor, the entire student body erupted into cheers and stood in unison to cheer him on. This is when I knew that the program at Roncalli had achieved success.”

‘The biggest success story’

That moment revealed many of the goals that Musgrave had for her students: to make them realize they have strengths, that they could have success, and that they are a valuable part of their community. It also revealed her willingness to have them take risks—a quality that defines her, too, says Roncalli’s president **Joseph Hollowell Hon’97**.

“In 1993, she took a calculated risk and accepted a position at Roncalli where she would be responsible for creating a special education program from scratch,” Hollowell notes. “The common sentiment was that a successful special needs program could not be done in a Catholic high school. There certainly were no models in the state of Indiana to emulate at that time.”

Twenty-five years later, the special needs program at Roncalli that is called STARS—Students That Are Ready for Success—“may be the biggest success story in our school’s history,” says Hollowell.

The program that started with five students in 1993 at



STARS Staff 2010

Roncalli now serves more than 150 students, representing about 15 percent of the school's enrollment.

"Expanding the scope of the students we serve here has been uplifting, enriching and beneficial on many fronts," Hollowell says. "It also has been challenging. However, Pat never flinched.

"Today, Catholic educators come from all across the country to observe and learn from the Roncalli STARS program. Pat's efforts have truly impacted our nation's Catholic schools."

A life of promoting acceptance, faith

While coming to Roncalli can be viewed as a risk, Musgrave viewed it as an opportunity—an opportunity to influence the students she loves in an educational setting where she could also live and model her Catholic faith.

Before arriving at Roncalli, she had taught in public schools for 15 years.

"I knew that my degree in special education would make it difficult to teach in the Catholic school system as there were very few programs," she says. "When Roncalli decided to start a special education program, I jumped at the opportunity."



Hunter Bartley R'12 and Pat Musgrave Hon'13

A leap into a Catholic faith community was also a significant part of the move for her.

"I wanted to be in a community that had the same faith values as I had," says Musgrave, a member of St. Roch Parish in Indianapolis and a 1973 graduate of Our Lady of Providence High School in Clarksville.

"I had 12 years of Catholic education. I always felt it was a very good, very challenging education. It also challenged me to serve others."

Beyond leading the students in the STARS program, she also strived to connect with the other students at Roncalli. Before retiring last year, she also served as a costume coordinator in the theater department, an adult leader on service trips to Appalachia, and an adult leader on spiritual retreats.

As much as she contributed to Roncalli, she is equally grateful for the influence of the students and staff who touched her life during her 24 years there. And she is especially thankful for her husband of 41 years, Dennis.

They're all part of her lifetime journey of trying to add a measure of understanding, acceptance and faith to the world.

"It's been very rewarding," she says. "I felt like a member of the family at Roncalli. I just enjoyed being part of a community that allowed me to talk to the kids about my faith and their faith—to talk about morals and values."



IT'S MORE THAN JUST A SHIRT - IT'S "R" SHIRT!

We are excited to announce that 1,016 of you decided to show your Rebel pride by purchasing one (or more!) of the first-ever R Shirts celebrating our 50th anniversary. Sales from these shirts earned \$27,844 (after expenses!) toward the student phase of the **On This Rock: Building Faith and Family** capital campaign.

Thank you for your loyalty and continued support of Roncalli High School.

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THE MAN, THE MYTH: JOHN SMITH

By Joseph Woodruff R'20

Volunteer photographer John Smith became popular among students for his action shots.

SMILE FOR THE CAMERA: Smith takes photos at the boys soccer senior night vs. Brebeuf. The best pictures were then chosen and uploaded to the Roncalli High School Flickr account.

“Is this a joke? John Smith?”

This expression of disbelief was given by the Director of Advancement Tina Hayes when she heard the unusually generic name of a photographer recommended to Roncalli. She soon realized, though, that John Smith was no joke when it came to taking pictures. The more interesting story, however, happens to be the way that Smith came to be the go-to Roncalli photographer.

“I’ve always been interested in photography,” Smith said. “When I was a freshman in college one of the guys on my floor needed some money, so he sold me his 35mm camera for \$40.”

He used the camera in college, but after graduating put it aside for a while. It wasn’t until his youngest daughter **Jen (R’18)** started playing softball that he got back into the hobby.

Eventually, he saw an email by the football parents association asking for volunteers to take photos at games. This was where he was “discovered” by Roncalli parents and recommended to the administration.

“He was just on his own out of the goodness of his heart going to games and taking these really amazing photographs,” Hayes said.

Although not formally employed by Roncalli, Smith receives a small stipend for each event worked, but what he does is mostly just out of an enjoyment of photography and a love for Roncalli.

“It’s amazing,” Smith said. “I don’t know if you truly know how special RHS is compared to most other schools. The pre-game activities, the prayer, the band playing the anthem, the drum corps pounding, the crowd chanting “Here Come The Rebels!”, the team running down the hill bursting through the banner, cheerleaders doing flips, flags flying, the crowd roaring.”

During the day, Smith works at Kennedy Tank and Manufacturing, where he designs heat exchangers. He’s been working there for 30 years now, but still finds time for Roncalli.

“He’s never turned us down before to be at an event,” Hayes said. “Never.”

This is quite the accomplishment considering how many events he is asked to attend. He says his previous years volunteering for St. Mark CYO events have prepared him for this commitment. He used to coach basketball, football, wrestling, and track, but has had to cut back on some of these.

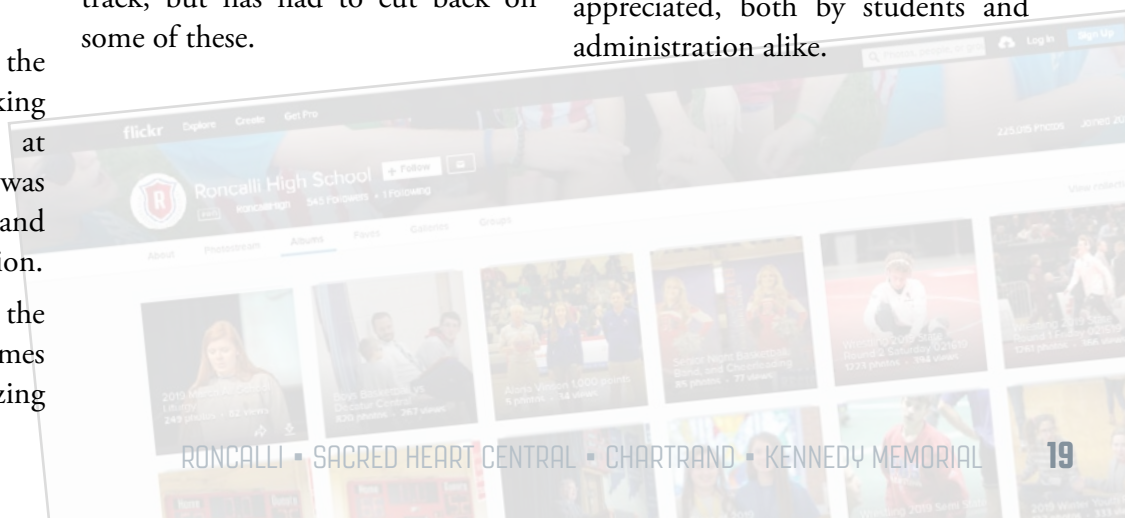


Junior **Mychal Allen**, who had Smith as a football coach in 7th grade, has only positive things to say about his former coach.

“Whenever I get the opportunity to talk to him, he asks how I’m doing and how football is,” Allen said. “He cares so much about everyone else, and it’s super humbling. During our last football game it started raining, and he gave his camera towels to the players, risking his camera.”

When asked about his favorite sport to photograph, Smith replied, “I enjoy all sports. I really enjoy watching volleyball, especially boys volleyball. I didn’t know much about it until a few years ago. I also enjoy the plays and the concerts.”

No matter what event it is though, Smith’s work is very much appreciated, both by students and administration alike.



PAPAL ZUCCHETTO FOR RONCALLI



October 2018, Pope Francis with Emily and Louie R'10 Feagans trading zucchetos in Rome.

At liturgy in January, a papal zucchetto worn by Pope Francis was donated to Roncalli High School from Emily and **Louie R'10 Feagans**. While in Rome, the Feagans also had the zucchetto blessed in the side chapel of Saint John XXIII at St. Peter's Basilica.

Louie said, "I will always be grateful for the Catholic education RHS provides and most of all the amazing Roncalli family. Though Emily is not technically an alumna, she proudly considers herself an honorary part of the community and has loved having the opportunity to meet so many teachers, staff and families during their visits out to DC."

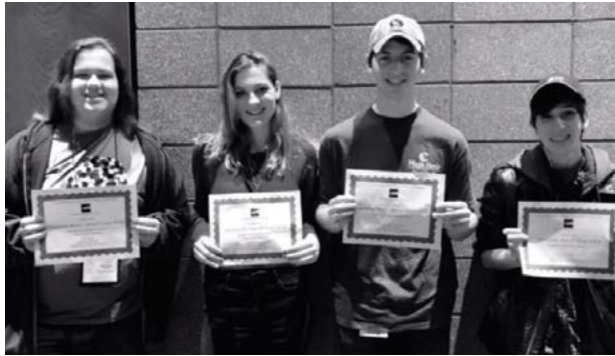
"We both agree that the Holy Father's zucchetto is too special of an item to keep purely for ourselves. We think it would be best suited to be cherished by a Catholic institution that is special to both of us so that many people will have the opportunity



Dr. Joseph Hollowell accepting the generous donation from Emily and Louie R'10 Feagans at Roncalli.

to share in this special connection with the Holy Father for years to come," wrote Louie and Emily Feagans.

STATE THESPIAN COMPETITION



Team members left to right: Matt Sims, Mackenzie Meyers, Sam Gervasio and Gabe Ochoa

The Rebels (seniors **Matt Sims**, **Mackenzie Meyers**, **Sam Gervasio** and **Gabe Ochoa**) placed 3rd overall in the state in Tech Olympics Challenge. Meyers received 3rd place in knot tying. Gervasio received 2nd in knot tying and 2nd in hang and focus of a light. The team of Meyers and Gervasio won 4th in leg of platform.

SPEECH TEAM STATE FINALS HONORS



(left to right) Amy Weilhammer, Katrina Gangstad and Emily Smith

Congratulations to the Roncalli Speech Team on their fine performance in March's 2019 Speech State Finals. The team was well represented with the following students advancing to the quarterfinals: senior **Amy Weilhammer**, freshmen **Katrina Gangstad** and **Emily Smith**. Special congratulations go to Weilhammer (Poetry) who finished her career with a 4th place finish.

ANDERSON INDUCTED TO THE INDIANA THESPIAN HALL OF FAME



Congratulations to Roncalli Theatre Director **Phil Anderson** who was inducted into the Indiana Thespian Hall of Fame at the Indiana State Thespian Conference. This honor is bestowed upon theatre educators who have impacted the lives of hundreds of students over their career. He was nominated by Roncalli's 2018-19 Thespian Society.

For over 20 years, Mr. Anderson has taught theatre, directed Roncalli productions and encouraged students to dream big. Congratulations and thank you to Mr. Anderson!

ISSMA PERFORMERS

Congratulations to freshman **Xavier Wilson** and sophomore **Gianna Romano** who, at the ISSMA solo and ensemble contest, earned gold ratings for their division two solos, as well as junior **Josh Amodeo** and senior **Caroline Barron** who received silver ratings on their division one solos.

The following students earned gold ratings on their division one solos and moved on to at ISSMA at the state level: seniors **Katie Minton, Allie Pena, Maggie Schoening, Lilly Secrest, Emily Wray**, juniors **Chris Figueroa, Levi Ralston, Maria Mina** and sophomore **Veronica Phillips**.

Receiving a gold rating at State ISSMA were: Wray, Phillips, Schoening, Pena, Mina and Ralston.

MOCK-TRIAL AWARDS

Congratulations to our Rebel Mock Trial team that had great success at state competition. The “Mock your Socks Off” team members were: seniors **Miriam Maddox, Ashlyn Streicher, Austin Hendricks, AJ Singh, Elizabeth Bradley, Kara Linder, Kara House** and **Patrick Viduya**. Bradley earned two “Most Effective Attorney” awards, and a “Most Effective Witness” award went to Hendricks for his portrayal of the sassy Glenn Miller.

REBELS ATTEND LUGAR LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM



Juniors **Andrew Burgan, Savannah Morrall** and **Kainoa Wisler**, attended the 42nd annual Richard G. Lugar Symposium for Tomorrow’s Leaders on December 8, 2018 at the University of Indianapolis. These three juniors, who attended the symposium along with more than 400 other students from around the state, were selected based on their outstanding leadership and service.

At the symposium, the students attended sessions offered on the following topics: “Resident Aliens: Immigrants and Refugees in the US and Abroad,” “Learning from 2018 and Looking to 2020: The State of American Politics,” “North Korea and Nukes: Is there a Solution?,” “US Leadership in the World” and “#MeToo: Politics and Social Movements.”

In addition to attending the sessions, these students heard from Senator Richard Lugar, as well as met other leaders from around the state.

BORING WINS LORENZANO SCHOLARSHIP











Freshman **Celia Boring** is the recipient of the Private John Lorenzано Memorial Scholarship. She receives \$1,200 toward Roncalli tuition. This is the seventh year the Lorenzано family has provided this scholarship for a student with a parent who is a firefighter. Private Lorenzано was killed in the line of duty February 5, 1992 responding to a fire at the Indianapolis Athletic Club.




Boring’s essay on “What makes you proud that your parent is a firefighter?” was selected over several entries. Boring’s father, Jay Boring, has been with the Wayne Township Fire Department for 12 years and was the 2015 Firefighter of the Year.

11 REBELS EARN PERFECT ACT OR SAT SCORES

Roncalli High School is proud to announce that 11 students registered a perfect score on one or more sections of the October 2018, December 2018 and February 2019 ACT or SAT earning them All-Star status.

<p>Connor DeMoss R'19 ACT Reading</p>	
<p>Braden Herbert R'20 ACT Science and Reading</p>	
<p>Savannah Morrall R'20 ACT Composite, Science, English and Reading</p>	
<p>Dylan Tadas R'20 ACT English</p>	

<p>Ryan Flick R'20 ACT Math</p>	
<p>Aiden Looney R'20 ACT Reading</p>	
<p>Ellie Murphy R'20 ACT Science</p>	
<p>Grace Whitaker R'20 SAT Math and ACT Reading</p>	

<p>William Hawkins R'20 ACT Math and English</p>	
<p>Kate McNulty R'19 ACT Reading</p>	
<p>Trace Solonka R'20 ACT Reading</p>	



ARTIST EARNS SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS

Senior **Lea Glander** was awarded two Gold Keys, one Silver Key and an Honorable Mention at this year's Scholastic Art & Writing awards. All of her artwork was on public display at Clowes Hall from February 1-26, with the Awards Ceremony on March 17th.



RONCALLI THEATRE PRESENTS "THE MOUSE TRAP" TWICE



The Roncalli Theatre Department proudly presented the spring play, an Agatha Christie classic, "The Mouse Trap." The play featured two completely different casts. *The Mouse* cast performed March 7th, 8th and 9th. *The Trap* cast performed March 14th, 15th and 16th. Each cast performed four times with 7:00 PM shows each night with an additional show at 2:00 PM on Saturdays.

Special thanks to the adult leadership that helped make the production a success: Phil Anderson, Erin Bohn, Kim Buckley and Miki Lewinski.

CAST:
 Alexandria Balint
 Lillian Brown
 Abigail Conway
 Christopher Figueroa
 Aubrey Fuhrman
 Dylan Kedra
 Robert Koch
 Benjamin Leising
 Sophia Louthain
 Zachary Mayer

Logan Mercuri
 Allison Pena
 Levi Ralston
 Mia Roberts
 Xavier Wilson
 Emily Wray

CREW:
 Grace Armbruster
 Hayden Bean
 Nina Benich





Lindsey Benson
 Madeline Brinker
 Kristina Buckel
 Justin Carpenter
 Evan Cloud
 Abigail Davey
 Joseph Deer
 Kathleen Doninger
 Tyson Ehr Gott
 Isabel Elsener
 Michael Foreman
 Quentin Gallagher

Samuel Gervasio
 Mya Gonzalez
 Ethan Gorski
 Samantha Gosser
 Morgan Grabczak
 Veronica Hatfield
 Sarah Hayden
 Nicholas Hollcraft
 Sarah Hollcraft
 Janeth Iman
 Joshua Johnston
 Grayden Jones

Meghan Koleszar
 Christina Kurz
 Margaret Leising
 Patrick Luttrell
 Paige Magno
 Miles Marshall
 Sarah Mattingly
 Alyson McElwain
 Sara Mescall
 Mackenzie Meyers
 Taylor Meyers
 Samuel Morris

Amelia Niezgodski
 Jean Ochoa
 Jacob Parton
 Benjamin Pesto
 Veronica Phillips
 Sarah Prusa
 Thomas Ralston
 Nathan Riley
 Patrick Rosemark
 Sydney Schausten
 Josephine Schott
 Annamarie Schura

Lydia Shock
 Matthew Sims
 Angelina Snow
 Haley Stonecipher
 Jack Stonecipher
 Kamryn Swingendorf
 Gracie Tharp
 Colin Wade
 Rocco Waugh Sharp
 Sarah Wiley
 Kempis Wilkerson



BADMINTON TOURNAMENT



Champions: Kevin Banich R'09 and Zachary Mayer

Student Council sponsored the 15th Annual Badminton Tournament where 40 teams battled it out. **Mr. Kevin Banich R'09**, assistant principal for student life, and junior **Zachary Mayer** defeated seniors **Robert Thang** and **Tam Ha** to win the championship and \$50! Seniors **Austin Jones** and **Ben Schwab** won \$25 for the best-dressed team with their Mermaid Man and Barnacle Boy ensembles. Freshman **Micah Moran** and **Daniel O'Connor** defeated freshman **Johny Roeder** and **Patrick Meek** to win the loser's bracket and were the recipients of gold and silver plunger awards.



Winners of the Loser Bracket: Micah Moran and Daniel O'Connor



Best-dressed Team: Austin Jones and Ben Schwab

DI MIZIO VARSITY SOCCER COACH



Roncalli announced in January that Orfeo Di Mizio has been hired as the head coach of the school's boys soccer program. Di Mizio moves up from the JV team, which he served as the head coach last season.

Di Mizio has 20 years of playing experience, including collegiate experience in Italy. He currently holds the U.S. 11v11 Grassroots coaching license and would like to pass on his knowledge and passion for the world's favorite sport to younger generations.

Roncalli welcomes Di Mizio as the new varsity head coach!

BASKETBALL GAME RAISES MONEY FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES GIFT OF HOPE PROGRAM



The annual battle on the hardwood between seniors and faculty took place on March 1, 2019. The gym was packed with supporters for both sides with ticket sales raising \$3,179 for the Lenten Almsgiving Project, Catholic Relief Services Gift of Hope. The Gift of Hope program represents an inspirational way to make a life-changing difference for families and communities around the world. It helps create tangible results from our gifts. Through this program, our community can get a sense of the types of items that exact amounts of money can buy. For example, \$35 purchases back to school supplies including shoes and uniforms, \$100 equates to classroom desks for 13 children, \$80 for a lamb or goat, or \$40 for a flock of chickens.

The faculty basketball team of Ms. Carroll, Mrs. Engel, Ms. Hendricks, Ms. Hoendorf, Mrs. Kitchens, Ms. Mulinaro, Ms. Okerson, under the direction of coaches Mrs. Bohn and Ms. Hendricks, defeated the senior girls team and secured an out of uniform day for the staff. **Hannah Cenker, Betsy Crosley, Katie Gaskill, Grace Hegwood, Meghan Hinson, Riley Samuelson** with coaches **Anna Bauer** and **Natalie Hahn** represented the senior girls.

The senior boys team of **Robbie Butts, Luke Dill, Paul Elliott, Nate Gramman, John Harris, David Johnson, James Rooney** with coaches **Brandon Berger** and **Jacob Denney** defeated the faculty team to give the students an out of uniform day. The faculty roster included Mr. Banich, Mr. Costello, Mr. Hasty, Mr. Dan Lauck, Mr. Litz and Mr. David Lauck, who coached and played.



Mr. Costello with the tip off



Senior coaches Anna Bauer and Natalie Hahn give their team guidance

C9 RONCALLI STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Senior **Lorenzo Salazar** is one of eight Roncalli students that are enrolled in the programs at Central Nine Career Center. He chose to go to C9 because it offered specific instruction in his chosen career field, criminal justice. He is the son of Pamela and Erwin Salazar. Erwin, who is also a board member at Roncalli, said that Lorenzo, "LJ," was the motivator in the decision to send their son to C9. He liked the technical aspect of using simulators, being hands-on and said that LJ has always been interested in law enforcement. The courses at C9 are taught by retired law enforcement personnel. Erwin is an Aviation Instructor at C9. He teaches courses such as "Aviation Flight," "Aviation Operations" and other courses which are dual credit classes with Ivy Tech.

Lorenzo said, "I feel that C9 has been very beneficial to me. The coursework is very hands-on and offers a lot more than just traditional schoolwork. I feel that my time in school has been well spent at C9." He attends daily classes at Roncalli during periods 1 thru 4 and then travels to C9 for instruction from 11:40 AM - 2:17 PM except on Wednesdays when the students are dismissed at 1:30 PM. Lorenzo is also a four year wrestler and has completed nearly 300 lifetime service hours.

When describing what he does at C9, Lorenzo said, "Monday, Wednesday and Friday, our class does PT (physical training) which ranges from running to handcuffing techniques, to pressure points. The activities that we do in our class vary a lot, and C9 also offers many opportunities for success. I am involved in the Indiana Governor's Work Ethic Certification. Upon completion, I have already received several job offers ranging from the Indiana Department of Corrections to Dayton Freight."

Lorenzo's dad, Erwin, commends Roncalli on the great job that it does to prepare students for college and believes that the emphasis on C9 should continue for students that do not plan to attend college. He thinks that C9 could be a good choice for many students.

"C9 is by far the most beneficial and hands-on learning experience I have had in high school. I think that more Roncalli students should consider C9," said Lorenzo.



Lorenzo Salazar practices handcuffing techniques.



Criminal Justice classroom instruction



Salazar working on classwork.

Central Nine Career Center, at 1999 U.S. 31 South in Greenwood, provides career and technical education for area schools. Students earn four high school credits per semester. Most C9 programs offer dual credit and/or certification. C9 courses serve as elective coursework toward the Core 40 or Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas.





Roncalli students and staff members celebrated Catholic Schools Week with a number of activities. Everyone showed school spirit by participating in the themed dress up days. Monday was Catholic grade school or college attire. Tuesday was career day dress. Wednesday was a snow day. Thursday was generations day. Friday was Red, White and Blue day: white - freshman, red - sophomores, blue - juniors with seniors wearing all three. Catholic Schools Week concluded with a rousing pep rally Friday afternoon.



Roncalli spread some Catholic Schools Week cheer at the south deanery grade schools. They visited each school with cookie trays for the teachers and staff and Roncalli pencil cases for the 5th through 8th graders.

LED PROJECT - IT'S 'WATTS' GOING ON!

1,200
light fixtures to **LED**

98,000
watts to **40,000**

projected
\$20,000
annual savings

Over the Christmas break, Roncalli's Property and Facilities Management Department embarked on an LED project that involved changing out over 1,200 light fixtures to LED. Each time Roncalli "turns on the lights" for the school, we will now see our watt usage fall from 98,000 watts to 40,000 watts. This will result in a projected annual savings of **\$20,000**. Kevin Hurley said, "We still have more fixtures to retro fit. We are hoping to do more in the 2019-2020 school year." Roncalli is very grateful to **Kevin Hurley R'78, Jeff Elliott, Lee Strevels** and the rest of the Property and Facilities Management crew!

*Top and bottom right - Jeff Elliott
Bottom - Kevin Hurley, Superintendent
of Buildings and Grounds*



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REBELS SIGN COLLEGIATE LETTERS OF INTENT



Anna Bauer, Hanover College (Hanover, IN), basketball



Brandon Berger, Ball State University (Muncie, IN), football



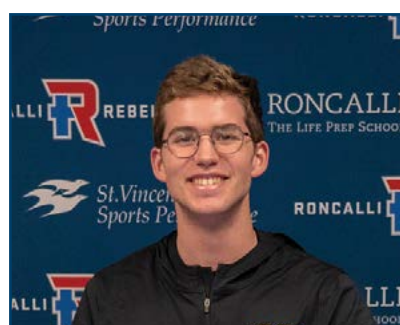
Jacob Denney, Saint Xavier University (Chicago, IL), football



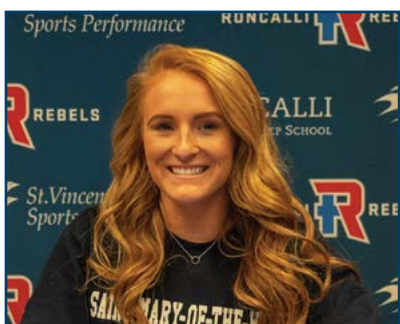
Luke Dill, Saint Xavier University (Chicago, IL), football



Elizabeth Eads, UIndy (Indianapolis, IN), volleyball



Sam Eiland, Saint Xavier University (Chicago, IL), volleyball



Makayla Gilley, Saint Mary of the Woods (Terre Haute, IN), golf and track



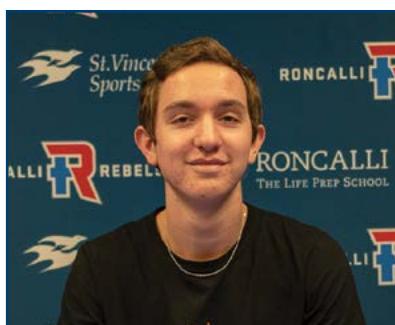
John Harris, Ball State University (Muncie, IN), football



Grace Hegwood, UIndy (Indianapolis, IN), volleyball



Nolan Hoffman, Colorado Mesa University (Grand Junction, CO), lacrosse



Erik Hommel, Indiana Tech (Ft. Wayne, IN), baseball



Taylor Kehoe, Maryville University (St. Louis, MO), volleyball



Max Lundy, Wabash College (Crawfordsville, IN), baseball



Amanda Prather, Trine University (Angola, IN), softball



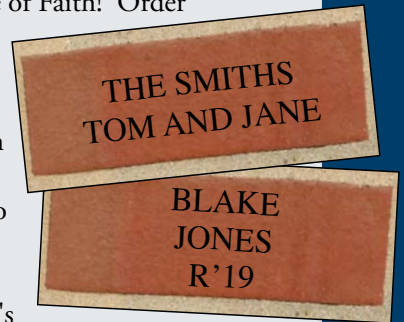
Zack Rodriguez, Concordia University (Mequon, WI), lacrosse



Maggie Schoening, Benedictine University (Lisle, IL), volleyball

HONOR YOUR SENIOR WITH A BRICK FOR GRADUATION

Have your graduate permanently etched into Roncalli's Circle of Faith! Order your \$125 custom brick by May 3, 2019 to ensure its completion by graduation on May 25th. Order two bricks for \$200. All proceeds from brick sales benefit Roncalli's Circle of Faith fund to provide needs-based tuition assistance.



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BOYS BASKETBALL

For the first time since the 2012-13 season, the boys basketball team had to replace all five starters from the previous season. The Rebels returned just 51 points from last season's 18-7 squad. The 51 points are the fewest amount of points the Rebels have returned in the 50-year history of the program. The 2018-19 Rebels posted a 5-17 record against a schedule rated one of the 40-most difficult in the state. Five Roncalli opponents – Beech Grove, Center Grove, Heritage Christian, Lanesville and New Palestine – won sectional titles and four others lost in the sectional final. Out of Roncalli's 22 games, nine were decided by five points or less. The Rebels played nine games against teams ranked in the top 64 in the Sagarin statewide computer poll and three games against the top 25.

Senior **Jacob Denney** led the team in scoring with a 12.9 points per game average. Denney scored in double figures in 17 of 22 games and topped 20 points twice. Sophomore **Anthony Donahue** finished second on the team in scoring at 11.3 points per game. Donahue's 249 total points were the most scored by a sophomore since the 2004-05 season. Junior **Aidan Looney** led the team in rebounding, grabbing 5.1 boards per game. Sophomore **Johnny Brunk** paced the team in assists, averaging 4.0 per game. Denney, Donahue, Looney and juniors **Daniel Asher** and **Nick Spearing** played in all 22 games, but Denney was the only player to start all 22. The team shot 75.9 percent from the foul line, which is the second-best season percentage over the last 17 seasons. Denney was named to the All-

Marion County honorable mention team and was selected to play in the Marion County All-Star Game on April 25 at Beech Grove.

On February 12, the Rebels beat Greenfield-Central 66-52 in the annual senior-night game. The contest was also the 442nd and final home game in "The Woodshed," the home court for Roncalli basketball for 50 seasons. The Rebels compiled a 271-171 record in 50 seasons in "The Woodshed."

The girls basketball team played its best basketball of the season over the final month, winning nine of its final 10 games. The nine-game winning streak was the program's longest streak in six seasons. During the streak, the team outscored its opponents by 20.2 points per game. The team fell one possession short in a 52-50 loss to Ben Davis in the sectional final, but finished with a solid 16-7 record. As a result of that finish, the Lady Rebels ended the season ranked 21st in the statewide, all-class computer poll.

The team's schedule was rated the 25th most difficult in the state, out of 403 programs. The Lady Rebels beat two programs – Bishop Chatard and Covenant Christian – that won sectional titles and beat Pike twice. Pike was rated 17th overall in the state and the

second win, a 61-39 Roncalli victory in the sectional opener, snapped Pike's 11-game sectional winning streak that stretched back to 2014. The six teams that beat Roncalli – Ben Davis (twice), Lawrence North, North Central, Heritage Christian, Center Grove and Marquette Catholic – combined for a 125-36 record. Ben Davis and Center Grove won sectional titles, while Lawrence North advanced to the Class 4A state final and Marquette Catholic repeated at Class 1A state champions.

The senior quintet of **Anna Bauer**, **Natalie Hahn**, **Jada Moran**, **Amanda Prather** and **Maggie Schoening** wrapped up their four-year Roncalli careers. During the group's four seasons in the program, the Lady Rebels amassed a 69-33 record, a 28-11 home mark and won conference, sectional and regional titles. Additionally, Bauer, Hahn, Prather and Schoening were named academic all-state. Moran was named honorable mention academic all-state.

Sophomore **Madelyn Bischoff** led the team in scoring with a 17.7 points per game average. Her scoring average was the highest by a sophomore since **Lindsey Corsaro R'16** averaged 19.6 points in 2013-14. Junior **Alana Vinson** finished second on the team in scoring (15.9 ppg) and led the team in rebounding (6.7 rpg). Late in the sectional semifinal win over Southport, Vinson scored the 1,000th point of her career. She's the 11th player in program history to reach 1,000 career points, but only the fourth to reach the milestone before the end of her junior season. Bischoff and Vinson shared the team's MVP award. They were also named to the All-Circle City Conference and All Marion County teams. Vinson earned Underclass Large School All-State honors from the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA). Bischoff was named first team all-state by the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association (ICGSA) and honorable mention Underclass All-State by the IBCA. Vinson was also named to the Indiana Junior All-Star Team, becoming only the fifth player in program history to receive that honor. In addition, she earned third-team honors on the Indy Star All-USA Central Indiana Super Team. Senior Natalie Hahn won the team's mental attitude award.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

BOYS SWIMMING



The boys swimming and diving team achieved its goal of defending its Circle City Conference title, as the program won its third straight conference crown.

The team also reached its goal of finishing in the top eight in the sectional by finishing sixth, ahead of Perry Meridian, Greenwood, Martinsville and Mooresville. Two of the three relays advanced to the sectional final. The team finished the dual/tri meet season with an 8-2 record.

The Rebels had four individual champions – seniors **Blake Ludge** (100 Breast and 100 Fly) and **Derek Elam** (100 Fly and 100 Back) at the conference meet, after having only one conference champion last season. The Rebels also had two relays win conference titles. Derek Elam, senior **Gabe Buening**, Blake Ludge and junior **Harrison Sisk** won the 200 Medley Relay and Elam, Buening, sophomore **Matthew Croddy** and junior **Will Hawkins** won the 400 Free Relay. The improvement continued into the postseason. Last season, the Rebels advanced six swimmers to the sectional final, but this year they advanced 11 swimmers to the final, despite graduating two of last season's six sectional finalists. Hawkins (200 Free and 100 Breast), Buening (200 Free and 500 Free), Ludge (200 IM and 100 Breast), Elam (100 Free and 100 Back), Sisk (100 Fly), Croddy (50 Free and 100 Free), sophomore **Ethan McGuire** (200 IM and 100 Breast) and junior **Joe Sizemore** (500 Free and 100 Back) all reached the sectional final.



Despite working several new swimmers into the varsity lineup, the girls swimming and diving team captured a Circle City Conference title for its second conference crown in the last three seasons. The Rebels pulled away from a tight team race to defeat second-place Guerin Catholic by 60 points and third-place Brebeuf Jesuit by 90 points. After not having a conference champion last season, the Rebels had four individual champions and two winning relays this season. Senior **Allison White** (500 Free), sophomores **Reese Wiley** (200 Free) and **Maggie Peats** (200 IM) and freshman **Jyllian Antle** (100 Fly) all won conference titles, as did the relay teams of juniors **Savannah Morrall** and **Ellie Murphy**, White and Antle (200 Free Relay) and White, Murphy, Peats and Wiley (400 Free Relay). In the 400 Free Relay, Peats began the anchor leg in third place and made up a two-second deficit for the win. The team finished the regular season with a 6-4 record and finished fifth in the Marion County meet and in the sectional.

Sophomore Maggie Peats established a new school record for the 100 Backstroke, with a time of 1:01.62. She also set a new single-season mark for average points per meet (29.18).

GIRLS SWIMMING

BOWLING

Boys Bowling

The boys bowling team worked through graduating three of last season's top performers and earned two regular-season wins. The team finished 11th in the sectional. Junior **Jack Matthews** earned team MVP honors. Matthews was also named to the Indy South All-Conference team, making him one of the top six bowlers out of 150 boys.

Girls Bowling

The girls bowling team finished with a 5-5 record and earned a win over Greenfield-Central, Shelbyville, Greenwood Christian Academy and multiple wins over New Palestine. The team finished fifth in the sectional. Junior **Faith Holden** individually qualified for the regional and then advanced to the semi-state for the second-straight season. Holden was named the team's MVP.



The gymnastics team posted a solid 15-3 regular-season record. The 15 wins represents the program's highest win total since 2010. The team was one of the youngest in recent years, with four freshmen and one junior. Despite having four team members new to high school gymnastics, the team was connected, consistently cheering for each other and their opponents. During the season, the team increased its team score from 96 to a 101. The team finished sixth in a difficult sectional field. Freshman **Gabby Conjelko** finished third in the bars in sectional and advanced to regional.

GYMNASTICS

WRESTLING

The 2019 Roncalli wrestling team built on last season's successes and took them to an even higher level, accomplishing feats never before reached in program history. They advanced all 14 wrestlers from the sectional on to the regional round for the second consecutive season. They captured the program's first-ever semi-state title. For the second-straight season, four Roncalli wrestlers medaled at the same state finals, but this year's group was the first to have all four wrestlers finish in the top four of their respective weight classes. As a result, the team scored a program state-record 53 points and finished sixth, for the program's best team finish since 2011.

The Rebels piled up impressive regular-season credentials, finishing second in the Marion County meet, winning the prestigious 32-team Connersville Spartan Holiday Classic and the 16-team Westfield Shamrock Duals Tournament, and finishing sixth in the Team State Duals. The team compiled a 17-3 regular-season record and won its third-straight Circle City Conference title. In the conference meet, the Rebels won titles in 11 of the 14 weight classes.

In the postseason, the Rebels finished second in the sectional and advanced all 14 wrestlers to the regional round. The Rebels had six individual regional champions (twice as many as any other school) and finished third in the team standings. The following week, it all came together for the Rebels, as five of the eight wrestlers advanced to the semifinal round and four of the five won semi-state titles. That effort earned the Rebels the semi-state team title, 6.5 points ahead of Cathedral.



Junior **Alec Viduya** finished as the runner-up in the 132-pound class and concluded his season with a 41-2 record. Viduya's effort marks the 14th time in program history that a Roncalli wrestler finished first or second at the state final. Viduya won a Marion County title, a Circle City Conference title, as well as sectional, regional and semi-state crowns. Senior **Elijah Mahan** finished third in the 170-pound class for the best state finish of his career. Mahan wrapped up his senior season with a 40-2 record, to go along with Marion County,

Circle City Conference, sectional, regional and semi-state titles. Junior **Brayden Lowery** finished third in the 120-pound class. Lowery lost his semifinal match 3-0 for his only defeat of the season, as he finished 42-1. He also won the same five individual titles as Viduya and Mahan. Junior **Tyce Freije** finished fourth in the 138-pound class and posted a 38-4 season record. He won Marion County, sectional, regional and semi-state titles. A fifth wrestler, senior **John Harris**, advanced to the state final in the 285-pound class, but lost his first-round match via fall. Harris was a Circle City Conference champion, as well as winning sectional and regional titles.

Junior **Sam Slivka** won sectional and regional titles in the 126-pound class, in addition to a Circle City Conference title. Seniors **Lorenzo Salazar** and **Spencer Fears**, junior **Michael Fletcher** and freshmen **Kody Glithero**, **Zach Wilson** and **Sam Peebles** all won conference titles.

Viduya was named the team's MVP and Fears earned the team's mental attitude award.

Trent Smith, Viduya, Slivka and Lowery were named first team Academic All-State by the Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association (IHSWCA). Salazar, Fears, Harris, Freije and Fletcher were tabbed as honorable mention Academic All-State selections by the IHSWCA.



STATE



BRUSTER'S BITS

Introducing Rebel Five

Gary Armbruster R'81, Director of Alumni Services

Roncalli recently started recording a podcast called Rebel Five to help celebrate 50 years of Rebel history. The premise being; there are so many people that have made Roncalli a great school over the years. They all have stories. Why not let them tell their stories in their own voice so that in 10, 15, 25, 50 years from now those stories will be around for generations to hear over and over again? At the end of each podcast, five questions are asked of each guest called the Rebel Five. **Bob Tully Hon'93**, the vice president for mission and ministry, has been in our building for 57 years including 7 years at Bishop Chartrand and all 50 years of Roncalli's history. He has stories. He has lots of stories and most Rebels have, from time to time, heard his stories. Only now, those great stories will be saved for generations that follow to hear. And don't think you have to be in the building for 57 years to have tales to tell. **Kevin Banich R'09** is in his first year as Roncalli's assistant principal for student life. Kevin was the first guest ever interviewed on the Rebel Five podcast. Listeners of the podcast will hear about Kevin's favorite woodshed moment. **Ben Grimes** (science



department) discusses how he got to Roncalli after teaching college courses. Bob Tully will spend two episodes on the Chartrand/Kennedy merger and how he has only spent one year actually working at Roncalli. **Angie Toner Hon'08** (math department) talks about playing sports in high school but not becoming a real sports fan until she started coaching at Roncalli 33 years ago. Angie talks about her interview to begin working at Roncalli and how she felt the first time she entered **Kathy Schembra's C'68** sports shrine of an office. **Bruce Scifres Hon'05** (former coach) talks about his evolution as a football coach over the 27-year history of success as the Rebels gridiron



1970 - Bob Tully (far left) Roncalli's first football coach.

leader. **Rob Brown Hon'16** and **Dan Bauer R'85** share an episode. The dynamic football radio duo discusses their favorite football moments and then **Cole Toner R'12** visits to tell us how the Our Lady of the Greenwood Eagle attended Roncalli, Harvard and then became an NFL lineman. That is just the beginning. The Rebel 5ive podcast will interview 50 Rebels in 50 weeks celebrating 50 years of Catholic education on the southside. Stay tuned.

Founders Day – 50 Years Later

Most who have been around Roncalli any length of time, know that when Kennedy Memorial and Bishop Chartrand merged 50 years ago to create a new high school named Roncalli that many hearts were broken and hard feelings remained for years. Some, even today, harbor harsh feelings towards those responsible for what many thought was an injustice on both sides. However, had the merger never taken place, it is possible that today we might not have a Catholic high school on the southside much less the thriving school that Roncalli has become. It is widely known that with the beginning of the fall semester in 1969, students from both Kennedy and Chartrand came together and worked out most of their conflicts peacefully.



Roncalli exterior 1990's



Construction of Bishop Chartrand, 1961

What isn't widely known is the day it all became official. The day Roncalli was born is April 17, 1969. On this day the combined Indianapolis Deaneries Board approved the request of both Presidents of both Student Councils to name the new school, "Roncalli" – the family name of good Pope John, now St. John XXIII. With this agreement authorized, **Fr. Robert Kitchin Hon'07**, Chartrand Principal at the time wrote the following, "This ends thirty days in utter misery and confusion, doubting themselves and one another, completely unable to decipher what their true obligations might be." Fr. Kitchin was recognized in 2007 as an Honorary Alumni of Roncalli High School and passed away on December 17, 2010, at the age of 88. He was laid to rest at St. Mary's Cemetery in his hometown of Richmond, Indiana.

Early Growing Pains

When Roncalli was founded back in 1969, it was not uncommon for fans from other schools to think the new name was Ron Calli believing we were named after a man named Ronald Calli. The local Emroe's Sporting Goods located at Southern Plaza shopping center even sold gym bags at the time with Ron Calli emblazoned on the side. It took a few years but soon the Rebels began making a name for themselves in the classroom and on the field. The sports pages and local merchants no longer referred to the new school as Ron Calli.

Class Notes

1968



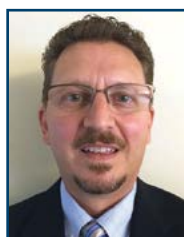
Chartrand Rams from the classes of '68 and '69 enjoying Christmas cheer before the holidays.

1981

Theresa Wells-Ditton R'81 has been a fixture in Indianapolis media for more than 30 years, covering Indy's biggest events. Theresa has a new gig on "INside Indiana Business with Gerry Dick."



1983



Ben Brown R'83 was named the 2018 Southside Person of the Year on December 27.

Pat Schubach R'83 had this to say about Ben's Recognition, "I've known him over 40 years. The entire time I've known Ben there are a few things I've always appreciated about him and that always strike me. Ben is

BEN
BROWN
for
City-County Council

always willing to defend or be an advocate for those who could not advocate for themselves. He has always been one to make the right choices versus the popular ones, and he's always been fearless in his willingness to do that." Ben is also a Democratic candidate for District 24 member of the Indianapolis City Council in Indiana. He is running in the primary on May 7, 2019. The general election is November 5, 2019.

1987

Eric Thornbury R'87 is the Director of Bands at Noblesville High School. Noblesville has won the Indiana State Fair Band Day the past two years.

1994

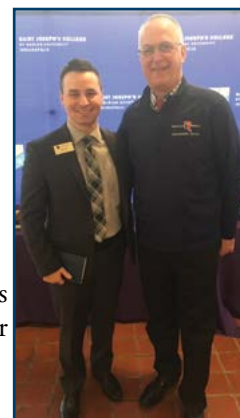
Kevin Miller R'94 is playing jazz on The Carnival Cruise ships. He met his wife Weronika while performing with her. They have formed The Rook Duo, and they continue to perform on Carnival Cruises and on their recordings. Many of their recordings are on YouTube.

1997

Daniel Dyar R'97 is a member of the United States Coast Guard Band.

1999

Jeffrey Jourdan R'99 has been hired by Marian University to serve as executive director of its new two-year college. The university announced



in the fall that the new institution will be called Saint Joseph's College of Marian University—Indianapolis. Jeff began his new role on November 16.



Joe Matis R'99 and his wife, Leah, welcomed their 5th child to the crew. Willa June was born September 5, 2018. Joe, a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley and former RHS alumni director, was recently recognized by the National Association of Plan Advisors as a Top Retirement Plan Advisor Under 40 for the 5th time.

Leah, a former RHS tennis coach, stays busy as a real estate agent for Keller Williams.

2002



Mark Barton R'02 and his wife Sara welcomed their first child, Anna Katherine, on February 19th. Mark and Sara are both physician's assistants in Indianapolis.



Robyn (Burns) Witty R'02 and her husband Keith welcomed their third child Hazel Grace on November 8, 2018. Robyn also recently finished her Masters Degree in educational leadership, and continues teaching and coaching at Roncalli. Her husband Keith teaches and coaches basketball at Edinburgh Community High School.

2005

Donnie Glowinski R'05 is the band director at St. Patrick's School in Chicago. It is an all-boys school and the oldest Catholic high school in Chicago.



Andrew Noone R'05 married Danielle Wood on September 21, 2018 at Holy Name Catholic Church. Rebels in the wedding included: **Eamonn Brandon R'05, Jonathan Sandhu R'05, Andrew Hillstrom R'05** and **Jennifer (Frey) Hillstrom R'05**.

2007



Brittany (Jajuga) Ratcliff R'07 has been married for four years to her husband Dirk, and the couple have two children, Ollie (2) and Logan (1). Brittany recently rejoined the Roncalli family as a math teacher.



Colleen (O'Gara) Treat R'07 and her husband Mike welcomed boy/girl twins, Alayna Marie and Landon Michael, into the world on October 13, 2018. Big sister Alexis loves helping with the babies!

2008



Aaron Puntarelli R'08 married Sarah Johnson from Michigan City, Indiana on September 29th at Victory Field....under the lights! Aaron is an emergency room nurse and Sarah is a physical therapist both at Riley Children's Health.



Molly Sahn R'08 married **Shaun Koesters R'08** on September 1st, 2018 at St. Barnabas Catholic Church. The reception was held at the Indiana Landmarks Center. Rebels in the wedding include: Matron of Honor, **Lindsey Sahn Prizevoits R'04**, bridesmaids, **Rebecca Sahn Nguyen R'07, Mary Sahn R'08, Cassie Heavrin Planck R'04**, Best Man, **Will Hibner R'08** and groomsmen, **Seth Marshall R'08** and **Charlie Koers R'09**. Molly is an ophthalmic technician at Eye Specialists of Indiana and Shaun

2008 continued

works at St. Mark Catholic School as the physical education teacher. They currently reside on the southside of Indianapolis close to family and friends.

Jonathan R'08 and **Rebecca Sheets** completed the Ironman Wisconsin this past September. Jonathan

is a product development engineer for Cook Medical in Bloomington, IN. He is a 2012 Purdue graduate. Rebecca works in quality control, also for Cook Medical.



works for the Franklin Township School Corporation as the assistant director of food service.



Rachel Horan R'09 married Will Ham on December 29, 2018. Rebels in the wedding party included: **Stephanie (Horan) Newton R'03**, **Joey Newton R'03**, **Sr. Tracey Horan R'06**, **Matt Horan R'07**, **Mike Horan R'12** and **Brooke Horan R'12**.

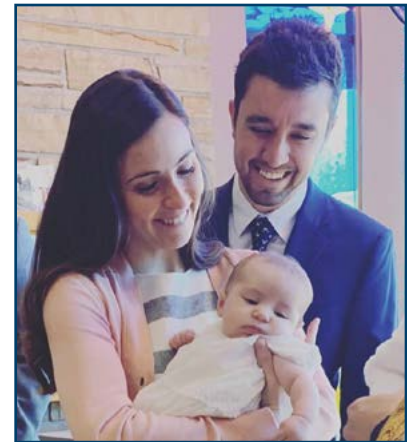
Chelsea Hughey R'09 was named one of the top ten "Women in Jazz" in New Jersey. Chelsea performs every week in many New Jersey and New York City venues.



Laura (Zeimetz) Wesbur R'09 and husband Jonathan gave birth to their third child, a son George Benedict, on November 28, 2018. Big brothers Carson and Rory adore their newest pal. The family resides on the southside of Indianapolis after moving from central Minnesota in 2017.

2010

Louis R'10 and **Emily Feagans** recently married in Washington D.C. The couple traveled to Rome after their wedding and had the opportunity to meet with Pope Francis. It is a memory they will always cherish. The encounter with Pope Francis gave them the chance to trade zucchetos (pope beanie) with the Pontiff. The Feagans returned to the states and felt compelled to offer Roncalli as the home for the zucchetto. It is the hope of the young couple that this future relic will help enrich the spiritual life of the students, staff and community of Roncalli High School.



Daniel R'10 and **Katie (Young) Lauck R'09** welcomed Amelia Florence into the world on December 9, 2018. She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 20.5 inches long. Dan teaches in the Social Studies Department at Roncalli and is the son of **Louis R'78** and **Chris (Shewman) Lauck R'79**. Katie works in finance at Salesforce and is the daughter of **Barb (Schafer) Young R'82** and Doug Young.

2009



Kevin Banich R'09 and **Audrey (Dubord) Banich R'10** welcomed James Joseph on January 10. He weighed in at 7 pounds, 13 ounces and 22 inches long. Mom and baby are healthy and happy! Kevin is Roncalli's assistant principal for student life. Audrey

2011

Bryn Cavett R'11 resigned on December 10 from the Memphis Police Department and moved back to central Indiana. Bryn started as a patrolman with the Zionsville Police Department in Zionsville, IN and is now living in Westfield, IN.



Tony Davey R'11 and Sarah Knapik were married on February 2, 2019. The wedding ceremony was at St. Barnabas Catholic Church and the reception was held at the Barn at Bay Horse Inn. Rebels in the wedding were best man **Michael Davey R'13**, groomsmen **Joe Davey R'15**, **Sam Schabel R'11**, **Austin Puckett R'11** and **Gavin Fandrei R'11**. Bridesmaids included: **Annie Davey R'17**, **Abby Davey R'20** and **Kelsey Schabel R'11**. Tony is the son of **Marty R'82** and Fran Davey.

2012

Christopher Delaney R'12 is an active duty Sargeant in the US Marine Corps. He was the "Perfect Match" for a complete stranger and donated stem cells to him in the hopes of curing his cancer. He is the cousin of

Katie Lynch R'12 and registered to be a donor in her memory. Thank you for your service, Christopher and for your donation.



Will Schott R'12 and **Claire (Curtis) Schott R'11** brought Dominic Anthony Schott into the world on November 30, 2018. Dominic weighed in at 10 pounds, 5 ounces and 22 inches long. Claire is a nurse at Franciscan Health (St. Francis), and Will is a rental sales representative for JX Truck Center.

2014

Taylor Wong R'14 graduated from Ball State University School of Art in December 2018 and in January 2019 started her new career as special events coordinator at the Indianapolis Zoo.

2015

Paul Annee R'15 is a Republican candidate for Indianapolis City Council in Indiana. Paul is running in the primary on May 7, 2019. The general election is November 5, 2019.

Sara Cannaday R'15 will be representing the University of Evansville at the IACTE

Outstanding Future Educators Banquet in Indianapolis as the winner for Special Education in April. Sara will be graduating from the University of Evansville in May with a B.S. in secondary special education with a social studies minor.

Cameron Papandria R'15 is a senior at Miami University in Ohio. Cam is majoring in instrumental music education and hopes to be a high school band director after graduation.

2016

Spencer Grow R'16 is a music performance major at Berkeley School of Music. He is composing and performing his original compositions.

Matt McKay R'16 is one of three finalists in the Kentucky Collegiate Flute Competition. The finals were in March. He is a junior at Bellarmine University in Louisville. Matt is majoring in classical and jazz flute performance.

2017

Connor Cleary R'17 will be studying abroad in the fall of 2019 at Harlaxton College in Grantham, England. He leaves on August 20, 2019.

Courtney Smith R'17 will be studying abroad in Montpellier, France leaving this summer in August 2019.

Yan Yan R'17 is this year's (2019 presented in April) Catholic Charities Spirit of Service Award winner.



MATT TAYLOR R'04 NAMED RADIO 'VOICE OF THE COLTS'

Matt Taylor R'04 has been named the full-time radio play-by-play announcer for the Indianapolis Colts. Matt joined the Colts in 2012 as manager of radio production, where he served in various capacities for the team's radio programming. He had this to say about his new job, "This is an incredible honor and opportunity. I love everything about Indianapolis, radio, football and the Colts. Those things combined make this a dream position for me. I am very grateful to the Irsay family and the Colts organization for allowing me this opportunity. I'm beyond excited to help enhance the game day experience for Colts fans and share in future great moments." During his senior year at Franklin College, Matt became the play-by-play announcer for the Roncalli Rebels football team. Matt graduated from college in 2008 and remained with the Rebels for two additional seasons.



ALUMNI BASKETBALL GEARING UP FOR 15TH SUMMER SEASON

The 15th Annual Roncalli Alumni Basketball League tips off the first week in June. The league fee is \$400 per team, which includes eight regular season games and a post season tournament. Each game consists of two 20 minute running halves and will be officiated by two IHSA officials. The maximum number of non-alumni participants on a roster is limited to three players.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the basketball league, please contact Mike Agal at 317-908-4898 or Gary Armbruster at 317.787.8277 ext. 242.



REBEL MEDIA NETWORK BEGINS VIDEO STREAMING

On January 10, 2019, Roncalli officially went live with video streaming when the Lady Rebels basketball team faced off against Indian Creek for a home game. Initially, the Rebel Media Network went on the air in the fall of 2007 as an audio only broadcast and that has worked well for all these years as Rob Brown, the principle play-by-play person leading the broadcasts. Today, with the cooperation of the Director of Web and Graphic Design, Stefan Welsh, and his videography class, the Roncalli network has branched out in a big way. Many schools in the area video broadcast athletic contests but most use a single camera operated by the play-by-play announcer or color analyst. Roncalli's broadcast uses students from Mr. Welsh's class to direct the event, operating two cameras and also creating graphics and video for commercial spots. Statistics are kept while the game is in action and shared during the broadcasts. The students get service hours and/or a class grade for working events that are live streamed. This spring boys volleyball, track and field, baseball, softball and lacrosse are all scheduled to share some video air time on the Rebel Media Network and can be accessed via Youtube or Facebook. Stay tuned for more exciting information as we enter the fall semester expanding video coverage of Roncalli sports and campus events.

HONORING OUR PAST AND PRESENT

Each year the Roncalli High School Alumni Association presents four individuals with special alumni awards commemorating them for their service and devotion to Catholic education. The following criteria fully exemplify the qualities each award winner should represent.

Honorary Alumni (2)

These individuals are those that live out the spirit and mission of Roncalli High School through leadership and action but are not graduates of Sacred Heart Central, Kennedy Memorial, Chartrand or Roncalli.

Alumnus of the Year

This person is a graduate of Sacred Heart Central, Kennedy Memorial, Chartrand or Roncalli. He/She lives out the mission of Roncalli High School in their everyday life, whether it is volunteering, coaching, mentoring, or overall Catholic leadership.

St. John XXIII Award

This is an individual who, through the giving of their time, talents, and treasures over the course of their lifetime, has made significant contributions to our educational community. This person puts their religion into practice by their words and actions. This honor is open to anyone, alumnus or otherwise.

Please consider nominating an individual you feel demonstrates the qualities listed above. The lives of the award winners should reflect the highest ethical standards, and their work should be consistent with the values in the mission of Catholic education. Please return your nominations by May 15, 2019 to Gary Armbruster at garmbruster@roncalli.org. Thank you for taking the time to honor those who continually raise the bar for Catholic education.

REUNION NOTIFICATIONS

Roncalli Class of 1979, 40 Year Class Reunion,
Saturday, September 7, 2019 at 6 PM

Monkey Business Bar and Grill (formerly Harry C's)
5055 S Dearborn St, Indianapolis, Indiana 46227

Roncalli Class of 1999, 20 Year Class Reunion,
Saturday, July 27, 2019

Slippery Noodle Inn

Tickets are \$20 per couple and can be purchased by visiting
<https://rhsclassof1999reunion.eventbrite.com>

Text RHS99 to 554-98 to receive text alerts and updates about the reunion weekend.

Roncalli Class of 1989, 30 Year Class Reunion,
July 26th and 27th, 2019

There is a pre-party at Monkey Business (formerly Harry C's) on Friday the 26th starting at 7:00 PM.

Saturday we will have a Mass at Roncalli and the reunion is at Big Daddy's after Mass. Chris Waugh is closing his doors that day so we can have the entire place for the Reunion. Contact Amy Melvin at 317-403-3659 for any other information.

REBEL ROUND UP TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2019

Class of 2019! Don't miss the last chance to hang out with your classmates before everyone goes their separate ways. There will be free food, a free alumni t-shirt and a chance to pick up your yearbook.

Please RSVP today by calling Gary Armbruster, Director of Alumni Relations, at (317) 787-8277 ext. 242 or by e-mail at garmbruster@roncalli.org.

**July 23, 2019
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
in the Roncalli Cafeteria!**



THE LAST WORD

School Safety

Chuck Weisenbach R'79,
Principal

An issue that is of paramount importance for all levels of education in our country today (elementary, middle, high school and college) is that of security. The safety of students, teachers and staff members while at school is the top priority for every school and college! In this edition of the UPDATE, I will speak to the issue of school safety from several different perspectives.

Personnel

Since 2004, we have contracted with an IMPD officer to oversee all of our “in person” security needs. This person is responsible for scheduling the coverage of armed security during the school day as well as at campus events (athletic contests, fine arts events, fundraisers, etc.). This person, along with fellow IMPD, provide the school with relevant, up to date information on all issues pertaining to school safety as well as provide training for our faculty and staff. We benefit immensely from the training they receive as IMPD officers, and Roncalli is blessed to have these officers as a part of our school team. We appreciate immensely all that they do, seen and unseen, to make our school and campus a safe place for all!

Campus Security

The regular presence of armed security on campus that

started in 2004 resulted in an immediate, dramatic decrease in the amount of vandalism our school was incurring during non-school hours. For some time now, we have experienced very little in the way of vandalism to our school and/or facilities.

In The Building Security

This aspect of security has changed significantly since we started working with our security officers in 2004. Fifteen years ago, there was very little presence of armed security in the school itself with the exception of the normal security at home athletic contests. Per the recommendation of these professionals, we now have armed security in our school on a random, rotating basis. There is always armed security in our school when an all school event is being held, such as an all school liturgy, pep session

or guest speaker. We also have armed security in the cafeteria during lunch periods on a consistent basis.

Our video security system consists of cameras outside and inside the school building. As our campus continues to grow we hope to expand the number of cameras, both in and out of the building.

It was not that long ago that most schools' front lobby doors were unlocked and provided unhindered entrance into the school. That is no longer the case as all schools, including Roncalli, require locked doors during the school day and are equipped with some type of "buzz in" procedure that provides some level of control as to who enters your school building.

Training

The most consistent aspect of training as it relates to school safety continues to focus on simulations (fire drills, tornado drills and lockdown/armed intruder drills). Law enforcement is not involved with our fire and tornado drills. However, they are heavily

involved and participate in our armed intruder lockdown simulations. They consistently pass on to our administration the latest in best practices for schools when dealing with an armed intruder(s). Our security officers participate in our lockdown simulations and provide us with feedback on what was done well and what must be improved.

Threat Assessment

While threats were probably being directed toward schools prior to social media, there is no denying that the number of threats directed toward schools has risen sharply via the use of some type of social media. On occasion through the years there have been times when Roncalli has had to deal with alleged threats directed toward the school. While each situation has its own unique set of variables, there are standard operating procedures when such a situation exists. They include the following: (1) contact law enforcement and involve them in the investigation, (2) contact the archdiocese, (3) conduct on our own investigation if the threat involves a Roncalli

student(s), (4) on occasion, the investigative process can involve mental health professionals who may be asked to conduct a threat assessment for the student(s). This comprehensive approach to investigating the situation allows the school to make a decision on how best to proceed based on the recommendation of both law enforcement and mental health professionals.

Quality academic programming, exemplary faith formation, athletic, fine arts and student activities programs, and community service opportunities are all very important to Roncalli and to any school! But, they all pale in comparison to the safety of our students, teachers and staff members! Please join me in praying for the ongoing safety not only of RHS students, teachers and staff members but for all schools' students, teachers and staff members.

St. John XXIII, pray for us!

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5:30 – 11:00 PM

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Business Casual Attire

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