



Roman Catholic High School
Parent Newsletter—November 28, 2018
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Student Council represents Roman at St. Katherine Drexel's Enshrinement

On Sunday, November 18th, members of Roman Catholic's Student Council represented our school at the Enshrinement of St. Katherine Drexel at the Cathedral Basilica.



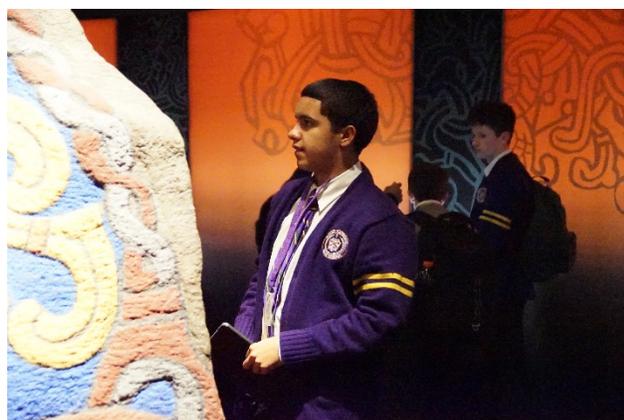
Turkey Bowl 2018

In the annual Thanksgiving game, Roman defeated Roxborough High 35-0!



World History Students Attend the Vikings Exhibit at the Franklin Institute

On November 16th, the Honors World History Freshmen attended The Vikings: Beyond the Legend exhibit at the Franklin Institute. Mr. McAndrew attends the Educators' Night in advance to prepare meaningful assignments and organize a flawless field trip for our 9th graders.





National Honor Society Blood Drive

On November 12th, the American Red Cross and National Honor Society partnered for our annual senior blood drive. Close to 50 of our 12th graders donated blood at the event. A special thanks to Mrs. MacLuckie, our NHS moderator, for running this event.



Mrs. Kuvik's Chemistry Students Share What They Are Thankful for This Thanksgiving Season

Mrs. Kuvik is not only passionate about teaching Chemistry, she is also an educator who always builds in our Catholic values into her courses. In her classes, students placed what they are thankful for into a science beaker. These blessings have also been built into the students' daily intentions.



Addressing Academic Concerns

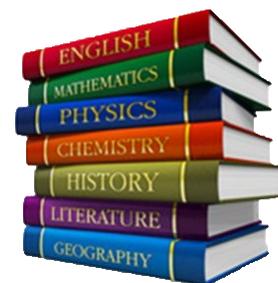
As we begin the 2nd quarter, it is important to review these best practices for addressing Academic Concerns.

Monitor PowerSchool—parents have access to PowerSchool, which allows them to closely monitor their son's performance in his coursework. Login information was mailed to each family at the start of the school year. If you are still in need of PowerSchool login information, please contact Mrs. Ann Vassallo-Trost via email at avassallo@romancatholicchs.com

Open Dialogue with your Son—As grades are entered into PowerSchool, have a conversation with your son about both the positive grades as well as the grades that need to be improved. Providing your sons with positive feedback throughout the marking period often makes it easier to address academic obstacles. When assignments are missing or test grades are low, this timely dialogue with your son is critical. The importance of completing work on time and studying for tests is critical to a student's success at Roman Catholic High School.

Email the Teachers—the Roman Catholic Faculty is comprised of many talented educators who are here to support your sons along their academic journey. After having a conversation with your son, please feel free to reach out to your son's teachers through email. Please give teachers 48 hours to respond as their teaching loads consist of around 150 students. Also, feel free to copy the Department Chair for the academic discipline on your correspondence to the teacher. The Department Chair emails can be found below:

- Theology—Mr. Jim Murphy - jmurphy@romancatholicchs.com
- English—Mr. Fitzgerald Gallagher - fgallagher@romancatholicchs.com
- Science—Mr. Dennis DiGiovanni - ddigiovanni@romancatholicchs.com
- Social Studies—Mr. John Corrigan - jcorrigan@romancatholicchs.com
- World Languages—Mr. Joseph Farinella - jfarinella@romancatholicchs.com
- Mathematics—Mr. Jim Brennan - jbrennan@romancatholicchs.com
- Business—Ms. Theresa A. Lazorko - tlazorko@romancatholicchs.com
- Physical Education/Health--Mr. Robert Hill - rhill@romancatholicchs.com



If you do not hear back from a teacher within 48 hours, please reach out to their respective department chair with your concerns.

Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs—Mr. Christopher Buck was recently named our Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs. If after reaching out to your son's teacher and the department chair you still have concerns, please feel free to email Mr. Buck at cbuck@romancatholicchs.com

Contact the Guidance Department—Our Guidance Director, Mrs. Mary Desmond, may be able to assist you with finding additional resources for your son to improve his academic performance. Please reach out to Mrs. Desmond at mdesmond@romancatholicchs.com. We have a dedicated Counseling Department and their contact information can be found below:

- Freshmen Counselor—Ms. Ashley Francello— afrancello@romancatholicchs.com
- Sophomore Counselor—Mrs. Carol Snyder— csnyder@romancatholicchs.com
- Junior and Seniors— Mrs. Mary Desmond— mdesmond@romancatholicchs.com
Mr. Patrick Shields— pshields@romancatholicchs.com
(Naviance Lists who the counselor is for 11th and 12th graders)

National Honor Society Tutoring—11th and 12th graders in our school's chapter of NHS are available to tutor students throughout the school day. If you are interested in this opportunity, please email the NHS moderator, Mrs. MacLuckie, at kmacluckie@romancatholicchs.com

A Note from the Tuition Office

Please be mindful of your tuition account. It is imperative that tuition accounts do not fall behind. As the Archdiocese mandates the 90-day rule, all 17 Archdiocesan schools must follow and enforce that tuition stays current. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Cara Santiago

Tuition

csantiago@romancatholicchs.com

NHS Induction Ceremony

Congratulations to our newest members of the Thomas E. Cahill Chapter of the National Honor Society!



Athletic Honor Roll

Cross Country

- 1st Honors: Sean Hamilton, Ethan Lafond, Billy Gardner
- 2nd Honors: Frank Fiorello, Thomas Mooney, Brendan Storino, Brandon Stock, Francis Scales, Ethan Walsh

Football

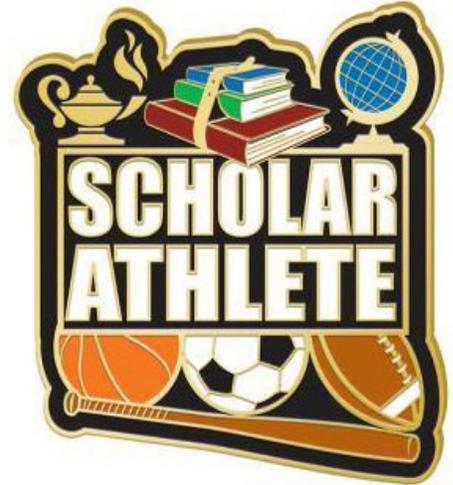
- 1st Honors: Ryan Reeder, Brian Snyder, Darian Santana, Luke Duska
- 2nd Honors: Michael Forman, Ryan Flaherty, James DeMarco, Elijah Stewart

Golf

- 1st Honors: Daniel Flach, Joseph McAvoy, Alexander Wajda, Nathaniel Butler, Julian Ciurlino, Joseph Holahan

Soccer

- 1st Honors: Thomas Hirst, Josh Iamurri, Jason Wagner, Emmanuel Garcia-Barrrios
- 2nd Honors: John Carter, Michael Maciocha, Patrick Giamboy, Nicholas LoBiondo, Shawn Rostucher, John Haigh, Joseph Carr, James Davis, Ayden Dougherty



Fathers Club Paintball Event

On Sunday, November 18th, the Fathers Club held a Father-Son Paintball event. Keep an eye out for other wonderful events planned by our parent organizations!





Help Wanted

Part-time position available working in the RCHS School Store, The Forum. Responsibilities include selling

clothing, food items, restocking merchandise, etc. Hours are from 9 to 2. Days flexible.

Full-time position, (second shift (2 PM-10PM) available working in Maintenance. Responsibilities include general custodial and light maintenance. Health benefit package included along with tuition reimbursement for child enrolled in any diocesan high school.

Please send resume to avassallo@romancatholicchs.com

Blue Mass for Thanksgiving

On Wednesday, November 21st, Roman welcomed members of the Police and Fire Departments as well as First Responders to celebrate the Annual Blue Mass of Thanksgiving. We are truly grateful for their dedication to our community!



Homecoming Dance

On Friday, November 9th, Roman held a Homecoming Mixer at Broad and Vine. Over 300 students attended this year's mixer! Roman students danced the night away with girls from Hallahan, Little Flower, St. Huberts and other local high schools.



Annual Veteran's Day Assembly



On Thursday, November 15th, the Roman community gathered to commemorate the 100th Anniversary

of the end of World War I. We welcomed a number of veterans both alums and relatives of our faculty and students. A special thank you to Ms. Brown for her dedication to this annual event.



Mother-Son Dance

The Mother-Son Dance is scheduled for Saturday, January 26, 2019. An image of the flyer can be found below. The complete registration document has been attached to this edition of the Parent Newsletter.



ROMAN CATHOLIC'S MOTHER-SON DANCE



DATE: SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019

TIME: 7:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M.

REGISTRATION BEGINS: 6:00 P.M.

Picture will also begin at 6:00 so you won't miss any of the dance!

LOCATION: DREXELBROOK CATERING

4700 DREXELBROOK DRIVE

DREXEL HILL, PENNSYLVANIA (Directions on Back)

TICKETS: \$100.00 for Mother and Son, each additional son is \$45.00

INCLUDES: Dinner Buffet and DJ

TIME SPENT WITH OUR BOYS – PRICELESS

ALCOHOL WILL NOT BE SERVED AND YOU MAY NOT BRING ALCOHOL TO THE EVENT.

DRESS CODE: Mothers – Dresses, pantsuits, skirts, slacks

Boys – Dress pants, shirts, sweaters

Please NO Jeans

Gurcsik Studios will be available the night of the dance for pictures.

(Package pricing will be provided prior to the dance)

Checks can be made payable to Roman Catholic High School

Please note: NO students will be permitted to leave the building without an adult

Please complete the form below and return it with your payment by Jan. 4, 2019 to:

RCCHS Mothers Club
ATTN: Mother/Son Dance
301 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Seating is limited! Please Mother/Guardian & Son(s) only!

Student(s) _____ Class year: Please Circle Senior/ Junior/Sophomore/Freshman

ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY-Student ID # _____

Mother's Last Name if different from Student _____

Number attending _____ Amount enclosed _____ Phone Number _____

Email Address _____ PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

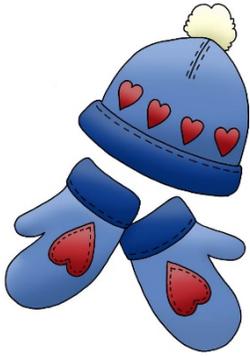
No actual tickets will be sent, your confirmation will ensure we have your seats reserved!

(Confirmation email will be sent when payment is received)

Request to be seated with the following boys (tables of 10): **List the BOYS' names first and last.**

Received _____ Pd. _____ Check# _____ Confirmed _____ Table # _____

Advent Service Opportunity Roman Catholic's "Coats and Cans" Drive



With the holiday season here, there are several community service initiatives taking place to help give back to those in our community who are in need.

Since Monday, November 9th, our "Coats and Cans" drive has been very successful. Students have donated:

29 Adult Jackets/Coats
52 Children Jackets/Coats
49 Winter Hats, Pairs of Gloves, and Scarves
405 Can Goods



For each donation made, students can earn service hours that can be put towards the mandatory 20 hours of service required of each Roman Catholic student.

Can Food Drive:

- Theology teachers will collect can food donations during their classes.
- Theology classrooms will have a box for the donations.
- For every 3 cans donated, students will receive 1 community service hour which will be monitored by the student's Theology teacher.

Cahillites Coat Drive:

- Students are asked to bring in new or gently worn jackets, coats, hats, and gloves for those in need.
- A large box will be kept in the school's Main Office. When students drop off their donations, they must sign-in so that they receive credit for service hours. Each donation of a coat or accessory will earn 2 hours of service.



Please encourage your students to be generous and to get involved in these wonderful service opportunities throughout the Advent Season.



Left: Counting the first batch of cans to be delivered to St. Francis Inn

Above Center: Students promoting our Roman Cares Drive

Above Right: Coats and Jackets ready to get delivered to St. Francis Inn

Stop the Bleed Training



At the November 27th Faculty Meeting, Roman teachers and administrators were trained by nurses from Jefferson Hospital on how to "Stop the Bleed." The nurses shared very relevant information on how to assist an individual who has been injured and is bleeding badly. Roman

Catholic High School was the recipient of two Stop the Bleed Kits which contain tourniquets and specialized gauze which are valued at \$375 each. Plans are in the works to have our friends from Jefferson present to our Physical Education/Health and Sports Medicine students.





Roman Students Continue Their Work at St. Francis Inn

Another group of young men accompanied Ms. Kuvik to St. Francis Inn to serve those who are

less fortunate. The genuine concern that Roman students have for those in our school and local community is inspirational!



Roman Catholic High School Scholarship Entrance Test

If you know anyone who is looking to be a member of the Class of 2023, please let them know that our Scholarship Entrance Test is scheduled for Saturday, December 8, 2018. Interested families can visit our school website at: www.romancatholicshs.com and click on the "Apply" button!



Roman Pride: Sharing the Good News!

Dear Mr. Tarducci:

This afternoon I got on the Market-Frankford line at 13th St heading toward Frankford. A young man was seated talking to a friend across the aisle. He was wearing a jacket from your school with the name Dominguez on it (or something very close) and the jacket indicated that he was on the wrestling team.

I write to tell you that your school, or his parents, or both are doing something right. He kindly offered me his seat for which I was very appreciative. The only thing I felt bad about was that although I remember President Truman, I didn't think I looked *that* old!

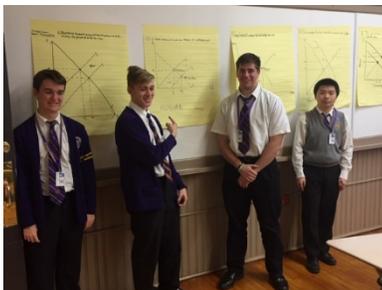
Sincerely yours,

Rick Wexler



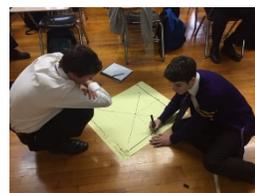
A very special thank you to Christian for making our school proud!

Putting Learning Sciences International (LSI) Training into Action



For the past few years, Roman Catholic's Faculty has been trained by Learning Sciences International (LSI) on a number of pedagogical techniques to increase student collaboration, readiness, and engagement. Here are some photos of Ms. Lazorko's Honors Business Economics putting her training

into action during a lesson on Shifts of Demand and Supply Curves.



Important College Information From the Guidance Office

Below are the steps to request a transcript be sent to a college. These were reviewed with your son during his meeting and in homeroom.

1. Complete and submit the application to a college either using the Common App or the institution's application.
2. Have your son stop in the Guidance office and complete the transcript request forms and give them to Sister Jane. There is a \$3 processing fee for each application.
3. Keep an eye on deadlines for both applications and scholarships.
4. Transcript requests require 7 – 10 school days to process—Please watch your deadlines!



Other Important Information Pertaining to the College Application Process:

- Recommendations will be sent along with the transcript but it is the **student's responsibility** to check with his counselor to make sure they have been uploaded to Naviance by the teachers.
- **DO NOT WAIT FOR SAT SCORES TO APPLY!!!!** Colleges usually ask the dates that a student has taken or will take the SAT and will wait for those scores.
- **DO NOT WAIT FOR TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS!!!** If your son has applied to colleges and teacher recommendations were not available to send with the transcript, it is important to remind your sons to follow-up with their counselor so that the recommendations are sent at a later date.
- Don't forget to complete the FAFSA. Go to www.fafsa.gov to begin the process. Some colleges have a January 1st deadline so don't delay.

The deadline to have transcripts sent to colleges *before* the Christmas Break is December 7th. Please note that transcripts are not processed over the holidays.



A Request from Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)



Each year, the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) organization runs a Christmas party for families in need where they provide toys and other essentials to add a little Christmas cheer. Those who attend this annual celebration are truly thankful to have an opportunity to celebrate the holiday in a safe environment with Roman Students who have a genuine concern for their well-being. The children who attend receive lunch and experience face-painting, a nativity pageant, different games, and a visit from Santa.



If any family would like to donate any new or unopened toys, please send them in with your sons to the Student Affairs Office. If you could send them in by December 6th that would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Brown at mbrown@romancatholichs.com

An Invitation from the Mothers and Fathers Club!

Roman Catholic High School's Mothers and Fathers' Clubs
invite you to join us for our annual
Christmas Parent's Covered Dish Dinner.

We will provide the beverages, entertainment and atmosphere!
We invite you to join us and bring your favorite dish.

When: Wednesday December 5th

Where: RCHS Cafeteria

Time: 6:00 PM

RSVP by: Friday November 30th

If you are able to attend, please RSVP via email to:

mothersclub@romancatholics.com

When responding please let us know what type of dish you
plan on bringing and the number of people attending.
Remember this evening is for parents and/or guardians only.
Our boys get the night off!