

2023-2024

OPPORTUNITIES
TO GET **INVOLVED**
AT RONCALLI



EXTRACURRICULAR TEAMS

Roncalli High School is blessed to offer a wide array of extracurricular opportunities for students. These include academic teams, fine arts, performing arts, clubs, athletic teams, managers, statisticians, videographers and a variety of service opportunities. Students are encouraged to join clubs and/or teams as research shows that students that are involved in at least one extracurricular opportunity will be more successful in school. This booklet captures a snapshot of the various extracurricular offerings available to students. If a student cannot find an area of interest, there is a process to create a new club or team.

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Archery: This club practices archery and competes at local competitions in hopes of qualifying for the state NASP (National Archery School Program) finals. This club is open to all students that enjoy archery. This club meets weekly beginning in late September to practice target shooting. This is a very safe and organized club that works to improve the marksmanship of each member.

Contact: Mr. Keith Clowers keith@zesco.com

Mock Trial: Student teams of witnesses and attorneys prepare a case for trial before a judge. With the help of attorneys/coaches, teams prepare for competition according to the established rules of trial procedure. Teams are judged on their ability to follow procedures and present an effective case. Preparation for this February competition begins in October.

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Robotics: This club meets to learn the basics of how to design, build and use robots. Teams consist of four to six students that build a robot to compete at area VEX competitions. In addition, students work with middle schoolers to introduce robotics to our future Royals.

Contact: Mr. Ben Grimes bgrimes@roncalli.org

Spell Bowl: Spell Bowl teams consist of 10 students who participate in a written spelling bee. Each of the participants spells nine words from a specially prepared list. Their regional competition occurs in October, culminating with the State Finals in November.

Contact: Mrs. Kim Striby kstriby@roncalli.org

Speech: This team offers students the chance to develop and display their writing and verbal skills. Students have the opportunity to choose between 14 categories in which they can compete throughout the school year. All rules and judging are defined by the Indiana High School Forensic Association. Coaching will be available each week to assist team members in their preparation for meets.

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Mrs. Rayna Wilson

SCHOOL SPONSORED CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Athletic Trainers (student): Our athletic department sponsors a multitude of athletic teams. We utilize student athletic trainers to assist our certified athletic trainers on staff. If students have an interest in physical therapy or athletic training, this is a great way to get involved. We need student athletic trainers for each season.

Contact: Ms. Megan Pakkala mpakkala@roncalli.org

Boxing Club: Club members typically meet through the winter and spring months after school approximately once every other week. Individuals are trained and work on some basic elements of boxing primarily through the use of punching bags. There is no live boxing.

Contact: Mr. Ray Shelburn rshelburn@roncalli.org

Business Club: The Business Club takes lessons learned in the classroom and expands on them in meetings after school. The club hosts guest speakers, goes on field trips and puts together projects to present in front of Roncalli's "Sharks."

Contact: Mr. Michael Wantz mwantz@roncalli.org

Campus Ministry Student Leadership Team: Campus Ministry offers students various opportunities to be actively involved in their Catholic faith. Students have an opportunity to be part of school liturgies by participating as Sacristans, lectors, servers or cantors during all-school liturgies.

Contact: Mrs. Katie Hibner khibner@roncalli.org

Crochet Club: The Crochet Club is open to students of all levels interested in learning how to crochet. Meetings will be held generally once per month and will last an hour. Experienced students are encouraged to bring their own projects, while beginners can learn how to get started! One goal of the club is to eventually donate some of the group's projects, such as blankets, prayer shawls, hats and stuffed animals.

Contact: Ms. Julia Sands jsands@roncalli.org

Community Service Club: Opportunities for students to volunteer their time and talents in their school, parishes and community are available through this program. The community service club is a student-run program where those involved develop and implement service projects within and outside the school. Groups of RHS students, faculty/staff members and parents travel to Appalachia two times a year (spring break and summer break) for a six-day service trip.

Contact: Mr. Gerard Striby gstriby@roncalli.org

Dance Team: This team begins practice in the fall with a winter season. Dance team members will learn and practice routines to perform at boys and girls basketball games. No dance experience is required.

Contact: Mrs. Katie Hibner khibner@roncalli.org
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Debate Club: This club allows students to practice their debate skills in a semi-formal context on a biweekly basis. Students collectively decide on a debate topic from a master list and are then divided into two teams for research and collaboration. At the following meeting, students debate the opposing team, ready to provide opening statements, rebuttals, and closing statements over a predetermined time period. Debate teams are moderated and judged by a rotation of RHS faculty and students. Spectators are welcome.

Contact: Mrs. Caren LeMark clemark@roncalli.org

DIY (Do it Yourself) Club: Do you love crafts? Do you love to put things together to see what you can create? Do you love to make fun projects or create gifts for others to enjoy? If you said yes to any of these questions, then you should consider joining the DIY club as this club loves to create fun crafts and gifts for others.

Contact: Mrs. Jenny Garro jgarro@roncalli.org

Drama Club: Students involved in the Drama Club have the opportunity to attend plays, musicals and conferences. The Drama Club meets twice a month. A student need not be in a theatre class to be a part of the Drama Club.

Contact: Mr. Phil Anderson panderson@roncalli.org

Earth Club: This club's major focus is leading Roncalli into being a more environmentally friendly school. Members of this group work on growing a sustainable garden on the north side of campus and running the recycling program for the school.

Contact: Ms. Laura Greve lgreve@roncalli.org

Encourage: Encourage promotes a positive environment and safe space for students who experience same-sex attractions and those questioning their sexual identity. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that people with same-sex attractions "must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity" (CCC 2358). Meetings in this group involve service projects, team building, brain-breaks, guest speakers and affirmation activities.

Contact: Mrs. Diana Buxton dbuxton@roncalli.org

Euchre Club: This club meets every other week to learn and play euchre.

Contact: Mr. Pat Crosley pcrosley@roncalli.org

Fishing Club: The fishing club travels to local ponds to fish several times a year. No experience necessary. Come enjoy a great afternoon on the water!

Contact: Mr. Rob Kratoska rkratoska@roncalli.org

Four Paws Club: This club is open to all students and staff at RHS that love animals. The purpose of the club is to educate students about the various local service opportunities involving animals. The group volunteers at Animal Care and Control on the southside as well as local humane societies. Activities include dog walking, working at adoption days, grooming and bathing the animals and much, much more!

Contact: Ms. Jill Fortin jfortin@roncalli.org

IT Club: The IT club learns about all things technology from the leader of our IT Department, Mr. Steve Battiatto!

Contact: Mr. Steve Battiatto sbattiatto@roncalli.org

Jazz Band: The Band is open through audition to any RHS student who plays piano, drums, bass, guitar, trumpet, trombone or saxophone. The Roncalli Jazz Band performs at concerts, contests, special community performances, college jazz festivals and at the biannual Smoky Mountain Music Festival. Auditions are held in September.

Contact: Mrs. Laura Gottman lgottman@roncalli.org

Kickball Club: Want to relive your CYO kickball glory days? Grab a friend and join the Roncalli Kickball Club!

Contact: Mr. Steve Battiato sbattiato@roncalli.org

Lab Band: Want to learn an instrument? Join Lab Band! Zero experience is required and encouraged. Students get to learn all sorts of instruments they've always wanted to learn at a slow, relaxed pace. Come join us! We have a darn tootin' good time.

Contact: Mrs. Laura Gottman lgottman@roncalli.org

Linus Club: This service club makes fleece "no sew" blankets for local charities that serve families with babies or young children that could benefit from a new fleece blanket. No sewing experience is needed. This club is always in need of fleece material donations to keep up with the demand for new blankets.

Contact: Mrs. Katie Anderson kanderson@roncalli.org

Pickleball Club: Interested in learning and playing the fastest-growing sport in the country? Join the Pickleball Club, who travels to Craig Park in Greenwood twice a month to play!

Contact: Mrs. Angie Toner atoner@roncalli.org

Pro-Life Club: Students interested in promoting life from conception to natural death are encouraged to participate in this group. This committee will work to educate the student body on issues such as abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment, etc. and will work to support human life in all such areas. This group annually participates in the local Indiana March for Life.

Contact: Mrs. Caren LeMark clemark@roncalli.org

Psychology Club: This club meets to enjoy the fun of psychology, as well as use it to serve others. The fun component involves personality quizzes, brain games, TED Talks, conducting social experiments at school and much more. The service component involves writing positive notes to prisoners, writing uplifting notes to people receiving mental health care and making posters for around the school, which raise awareness.

Contact: Mrs. Kim Striby kstriby@roncalli.org
Mrs. Diana Buxton dbuxton@roncalli.org

R Family Club: Beginning in 2020, this group was formed to create a day to celebrate the diversity of the Roncalli community. This group meets on a biweekly basis to plan, promote and execute a day that brings together our community and world.

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Mrs. Beth Reel breel@roncalli.org

SCHOOL SPONSORED CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Royal Buddies: This is a mentoring club that allows RHS students spend time with students from our Life Academy Program in social settings. Monthly activities are organized and supervised for students to enjoy time spent together.

Contact: Mrs. Julie Sommers jsommers@roncalli.org
Mrs. Debby Fey dfey@roncalli.org

Royal Chefs: The Royal Chefs get together monthly to learn how to cook and bake delicious dishes. The moderators this year will rotate to have that “Celebrity Chef” feel! Come join us in 106!

Contact: Mr. Michael Wantz mwantz@roncalli.org

Royal Rockers: Royal Rockers is open to all student musicians including guitar, bass, drums, piano/keyboard, other string instruments and band instruments. All playing levels are welcome. We get together once a month to learn songs and network with other musicians. Service hours are available from time to time when we perform at nursing homes.

Contact: Mr. Ray Shelburn rshelburn@roncalli.org
Mr. Anthony Walters awalters@roncalli.org

Roncalli Media Network: Students with an interest in the broadcasting or video streaming field have the opportunity to work with the Roncalli Media Network. RMN broadcasts Roncalli sporting events throughout the year as students have the opportunity to broadcast on the live stream or work cameras, create graphics and produce video streams.

Contact: Mr. AJ Ablog aablog@roncalli.org
Mr. Jimmy Cook jcook@roncalli.org

Ski Club: Snow skiing is fun and a great way to exercise in the cold winter months. Four-six times a year, the RHS ski club travels to Perfect North Slopes in Lawrenceburg, IN for a ski outing. Transportation is provided. This is a great way to meet new people and learn a new skill. Lessons are provided at each ski outing. Skiing or snowboarding are available to each student.

Contact: Ms. Stephanie Okerson sokerson@roncalli.org

Student Council “StuCo” (Government): Student council has the primary responsibility of being the voice of the student body and planning activities at RHS. One of its positive products is the active experience in leadership and the development of organizational skills learned by the members. Student Council officers are selected on a yearly basis. All interested students are always encouraged to attend meetings and become involved in the Student Council activities. **Student council meets every Wednesday after school in the Student Life Center.** The council provides numerous opportunities for students to showcase their leadership skills.

Contact: Mrs. Sarah Rose srose@roncalli.org

Tabletop Game/Chess Club: This club meets every week to play fun board and chess games. This club is a great way to meet new friends or spend time with old friends.

Contact: Mr. Phil Milroy pmilroy@roncalli.org

Theatre Activities: There is a place for all interested students in the Roncalli theatre productions. In addition to the actors, RHS theatre productions are dependent upon many crews including makeup, lighting, sound, publicity and set crew. Activities include major fall and spring productions. Each year the Roncalli theatre department performs a musical in the fall and a play in the spring.

Contact: Mr. Phil Anderson panderson@roncalli.org

Ultimate Frisbee Club: This intramural competition is open to any student who wants to play a non-stop movement sport. Ultimate Frisbee combines several sports and provides a new, fun and exciting way for students to compete and stay active.

Contact: TBA

Video Gaming Club: This club provides opportunities to explore many different aspects of video games. Activities include multi-player video gaming and group participation. The club meets regularly after school in room 110.

Contact: Mr. Phil Anderson

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Wellness Club: The Roncalli Wellness Club invites students to engage in discussions and activities that help the mind, body and spirit. Club meetings will include activities to promote overall wellness and guest speakers.

Contact: Mrs. Diane Buxton

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World Language Clubs: The German, French and Spanish Clubs promote student awareness of the language and cultures. Membership in the clubs is available to all students enrolled in a world language course.

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French: Ms. Denise Joseph

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Spanish: Ms. Maggie Casper

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ATHLETIC TEAMS

Girls: Basketball, bowling, cheerleading, cross country, golf, gymnastics, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, volleyball, wrestling; managers, statisticians and timers

Boys: Basketball, baseball, bowling, cheerleading, cross country, football, golf, hockey, lacrosse, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, volleyball, wrestling; managers, statisticians and timers

To find out when clubs/teams are meeting please see the "Student Activities" on the Roncalli online calendar: <https://www.roncalli.org/calendar/>



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