

Roanoke Catholic School

Spring 2013

Alumni Newsletter



Head of School/Principal's Message

Dear Friends,

What an incredible year we've had at Roanoke Catholic School! From a Capital Investment perspective, we now enjoy new energy-efficient windows in the main gym, new energy-efficient lighting on the gym floor and bleacher areas, and a fresh coat of paint on the ceiling and walls of the interior and some exterior surfaces. This coat of paint is the first since the gym was built 50 years ago.



We have repaired spalling concrete and, in a few weeks, will enjoy a new “grade #1” maple gym floor. The investment in this project by the school and Diocese will total over \$400,000 and when we factor in the new roof, which was installed last year, the total investment reaches \$550,000. This entire project was paid for with cash—not a single loan was required. Through strong enrollment initiatives and sound fiscal planning, we have been able to set aside enough money for this project in just 24 months. Thanks to our friends and supporters who were passionate about seeing this structure revived, we now have a facility that will serve our community for another 50 years!

This year, our beloved Lower School building has also seen significant improvements, thanks in large part to a challenge gift made by Robert and Molly Hardie. The challenge gift created an opportunity for members of our school community to purchase windows and doors in our Lower School in an effort to improve the look and energy efficiency within this historic building. Thanks to friends and supporters, within a ten-week period of time, all 74 windows and exterior doors were sponsored and will be named in honor of families and friends of Roanoke Catholic School. We are pleased to report that all of the windows have been installed and that exterior doors are being shipped from the manufacturer within the next few weeks. We have also benefitted from the Hardie Family gift in the form of new HVAC systems that have been installed in all eleven classrooms in the Lower School building. These new self-contained Mitsubishi units are very energy-efficient and will replace the window units that currently exist. All gym lighting will also be upgraded to more energy-efficient models and provide a better quality of light at a reduced operating cost to the school. We are pleased to report that the majority of the contracts, for both the Gym and Lower School, have been awarded to local contractors, vendors, architects, engineers and manufacturers. What a great boost to our local economy! We are thankful for your love, support and prayers. We are truly a blessed community, focused on educating students in a faith-filled environment. God bless all of you.

Retirements



Suzanne Simpson

First Grade Teacher and former RCS Parent

My husband Ken and I began our association with Roanoke Catholic School in 1986 when our son, Shawn '90, was entering ninth grade and our daughter, Shannon '92, seventh grade. The RCS community was so warm and welcoming. In 1989, then Principal Karen Mabry hired me to teach full time. It has been such a wonderful experience to learn from such excellent teachers and to share my Christian faith with my students. I have had the pleasure of teaching with fabulous colleagues including Kate Campbell, Louise Kielty Tablett, Maureen Guilfoyle, Shirley Craddock, Bonnie Sartini, Brenda Slusher, and Lisa McDilda at various elementary grade levels. I have many wonderful memories of class trips to Washington, D.C., Williamsburg and Monticello; and special events such as Field Day, Grandpals' Day and student-led liturgies. I have been blessed these last twenty-four years to have worked with such supportive priests, administrators, teachers, and staff. The parents and students here have been wonderful.

My prayer for the Roanoke Catholic School Community: "May the Lord bless you and keep you always in the palm of His hand."



Jimmy Holzhauer

Fifth Grade Teacher and Parent of an RCS Alumna

Twenty-one years ago, Karen Mabry and Sue Thompson hired me as a fifth-grade teacher and since then, I have worked with so many students, parents, and grandparents whom I will always remember. These are the people who showered me with their blessings, assistance, good wishes, honesty, humor, and prayers, and helped me grow just as the children were growing with all of us in God's Love.

I am especially grateful that, along with the RCS parents, I have had the responsibility and privilege of being a role model to hundreds of students passing through fifth grade, teaching them the difference between right and wrong. I am also grateful that I have had the privilege of demonstrating to the students why and how to always treat one another with respect. Finally, I celebrate the opportunity given to me to teach the religion curriculum and experience the daily classroom conversations about our faith. No one could ask for anything more in life. I thank Roanoke Catholic School for a wonderful twenty-one years.

On The Hill

23rd Annual Shamrock Hill Run

God blessed us with the sun for the 23rd annual Shamrock Hill Run! Thank you to all the volunteers who showed up and worked so hard to make this day such a success. It really is a blessing when the community comes together and enjoys such a special tradition. The amount of food and water our RCS families sent in was amazing. Not only did we feed the runners, volunteers, and their friends and family, we donated snacks and water to many others!



The collaboration with the school, the Celtic Athletic Booster Club, VA Amateur Sports, Mountain Junkies, and EventZone allowed us the opportunity to host over 450 runners and raise over \$5,000 for Roanoke Catholic School. We were excited to add the 10k this year to the already successful 1 Mile Walk and the 5k. Mark your calendar for next year, this event is always a FUN & FESTIVE time!

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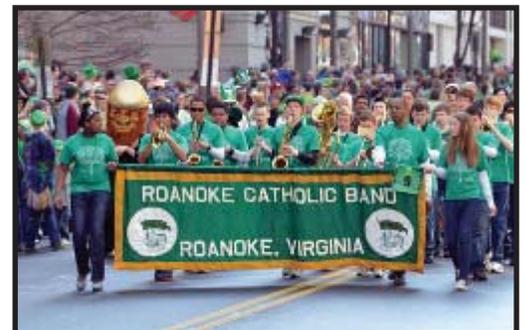


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to see more of her work!

Band News

This year, the RCS band participated again in the 24th Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade. The band, led by Rufus Parham, marched along with the Knights of Columbus and Ancient Order of Hibernians.

New this year, Roanoke Catholic band students participated in our very first Band Day. On May 1st, Brass Five along with several other professional musicians worked with our two bands, the beginning band and our sixth grade through Upper School band. The day was spent in sectional rehearsals and individual help and culminated with a concert.



On The Hill



Talent Show

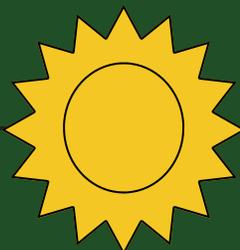
Roanoke Catholic School Has Talent! That was proven in March when we held our annual talent show in the Lucy Addison Middle School Auditorium. The show was a huge success. "Make the World a Better Place," this year's theme, encouraged participants to demonstrate their talents to others in the spirit of love and acceptance. As part of our event, the dance program, along with Mr. Ray Sweeney and Dr. Chris Keeley, donated a Dogwood tree to the school. This lovely little tree is now located in front of the Upper School building. Thank you for your donation!

We had 23 talent acts this year that included students from the Lower School through the 9th grade. In addition to the talent that we saw on stage, we offered an art talent competition with the help of Kim Spencer. Students were allowed to submit original artwork that reflected our theme. The artwork chosen was displayed on the front and back cover of the program booklet.

There were so many special people involved in making this event a success. I thank you for your involvement and dedication. If you missed the show this year, don't worry. We plan to continue this tradition for years to come!

The dance program typically performs twice during the school year; in December at Our Lady of the Valley and in March for the school talent show. This year, we danced a little disco, Beethoven, and our final production number which was based on our theme of making the world a better place. Recalling our little Dogwood tree, the dancers, teachers, and parents joined in for this group number, "Let it Grow."

Mitzi Keeley, Director of Dance



Go Celtics!

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Lower School Renovation



Caution! Construction Site: Progress of window installation in the Lower School as part of the “Windows of Opportunity”

Thank you to all of the donors who supported our “Window of Opportunity” Lower School Renovation Campaign. A special thank you to Robert ‘83 and Molly Hardie for their gift of a 2:1 match.



We are making progress: Above left is one of the newly installed gym windows made possible by our generous donors.



The fourth grade class thanks their fellow classmate Paxton Ayers for sponsoring a window in their honor.

Eight individual classes sponsored windows in this campaign. The classes range from the youngest of our students to those who have already graduated. Some of the classes chose to sponsor their window in honor or memory of someone special.

Keep an eye out for full details in the Fall Newsletter

On The Hill

Development Intern

Anne-Riley Spencer, Class of 2011

After graduating from Roanoke Catholic, I did not think I would be back so soon, let alone working as an intern. When my mother informed me that there was an internship opportunity for me at Roanoke Catholic, I expected the stereotypical office lackey internship. I should have known better, after all, this is Roanoke Catholic. I was informed that my internship would be with Mrs. Debbie Stump in the Development office, along with Ms. Cooper in Alumni Relations. On my first day the three of us met and went over the areas in which I would have assignments. It was a great deal more than I was expecting. I found out that I would be working with both of them on several major projects for the school. One of the projects I have been working on is this very Alumni Newsletter, from helping to decide which programs to showcase to design and layout. Helping to produce the newsletter reminds me a bit of my senior year working as an editor for yearbook. However, working on the newsletter is not all I have been doing. I am getting so much hands-on-experience in various fields, such as marketing, communications, social media, database management, prospect research, donor cultivation and stewardship, alumni relations, and event planning. I am so grateful to have such a wonderful opportunity as this internship. This experience will make such a difference for me when I apply for a job. Who knows? Perhaps one day I'll be applying for a job right here at RCS. But I do know one thing: Celtics really do take care of their own.



Upcoming Reunions

2013

1963 : 50th

1988 : 25th

1993 : 20th

2003 : 10th

Class of 1993

Friday, September 20, 2013

Saturday, September 21, 2013

20th reunion (includes class of 1994)

Homecoming Game - Tailgate and cookout

RCS Tour and picnic on campus

Local event activity TBA

Dinner at Billy's Downtown

Alumni Interview

Captain Jennifer S. Moore, Class of 2001

By Steven Rosendahl, Class of 2013



When the Alumni Newsletter staff asked me to interview Captain Moore, I had no idea how the process would turn out. Due to her deployment in Afghanistan, rather than being able to interview her in a face-to-face format, I had to e-mail my questions to her. From her responses alone, I understood that she was more (no pun intended) than just another Roanoke Catholic graduate.

Jennifer Moore attended Roanoke Catholic from 1988 to 2001, her kindergarten through senior year school career. Throughout her time at RCS, she gained a valuable education and overall experience that would help her in her later years. One of the main

experiences on which Captain Moore elaborated was the sports that she played throughout her years at RCS. With three, four, and five letters in cross country, basketball, and soccer, respectively, it is easy to tell that Captain Moore has drive and determination. Yet, sports were not the only important experience for her during her time at RCS. The education that she received prepared her for both college and the outside world, much as it does for its students today. I, as well as many of the other students currently enrolled at the school, can relate to the experience Captain Moore had with her mother as a teacher. Mrs. Moore taught Captain Moore three classes in high school; her mother was just as hard on Jen as she was with every other student in the class. Roanoke Catholic, however, gave her more than just a formal education. When I asked Captain Moore about her overall experience at RCS, she stated that the sense of community and togetherness the school offers was one of the most memorable aspects of her time spent here.

One of the immediate details that grabbed my attention about Captain Moore was her status in the United States Army. She made her decision to go into the army during her senior year of college at Georgetown University, feeling a strong sense of duty and reverence toward the soldiers who protect our country. Initially enrolled at Georgetown University School of Medicine, she planned to be an army doctor and she was commissioned to the military. During her second year of med school, then Lieutenant Moore changed her focus and went active duty. She commented on her experience at RCS in regard to the military, saying that the school gave her the necessary self-confidence and the versatility needed by someone in Captain Moore's position. In support of Captain Moore, the class of 2013, throughout the first semester, donated sixty-four boxes of supplies and food to the soldiers in Captain Moore's unit, the 582nd Medical Logistics Company (called the "Log Dawgs" for short) during her deployment. To date, the United States Army has awarded Captain Moore the following: Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Army Overseas Ribbon and NATO Medal. This June, Captain Moore will attend Baylor University where she will complete a combined program for a Masters in Hospital Administration and Masters in Business Administration. Pending completion of her studies, she will serve a one-year internship at the US Army Medical Materiel Agency (USAMMA).

Since I had to communicate with Captain Moore through e-mail, I was afraid that I would not get a good sense of her personality. However, I was able to tell that she was quite a remarkable person. Having graduated from RCS as Senior Class President, lettering an impressive twelve times, graduating as the Class of 2001 Valedictorian, and gaining a remarkable education at both RCS and Georgetown, it is easy to tell that Captain Moore's pride as an alumna of Roanoke Catholic is warranted. In one of her replies, she noted that each time she returns, she feels the same sense of community she felt during her attendance here. Through this interview with Captain Moore, I learned she values her memorable experiences here at Roanoke Catholic.

Alumni Profile

The Traveler

By Marshall Glass, Class of 1996

At Roanoke Catholic, I learned to love travel and to appreciate the differences in one another that make this world rich. I currently reside in a New York City neighborhood called Astoria at the base of the Triboro Bridge (now RFK Bridge) in the borough of Queens. Often, my community is seen in TV shows like *Blue Bloods*, *The Good Wife*, and *Unforgettable*. However, as one can observe on TV, the sets are not what one would see in the streets of Roanoke. For example, while Roanoke and Astoria each have a common population base--both areas have over 250,000 people living in them—Astoria’s population lives within one square mile! In addition, the neighborhood boasts over 350 different ethnicities! A visitor on my street is likely to hear five different languages (none English) and see one Burqa, five Hijabs, and two Greek Orthodox robes. In other words, I live in an area known as the most diverse location IN THE WORLD! But let’s start at the beginning. . .



As an eighth grader sitting in Miss Mary Jane Callahan’s Latin class, I remember seeing multiple pictures of places she had visited. Pictures of Greece and Italy lined the walls and a conversation came up about her travels. What she said that day stuck with me. Miss Callahan stated, “If any of you ever get the chance to travel, to experience another culture, another way of life, take that opportunity and run with it.” I don’t think she realized how meaningful those comments might be to a classroom full of teenagers, but I know that what Miss Callahan hoped for, happened inside me that day.

From that moment on, I thought about the places I had visited in the United States and the places I wanted to go abroad. My first experience overseas was in 1994 with Roanoke Catholic School as we took the very first RCS-sponsored trip to Europe. While the itinerary was focused on academics, the trip to Italy with Fr. Joe Metzger was so much more. We met so many fascinating people along the way: our local tour guides, an entire village with all persons known by Father Joe. We met Pope John Paul II. We spent a late night out with a group of German College students singing in the Assisi town square. Later, these travelling students joined us for a private mass in the basement of the St Francis of Assisi Basilica. This ten-day experience made me want to travel more, not only for the sights, but for the sounds of the people. Singing with strangers and breaking bread with others really moved me. My desire for more led me to Elon College (now University), which at the time was the top study-abroad school in the nation.

As an Elon student, I was able to visit over ten different countries before graduating and not one of them was Canada or Mexico. As a junior, I lived in London, England, for the fall of 1998, during the height of Mad Cow disease. I travelled on weekends to places as close as Scotland and Ireland and as far away as Austria and Italy. I slept on the streets in Vienna, Austria, because we travelers had no place to stay. I bunked in a 400-person hostel in the middle of the Alps with only four people present. I walked up 900 stairs to take a look at the underside of a moving glacier. I drank a beer with the US Army at Oktoberfest 1998. I saw the great works of art from Rembrandt and Michelangelo to the great graffiti artists of tomorrow.

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In 2000, when Y2K spared the sky from falling, I was part of a group of students who backpacked for a month in Eastern Europe to study the steady rise of Capitalism and the fall of Communism. It was there that I learned the world is not always happy-go-lucky. I saw the struggling, but rising economy of the Czech Republic and Slovakia while its people played classical music in the streets for an ounce of chocolate or a pint of Vodka. I walked through Check Point Charlie, which is now a tourist attraction; I stood silent at Auschwitz. I saw the Berlin Wall in pieces, and turned into an art gallery. I met a man who was a janitor, but before the fall of the Wall, was the head of a university's agricultural department. Because he had Communist ties, he now sweeps the floors of the halls he used to run. I met the "haves" and the "have-nots" all drinking together at one table making the effort to enjoy life because friendship helps break the bonds of economic oppression. I saw this and much more. Upon returning home, I made the decision to return to Europe. Upon graduation, I received a BUNAC Student Work Visa and planned to move back to London.

On August 5, 2000, I flew into London, which I would now call home. For seven months, I worked in the suburbs of London for an IT recruiting firm comprised of English, Irish, South Africans, one American and one Canadian. On the weekends, I travelled throughout England exploring the countryside. For Thanksgiving, I backpacked around Scotland on the Haggis Bus. For Christmas, I spent time with a good friend and two people I barely knew. It was the best Christmas! After meeting some Australians, a couple from the U.S. Mid-West, a German who did not like the US, a college student from Japan, members from both the Swiss Army and the U.S. Air Force, several members of the IRA, and a famous DJ from Vienna, my Visa expired and I returned to the United States.

When my friends ask me about Roanoke Catholic, I tell them that I was blessed with a school that believes in the teachings of God and the acceptance of all His children from all walks of life and faiths; that through education, tolerance, and acceptance, we can understand one another and be one step closer to God. It was Roanoke Catholic School that started me down the path that led me closer to the man I am today. I thank you for this.



Want to stay up to date with RCS happenings? Make sure to check out the Roanoke Catholic Facebook page. Browse through countless photos and videos, read the latest news, keep track of how our teams are doing, be informed about upcoming events, and leave comments yourself. Don't forget to friend Roanoke Catholic for all of this and more.

Catching Up

Quinn Thomas '54 “Prior to the formation of Roanoke Catholic School, both Our Lady of Nazareth and St. Andrews had grades 1-12. In 1950, the high schools were combined. Following grade school at Nazareth, I was a student in the first class consisting of members from both parishes to complete four years at the new Roanoke Catholic High School, graduating in 1954. All of the teachers were Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. Indoor sports were played in the gym in the current Lower School as the present gym was not in existence. Many of us walked up the hill from downtown, crossing the railroad on a pedestrian crossover at the Jefferson Street grade-crossing in place at the time.



Following graduation from the University of Virginia, I was on Active Duty in the Navy for 3 ½ years and retired from the Navy Reserve following Active Duty with the rank of Captain.

My first business career was with the Fruehauf Corporation, a large manufacturer of truck trailers. Starting in sales, I held various management positions in several cities. I eventually became Vice President of Sales in Detroit. Desiring to return to Roanoke, I joined Woltz and Associates who are engaged in marketing and selling large land tracts and farms. After 22 years as a real estate agent and auctioneer, I continue to enjoy this line of business. Roanoke Catholic High has played an important role in any success that has come my way as a Catholic, father, and businessman.”

Reggie Tyler '60 “Who would believe it—except we know it’s true! Fifty-three years since graduation and still rolling!

For most of the years, except for an occasional reunion, I had little connection with my classmates. Yet, a few years ago, I reconnected with a number of them and it has been a real blessing.

Since we gathered for our 50th reunion several years ago, we, the class of 1960, have met multiple times to enjoy a meal together and share memories of our good times at RCH and our life stories. Lunches, Christmas parties, picnics by the lake have all been a part of this memory lane we shared together. Scheduled reunions are a great thing, but the more frequent class- specific gathering brings together that long lost social network that we had so many years ago.



My connection to “the Hill” goes back nearly a century. In 1920, my father started attending St. Andrews and went to school in the original Ryan building.

My grandfather actually fired the old boilers in the school building. My older brother, Norman, attended from 1943 to graduation in 1956. I was there from '48 through '60 and my younger brother, David, from 1955 until his graduation in 1967. Then after decades of absence, my wife Joyce and I moved back to the Roanoke area in 1992 and decided to enroll our two boys at RCS. Mitchell was in the 4th grade and graduated in 2001 and Matthew, who started in kindergarten, graduated in 2005.

So as many of you read this and you are looking ahead to your future, take advantage of the friendships and partnerships you created while at RCS. The fact that Bob Dylan sang ‘The Times They Are a-Changin’ nearly fifty years ago—when a lot *was* changing—pales dramatically to the changes that are occurring now. Please don’t let the speed of life separate you from your friends. Stop and take time to renew and enjoy your classmates and make plans to have your children continue the legacy for your family!

All in all, the RCS community deserves your continued support to ensure that what we all had will be available for our children and grandchildren. “May God bless all of you!”

Catching Up

John M. Kowalchuk '61 (aka / Bro. Clement Kowalchuk, CFX) Brother Clement tells us that he retired from teaching at Xaverian High School in Brooklyn, NY, after teaching Art, Architecture, Photography, and Theatre Tech for 44 years.

Following graduation from Roanoke Catholic High School in 1961, he entered the Xaverian Brothers that same year and served a two-year period of novitiate in Leonardtown, MD, This was followed by undergraduate work. He earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts at Catholic University of America and was assigned to begin an art program at Xaverian High School in Brooklyn. In 1972, Bro. Clement earned his Masters Degree in Fine Arts from Notre Dame University.

Brother Clement has lived at Xaverian House, the retirement community for the Xaverian Brothers, in Danvers, MA, and has kept active by traveling throughout Eastern Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine. He has maintained hobbies in photography, building model ships, and visiting museums in the Boston area. Brother Clement has been a chaplain at a prison in Lawrence, MA, and gives periodic guest lectures to art classes at St. John's Preparatory School (all-male high school), on whose property Xaverian House is located. In July of 2011, Brother Clement celebrated his Golden Jubilee with the Xaverian Brothers.

"I wish you well in all you do," adds Brother Clement. "I have such fond memories of my days at Roanoke Catholic High School, and while they were still alive, I kept in touch with many of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth who taught us. They were living saints! My prayers, and those of the Xaverian Brothers, will always be with you. Please keep in touch, and I'll do the same."

Greg Broderick '94 "I have lived in VA Beach with my wife Michelle since 2002. We have two children, Erin, who is four and in preschool at St. John the Apostle, and Shane, who is two years old. My parents are still in Roanoke and doing well. Stacey is in D.C. with her husband and new baby son, Theo.

Here is a picture of the kids. Take care and we'll talk to you soon."



Nathan & Teresa (Monsour) Iott '96 "After graduating from Roanoke College and

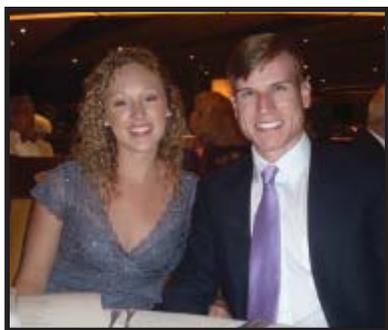


James Madison University in 2000, Nathan and I headed across country to California. We were married in 2006 at St. Andrew's and now live in Newport Beach, CA. Nathan works for Vans Shoe Company as the Head of Design of Action Sports Footwear and I am a District Manager at Road Runner Sports, *The World's Largest Running Store*. We are very lucky to work for companies that fuel our passions. I've been able to run in many events from San Francisco to San Diego along with one full marathon with the support of my company.

Nathan spends his time managing a design group that works with pro skateboarders, pro surfers, and street fashion influencers to create progressive designs for several categories of footwear. He manages six other designers and was able to meet and design shoes for Metallica and his favorite band Bad Brains.

We bought our fixer upper beach house in 2010 and have been remodeling it for the past three years. With all the remodeling completed, we are looking forward to enjoying the warm summer and ocean breeze. We would personally like to thank Roanoke Catholic and all of the wonderful, caring teachers that we were so privileged to be taught by and, of course, bringing Nathan and me together. I love seeing the reaction from people when telling them, 'I've known my husband since kindergarten.' It is truly priceless."

Catching Up



Paul Barnard '00 “I graduated from Roanoke College in May 2004, with a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration and minor in Human Resource Management. Roanoke College was an excellent fit for me because of the small class size and similar feel to the Roanoke Catholic School community. I liked the fact my professors knew me on a first-name basis and we even shared lunch together many times. Financially, Roanoke College was very generous with scholarships and other programs that made it financially feasible to attend college.

I was a full-time student while working full-time throughout my college career in the catering department on campus. The college has numerous banquets and fundraisers, weddings, Alumni events, and so many other activities on campus. Part of my responsibilities with the campus dining facility included making deliveries, counting perishable food inventory, assisting in setting up and planning events all while being conscious of budgetary constraints associated with event planning. By working on campus, I built relationships with nearly every department on campus.

It was my junior year of college that the director of the Career Development department informed me of a paid internship opportunity with the federal government. Upon my college graduation, this internship turned into full-time employment and this June 2013, I will have been employed with the agency for ten years. I am so very Blessed and thankful to have the opportunity to stay in the Roanoke Valley. The favor of God, networking, and hard work has propelled me into a very blessed life.

I am engaged to be married to the lovely Erin Tudor in the fall of this year. Erin’s father, Louis Tudor, is the swimming coach for RCS. Also, Erin has a brother and sister who have Celtic connections. Shane Tudor graduated from Roanoke Catholic in 2012 and now attends George Mason University; Hannah Tudor presently attends RCS and will graduate in 2014. At Erin’s and my wedding, my nephew, Luke Tyler, will be the ring bearer. Luke is the son of my sister Suzanne Barnard Tyler (’01) and her husband Mitchell Tyler (’01). It should be noted that Erin and I have requested a freshly-baked batch of the famous *Tudor’s biscuits* at our wedding reception.

Roanoke Catholic School prepared me for college in so many different ways. Writing correct paragraphs, essays, and research papers, and using critical thinking skills are just a few areas in which I excelled above my college classmates. RCS actually trained me to produce a research paper in a matter of hours! I knew *how* to research, and *where* to locate relevant sources.

In addition, college coursework requires a tremendous amount of reading. The outlining and summarizing skills that I learned at RCS were lifelines in college. Without these skills, I would *still* be reading for some of my coursework. Also, RCS instilled in me the importance of teamwork and building productive working relationships. A large number of group projects calling for heavy collaboration with classmates were frequent demands in the classes. Because of the strong teambuilding foundation that RCS instilled in me, it was easier to be successful with these difficult projects. In fact, the skills positioned me to not only be successful, but to *thrive* in this area. I truly value my RCS education. It has helped to mold me into the person I am today.”

Matthew Zuraw '01 stopped by the Alumni room when, in April, he visited Roanoke Catholic to see his nephew, Nathaniel, son of Peter, ‘00. At our urging, Matt let us know that in 2011, he earned his MBA from Emory University and has just recently been promoted to Service Director at GEICO in San Diego, CA. He has also been making time to explore the West Coast.

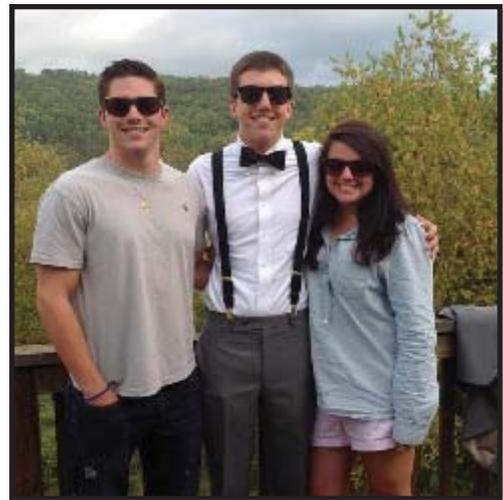
To see what *else* Matt had to say, visit the Roanoke Catholic facebook page to check out his video. <http://youtu.be/KqYkXYbHlhA> This link will take you directly to his video.

Catching Up

Kristina Montuori '06, who works at WSLs 10 as a meteorologist, came by Roanoke Catholic for a visit and swung by the Alumni Room to catch up. To see what she had to say, check out her video on the Roanoke Catholic facebook page. <http://youtu.be/Dt2GoUapVI8> This link will take you directly to her video.

Roland Macher '07 “Upon graduating from Roanoke Catholic High School in 2007, I attended Radford University where I majored in Criminal Justice and minored in Communications. I graduated in 2011 with Honors and am currently pursuing my Law degree from Wake Forest University. Additionally, I currently work for a small Real Estate Law firm in Cornelius, NC, and am in the process of interviewing for a summer clerkship with a Federal District Court Judge in Charlotte, NC. I plan to pursue my Master's degree in Business Administration from Virginia Tech starting in the fall of 2013 and plan to remain in the Charlotte area to practice law after I have completed my education.”

Lauren Macher '09 “After Graduating from Roanoke Catholic in 2009, I became a Highlander at Radford University. This May, I will graduate from Radford with a Bachelors of Fine Arts Degree (concentration in Graphic Design) and a minor in Marketing. Following graduation, I will continue with my education and will be attending the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. At UT, I will work to complete a Masters of Science degree with a major in Communication and Information and a concentration in Advertising and Public Relations. However, before all of that study, I will spend my summer completing a cross-country road trip and exploring the United States before returning to Roanoke in July and moving to Tennessee in August.”



Patrick Macher '13 “After almost completing my thirteen year tenure at Roanoke Catholic, I have decided to attend Radford University and follow in the footsteps of my brother, Roland Macher '07, and sister, Lauren Macher '09. I intend to pursue a degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Business Management in the hope of attending law school following graduation. Before attending college in the fall, however, I will spend my summer working as a camp counselor at Camp Tygart, a Christian Outdoor Camp in West Virginia.”

Make sure to check out Roanoke Catholic's home page. See students latest achievements, check out how our teams are doing, along with the latest RCS news. And don't forget to click the alumni tab on the side bar to visit the alumni page where you can access electronic copies of past Celtic Newsletters and see interviews with some alumni who have stopped by for a visit.

Remember When...

1982 Folk Group

This group of students enriched the liturgical services with their singing, especially after getting several new members. Their worth was under question and the threat of being disbanded hovered over the group's heads, but they persevered with a smile on their face and a song in their hearts.



1984-1985 Roanoke Catholic Elementary

The calm before the absolute chaos of school letting out for the day; buses line up ready to take students home, whilst parents wait eagerly to hear all about their child's day.



1963 Radio Show

Check out these two radio stars: seniors Billy Glenn and Judy Hedrick as they report the latest school news on "Teen Town", the school's weekly radio show on WROV, for all to hear.

1999 Annie Production

Annie receives a standing ovation! This show stopping musical, involving both upper and lower school students, was completely sold out for all three performances plus standing room on Saturday night. *Annie* was a HIT! The profits from this show helped put on future plays.



1973 Senior Powder Puff Cheerleaders

In the annual juniors vs seniors powder puff game the girls wear flags while the boys wear skirts, a tradition that still continues on today.

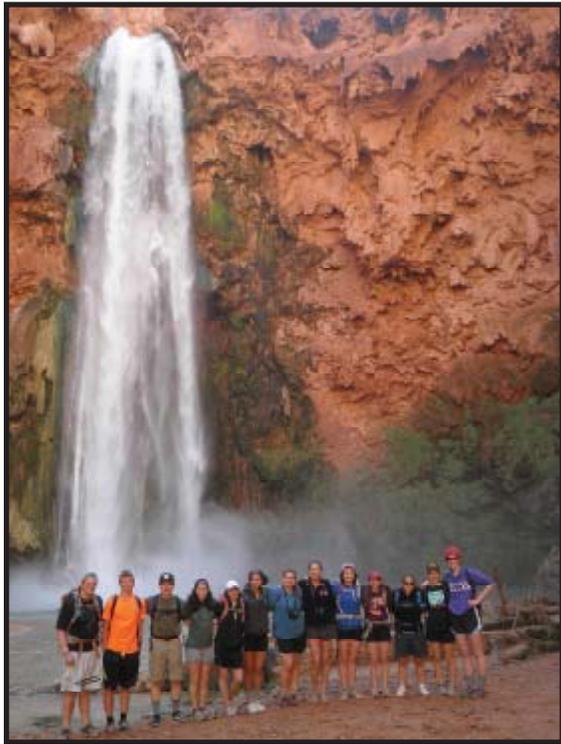


1994 Varsity Football Team

After an already celebrated undefeated season the Celtics went on to the Virginia Independent Schools State Championship, Roanoke Catholic vs Broadwater Academy. Staying true to their 11-0 record the team beat Broadwater 13-0.

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For Me To Live Is Christ

National Parks Program



The focus of this year's National Parks Experience was the Havasupai Indian Reservation and the remarkable canyon that this small tribe of Native Americans has called home for over a thousand years. Twelve Roanoke Catholic students had the opportunity to see Havasu Falls, swim in its turquoise-blue waters, and explore a section of the Grand Canyon that is much different from the rest of the canyon.

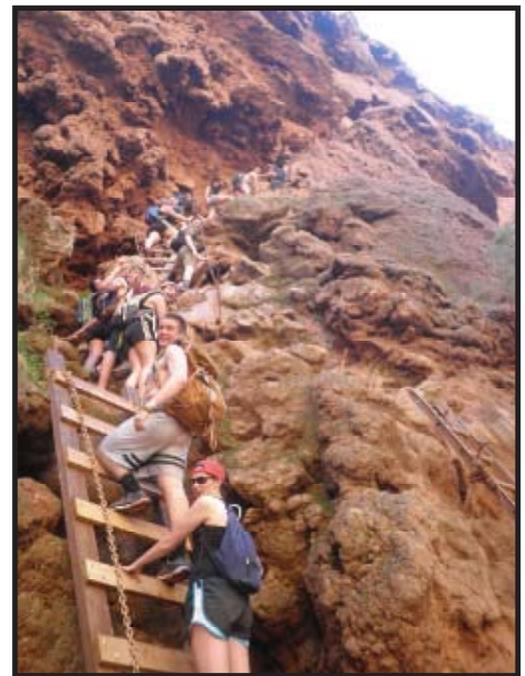
The hike began at Hualapai Hilltop, which is located 60 miles from historic Route 66 outside of Siligman, AZ. The ten-mile hike to the campground took us along a dry creek bed before we intersected Havasu Creek and continued through the village of Supi. After registering with the tribal office, we continued towards Havasu Falls. Ordinarily, when hikers first see Havasu Falls, they need to convince themselves that the site they are seeing is real. The blue water contrasted against the red wall limestone and resembled a scene

from a movie. We camped

alongside Havasu Creek between Havasu Falls and Mooney Falls less than fifty yards from the top of Mooney Falls. After setting up camp, we took a quick scamper down to the base of Mooney Falls climbing through a tunnel, and completing a near vertical descent down the cliff while holding onto chains anchored into the rock. This descent definitely challenged those with a fear of heights. We were rewarded with a view of Havasu Creek free falling over 190 feet into a turquoise-blue pool. After several photo shots, it was time to muster up the courage to climb back up the cliff, go through the tunnel and return to camp. The next morning we headed out to Beaver Falls, but again, it seemed that no day would be complete without first descending the cliff to Mooney Falls. So we did.

The four mile hike to Beaver Falls paralleled and crossed Havasu Creek several times. With all the trees and vegetation, it was hard to believe we were in a desert canyon. Beaver Falls is a series of ledges creating several small waterfalls and deep pools which provide an irresistible opportunity to dive in and enjoy the cool water.

On our third day in the canyon, we met Rex Tilousi, the tribal elder for the Havasupai. Rex told us the history of the Havasupai and discussed some current issues facing the tribe. Years earlier, Rex had been openly involved in the efforts of the Havasupai to regain their land from the US government. Today Rex works to preserve the traditional songs, dances, and spiritual traditions of the tribe through its younger



National Parks Program

members; and he is actively involved with efforts to stand up against uranium interests and other companies that he believes threaten living conditions in the tribe's area. His aim is to help protect and coordinate future developments for the Havasupai. Meeting and talking with Rex Tiilousi, an individual who is part living history and part prophet for the future, is an opportunity few people have in a lifetime.

On Friday, we woke before the sunrise to start the ten-mile hike up and out of Havasu Canyon, which tested the resolve of many in the group. With exhausted muscles and angry blisters, the students reached the top, looked back on what they had accomplished and let out a triumphant scream!

The next part of the adventure was a quick three-hour drive to Grand Canyon Village. Standing at Mather Point in the red light of the evening sun, the students viewed a much different canyon. Instead of the narrow red walls and blue water of Havasu, before them lay a vast canyon stretching to the horizon in all directions. The Colorado River is a narrow red-brown strip at the bottom of this great chasm. On Saturday, another early wakeup call rewarded us with a beautiful sunrise from Yaki Point.

The time spent in Havasu Canyon and the day spent on the very-different south rim allowed the students time to compare and contrast very different aspects of the Grand Canyon. Everyone returned with stories of challenges met, fears conquered, canyons explored, friendships made and a collection of memories that will last a lifetime.

Next year, the National Parks Experience plans to be a semester elective class. Two semester classes will be offered. The fall semester class will teach Caribbean/coral reef ecology, preparing the students for a trip to St. John in the US Virgin Islands to explore Virgin Islands National Park. The spring semester will focus on the ecology and geology of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, then travel to Yosemite National Park to experience that remarkable environment. To learn more about the National Parks Experience, visit our web site: www.NationalParksExpreience.org.



Campus Ministry

Roanoke Catholic Kindergarten “Conclave”

Kindergarten students at Roanoke Catholic School participated in a mock conclave to learn about the process for electing a new pope. The children, donning red construction paper “Birettas” and playing the part of Roman Catholic cardinals, converted their classrooms into the Sistine Chapel, casting ballots for their choice for pope. Small paper ballots were given to each student. The secret votes were placed into the “chalice,” and were then tallied and recorded. The small “chimney” outside the classroom door showed the “smoke” (tissue paper), indicating whether the Kindergarten cardinals had reached the two-thirds consensus required to elect a new pope. The “conclave” continued throughout the week, until white “smoke” appeared! A white mitre awaited the head of the newly elected Kindergarten Popes: KA’s pope is Aaron Bhowansingh and KB’s pope is Nathaniel Zuraw.



Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is one of the strongest student organizations at Roanoke Catholic School. This year presidents, Claire Chewning and Laurie George, lead the group’s many activities.



From monthly huddles to Praise and Worship mornings to Live Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday, FCA inspires the RCS community in mind, body and spirit. This year’s big event was hosting a movie night on March 1. The event started with salsa lessons under the direction of Mostafa, an instructor at Arthur Murray Roanoke Ballroom Dance Center. Next was a pizza dinner accompanied by lots of treats such as brownies, Grandin Theater popcorn, and our favorite, Rice Krispies Treats! For the finale, we enjoyed the movie *Despicable Me*

with forty of our little fellow athletes and students. The evening was filled with a fun night of fellowship and laughter.

For the past five years the FCA has produced Living Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday for the RCS community. This hallmark event is our final activity before we break for Easter. Many of the cast members have participated in various roles in all five productions. The RCS community thanks the FCA for such an inspiring way to begin the Triduum.

None of FCA’s events would be possible without the commitment of Mrs. Kris Levy and Mr. Mark Gwin, whose example and dedication over the past five years have challenged and inspired RCS students to grow deeper in their faith.



Art Department



Be Inspired...

"Art is not what you see, but what you make others see."

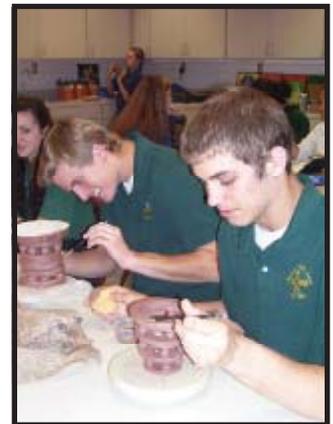
Edgar Degas



Not a day goes by that someone, either a student, a staff member, a parent, or a visitor, does not comment in a positive way about the student artwork hanging in the hallway. Their individual interpretations of projects most often leave me astounded, as if it is still a surprise to me even after all these years. There are times when I begin a new project and think to myself, "This might not have been such a great idea." Then, as if by magic the lines, colors, and shapes come together in ways I could not have imagined.

"Whether you succeed or not is irrelevant, there is no such thing. Making your unknown known is the important thing." **Georgia O'Keeffe**

Life sometimes teaches us to be fearful of others' judgments instead of embracing our own unique perspective. Art allows children the freedom to be themselves, the freedom to judge for themselves, and the understanding that they are free to interpret the value of what they create. Art requires a higher level of thinking. It creates problem solvers, adventurers; it has the power to vanquish fear. In a world where technology allows us to gain information instantly and challenges our ability to learn patience, art quite simply cannot be rushed. It must be created, it takes time and much like riding a bike, it is something that one must accomplish individually.



"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up." **Pablo Picasso**

I often feel guilty that the praise by others is heaped bountifully on me and not my students. They are the true geniuses, the magic makers, the ones who take us back to our own childhood, who make us laugh and leave us amazed. They are the ones who deserve the praise.

~Kim Spencer, Art Teacher Pre K-12



Left: Marcus Myers with his artwork that placed 2nd in the sixth grade division of the Wells Fargo Student Art Competition.

Right: (LtoR) Sean Barker (grade 8), Libby Patterson (grade 10), Mitchell England (grade 8), Eva Kuehler (grade 11), and Charlie Sass (grade 8) were this year's RCS winners in Virginia Holocaust Museum's Visual Arts Contest. The theme this year was *"To Save One Life is to Save the World."* Students' artwork was displayed in the museum.



Social Studies Department

Carolyn Buck, Upper School Teacher

Carolyn Buck has been teaching in the RCS Social Studies Department for six years. This year, she teaches Civics and Economics to eighth graders, VA/US History to eleventh graders, and an elective, Sociology, to juniors and seniors. For eighth graders, the one semester Civics course covers the *U.S. Constitution* and the three branches of government as well as the study of several documents that the Founding Fathers used to "form our government." Other topics studied include state and local governments, the Supreme Court, and current events. In Economics, these same students cover the concepts of supply and demand, Gross Domestic Product, the flow of money/supplies in the economy, personal finance, taxes, and budgets. Students also compare and contrast early American economies to ours today. Juniors in VA/US History begin a chronological study of the history of the United States from the mid-1700's through today. Topics related to the development and progression of the growth of the United States are collaboratively discussed. These include movement through the Industrial Revolution, the evolution of women's rights, the Great Depression, wars, and politics. Upper School students may also elect to study Sociology, focusing on issues within society: the family, education, the criminal system, sports, and government. Recently, these students completed a project in which each student selected a song that identified a family member and he/she presented the findings to the class. One student selected "Sharp Dressed Man" for his dad because he believed that his dad was "always efficient, on the ball and ready for anything, plus he looked good!"

Elyssa Wright, Upper School Teacher

"History cannot be understood apart from God, nor can God be understood apart from history." Anonymous, common sense

Roanoke Catholic School realizes the importance of a well-rounded education which includes social studies. At RCS, I have the latitude to concentrate on the causative nature of history, which is much more relative to everyday life that has been given to us by God. By learning the cause-to-effect of human interaction from the prehistoric era to the modern time, students are also able to see not only the motivations, actions and effects of the past, but they are able to see their actions as a part of history.

Ancient History (prehistoric – 1500) is a wonderful tool for explaining the growth of civilization, the growth of belief systems, and the benefits/problems that come with human interaction. The amazing aspect of teaching ancient history is being able to explain how people have always grappled with the ideas of *why* and *how*, the belief systems they developed to explain existence, and the lengths to which they were willing to go to defend those beliefs.

Modern History (1500 to current) continues the causative story of societies; however, the relationship between one society and another becomes much more complex as societies have become much more sophisticated. The story of trade and its importance provides an excellent avenue to teach about current economic conditions. As always, while teaching history, the opportunity exists to teach the conflict between the acquisition of wealth and the belief in a higher moral call.

Advanced Placement US History is also taught at RCS as an elective. This is an extremely demanding course for high school students. AP US History requires the student to not only remember a tremendous amount of factual information, but also to relate that information in a causative fashion through Document Based Questions and complex essay topics. The class culminates in the AP US History Exam, which is produced by the College Board and is administered in the first part of May each year.

Jon Reynolds, Upper School Teacher

This has truly been an exciting year for the US Government class. The national elections, including the election for US President, made the first semester's information more realistic to the students. We were able to discuss the political issues from the viewpoints of the candidates throughout the debate season concluding with Election Day.

Following the Presidential Election, the class moved into the US political system through in-depth analysis of the *US Constitution* and its twenty-seven amendments. Students studied the growth of the political system throughout US history, which shows how it has evolved into its current form. The students have worked so hard, and I wish all of the seniors the best of luck.

Campus Programs

Nutrition Program

Nourishment from faith

For Christian denominations that observe Lent, the time of abstinence and reflection begins on Ash Wednesday, when a cross drawn in ashes on parishioners' foreheads reminds them of their mortality and encourages repentance.

Between Ash Wednesday and Easter is the roughly 40-day period that represents two biblical events: the 40 years the Israelites spent wandering the wilderness and the 40 days Jesus Christ spent in the wilderness, where he was tempted by Satan.

During Lent, observant Christians are challenged to participate in fasting, almsgiving and increased prayer. They test themselves by giving up something, whether it be a consumable such as candy or soda or a bad habit such as smoking. Catholics may choose to give up anything during Lent, but that must include meat on Fridays.

This practice promotes humility, represents giving up the passions of the flesh, and reminds Christians that Jesus sacrificed his own body on the cross. Overall, Lent is a time for drawing nourishment from faith rather than earthly comforts.

To cover students and faculty who have given up meat for the entire period of Lent, Radjou plans two different lunches every school day during the Lenten season — a standard option and a vegetarian option.

For example, the lunch choices one day last week included both barbecued chicken and tofu chili. Other vegetarian offerings have included meatless lasagna, fresh salads, vegetable soups and baked potatoes.

*Excerpt and picture taken from **Catering to the School's Needs During Lent***

By Lindsey Nair

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Model UN

Students from the Upper School once again attended the Rockbridge Model UN hosted by Washington & Lee University, Virginia Military Institute and Rockbridge County Schools. To compete in Model UN, students represent member countries of the United Nations, and read background papers regarding crises chosen by W&L and written by W&L faculty and W&L students who are members of W&L's Model UN team. Participants then research the crises and submit position papers they have written from their country's point of view. While at Model UN, they represent their country in committees to offer resolutions and solutions to the crisis. This year's RCS Model UN team represented our school in fine fashion, as always.

Campus Programs

Become a Friend of the RCS Library

The library at Roanoke Catholic needs you! As you can imagine, the cost of keeping the library up-to-date never goes down, but the need for high-quality resources continues to go up as our country fights to stay out front in the global economy. We have a beautiful library, right in the center of the campus, and we want to keep it the focal point of the school – as all school libraries should be. You can help by becoming a Friend of the RCS Library. Friends of the Library can show their support by donating gently-used books, volunteering to help with events or every-day library business, participating in fund-raising activities or, most importantly, contributing financially. Our goal is to maintain the library as the hub and showcase of the learning that goes on here at Roanoke Catholic. After all, as Ray Bradbury put it, “There's no use going to school unless your final destination is the library.”



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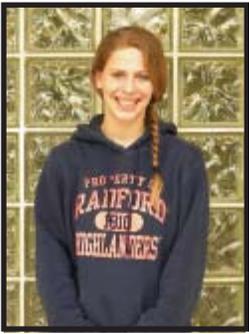
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Student Achievements



Senior Faith Weatherman, daughter of Jean and Steve Weatherman, continues the academic excellence she has maintained since a RCS kindergarten Celtic. The fifth Weatherman (Bobbie McKinney '98, Mallory '05, Joe '07, Mary '10) in twenty years to graduate from Roanoke Catholic, Faith is a member of the Celtic Cross, representing the top four students in the class.

This fall Faith will attend Radford University as a member of the Honors Program. In addition to a Radford Merit Scholarship, Faith is the recipient of a Kiwanis scholarship recognizing outstanding community service and the Nancy Quinn McCoy Humanitarian Scholarship sponsored by the Roanoke Area Counselors and awarded to a senior in

recognition of her selfless service to others. Still waiting to hear from seven other scholarship applications, Faith is truly vested in her future.



Seniors Anna Eapen and Patrick Macher, have been named Commended Scholars in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program. About 34,000 Commended Scholars throughout the nation are recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended students place among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who enter the 2013 competition by taking the 2011 PSAT Qualifying test. In addition, Ava Perez has been named a Scholar in the College Board National Hispanic

Recognition Program. In the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program, two additional RCS Celtics, Eva Kuehler and Matthew Gwin, will receive National Merit consideration based on the 2012 PSAT Qualifying test. Eva has also earned National Hispanic Recognition. Roanoke Catholic recognizes your hard work and celebrates your accomplishment.



Each summer the American Legion Post 3, sponsors one delegate for Boys State and one delegate for Girls State. Two juniors will attend these weeklong leadership-training programs focus on the operation of government at the state and local level. The week of June 16, attending Boys State at Radford University will be Nick Ruble and attending Girls State at Longwood University will be Ann Clare Levy.

This year at the Annual Kiwanis Basketball Banquet Ross Clack and Caroline Poff were each given a plaque for the Unsung Hero award. Also announced at the banquet, receiving recognition as the team that demonstrated the best sportsmanship for the 2012-2013 Basketball season, from a field of thirteen teams, was the Roanoke Catholic Boys Varsity team.



Athletics

Football

The football team finished with a 3-6 record. Christopher Zoller led the Celtics in rushing with 131 attempts and 763 yards. Nick Nester led the Celtics with 14.4 yards per catch. Paddy Cotter finished the season with 423 passing yards. Ben Price led the defenses with 57 unassisted tackles and 29 assisted tackles. Ben Price also recorded 6 tackles for a loss. VISAA Division IV All-State team: Ben Price received 1st team offense line, Ben Price 2nd team Line backer, and Alex Wall 2nd team Defense back.

Volleyball

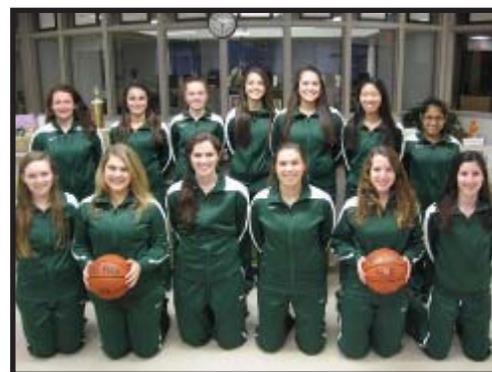
The Volleyball team won the Division III State Title for the 2nd year in a row this year. They finished the regular season 26-3. They are ranked 16th in the state and 769th in the Nation out of 15,996. They were 7-1 in BRC and finished 2nd. Some notable wins for the team from this season are: Northside (3-0), Patrick Henry (3-1), Blacksburg (3-1 & 3-1), North Cross (3-0, 3-0, 3-1), and Liberty Christian (3-2). Mairin Guilfoyle, Ava Perez, Anne Deer, and Danielle Dorman all made All BRC 1st Team, while Alexandra Arnold made All BRC 2nd Team. Mairin Guilfoyle, Ava Perez, and Anne Deer also made All State 1st team. Danielle Dorman made All State 2nd team. Mairin Guilfoyle was named State Player of the Year, while Aaron King was named State Coach of the Year along with being All BRC Coach of the Year. Mairin Guilfoyle and Ava Perez made All Timesland 1st Team and All Timesland 2nd Team respectfully. Mairin finished her career at RCS with 1,011 kills. Ava finished her career at RCS with 2,353 assists.

Cross Country

The cross country team had another great season this past year. The middle school girls' cross country team finished 3rd at The Clash meet, 2nd at The Knights Crossing meet, 1st at the CHA meet, and 1st at Catholic State. While the middle school boys' team finished 2nd at CHA and 2nd at Catholic State. The varsity boys' team finished 11th at Knights Crossing, 1st at CHA, 5th at North City, and 5th at East Mont. The varsity girls' team finished 4th at CHA and 4th at East Mont. At Catholic State the following runners all placed within their respective division: Andrew Bacco 10th, Samantha Connelly 5th, Rachel Finch 1st, Ryan Gerstemeier 1st, Patrick Strelka 4th, and Jessica Via 3rd. The following runners also placed at the State meet in their division: Samantha Connelly 1st, Rachel Finch 4th, and Jessica Via 8th.

Girls' Basketball

This year's team finished 21-8 losing in the 2nd round of the state tournament. We beat four public schools this year: Nelson County, East Mont, Craig County, and Cave Spring. Catherine Cullum and Olivia Clark made 2nd team All Conference while Gabby McClelland made 1st team. Gabby McClelland also was placed on the 2nd team Division 3 All State team. Caroline Poff was named the teams Unsung Hero. Team finished final poll with a #6 ranking in the division.



Athletics

Boys' Basketball

The boys' basketball team finished with a 15-15 record. They captured the Narrows High School Holiday Tournament championship and finished 2nd in the Faith Christian Jingle Ball Tournament. Junior Ross Clark was named Unsung Hero for Roanoke Catholic School and was awarded a plaque at the annual Kiwanis Basketball Banquet at the end of the season. Our guys also received the Kiwanis Boys Sportsmanship Award for high schools in the Roanoke Valley. This award is voted on by basketball officials of the Southwest Virginia Basketball Officials' Association. Coach Caldwell received the Division II Coach of The Year Award in the Virginia Independent Conference. Ethan Tait was named to the second team All Conference team. The team will be looking to continue growing more competitive and playing a strong schedule of quality opponents in 2013-2014.

Swimming



The swim team finished up with Danny Brajdic making the all Virginia Independent Conference swim team. Macarena Bima and Hannah Tudor both made All Conference in the Blue Ridge Conference. Macarena Bima, Danny Brajdic, and Hannah Tudor also made the All Conference Swim Team. The Roanoke Catholic swim team sent eight swimmers to the State Meet: Ryen Beach, Danny Brajdic, Karl Freitas, Steven Rosendahl, Reagan Johnson, Hannah Tudor, Jessica van der Linden, and Macarena Bima.

Wrestling

This year's team produced 11 Catholic State Placers. They were Roanoke City Middle School Championships 3rd place Team with three middle school champions: Josh Baier, Ethan Wright, and Christian Cundiff. Along with two runner-ups: Sean Barker and third place: Tyler Westerhold. The Varsity team went on to place third in the VIC with one champion: Matt Gwin, and eleven conference placers. The Varsity team then went on to VISAA State Championships placing 6 out of 32 teams, and winning the Division III Championships for the second year in a row. The team produced Roanoke Catholic's first State Champion at 120 pounds Josh Baier. The team also produced a record of 5 All State Wrestlers and 3 National Prep Qualifiers for the National Prep Tournament at Lehigh University. Josh Baier was also named VIC Outstanding Wrestler & VISAA Outstanding Wrestler.



Enrollment

Sharon Harrilla, Director of Enrollment

As my “first year on the job” comes to a close, I want to express just how much I have enjoyed this past year and that I am looking forward to continuing to serve Roanoke Catholic as the Director of Enrollment.

I most enjoy speaking with prospective families and sharing my experiences at the school, first as a parent, then as a teacher, and now as enrollment director. Each of these roles has allowed me to see our school from a different perspective. As a parent, I appreciate how values instilled at home are reinforced in the classroom. Also, I welcome the lines of communication between home and school. As a former teacher, I saw first-hand how well-prepared RCS students are for the Upper School. The study skills that were introduced and developed in the Lower School continue to build throughout the academic years. Now, as enrollment director, the picture is very clear. Each year, the students gain a little more academic, social, and spiritual maturity preparing them for the next challenge.

I also share with prospective families that before I came to RCS, I had the opportunity to work in both private and public schools in various states. These experiences strengthened my belief that Roanoke Catholic provides the complete environment in which to develop the whole child. For example, RCS is focused on excellence in academics, which includes content-appropriate study skills, and a major emphasis on critical thinking skills. We can offer proof in our graduating seniors, our final products. They are intelligent and curious. Their SAT scores are significantly higher than the national average.

When we consider appropriate behavior, we can observe that RCS students know how to sit quietly and respectfully because they have attended prayer services and liturgies since their first year at the school. This is a process that grows with time, instruction, and patience. The older students present themselves well. They are socially adept and friendly. They show that they are self-starters. They express themselves easily in front of peers and adults. Without hesitation, they hold the hands of younger children when guiding them in our prayer buddy program. They welcome the opportunity to share their experiences on campus with all potential families. They are practiced in the art of public speaking. They are fun and embrace life.

Spiritually, they know how to comfort a friend who has suffered a loss. They are constantly providing monetary and food relief, and cards and letters for those in need. They are respectful and kind. They have a “can do” attitude and believe that they truly can make a difference in the World.

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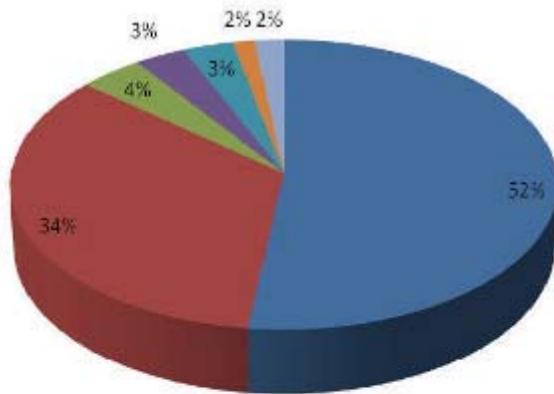
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