



Roman Catholic High School
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Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **Tuesday, November 20th from 5pm to 7pm**. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your son's teachers to discuss his academic performance. If your son fails a course, please make it a priority to attend this conference so that the teacher is able to provide you with information on how your son can improve during the subsequent marking periods. **Final 1st quarter grades are available through PowerSchool. Please be sure to use your Parent Account to access your son's grades. If you need assistance with your log-in information, please email cbuck@romancatholichs.com and he will assist you.** Your sons also have access to 1st Quarter Grades through their accounts as well. We look forward to seeing you at school Tuesday night!

Thanksgiving Week Schedule

Monday, November 19th—Bell 1

Tuesday, November 20th—Bell 1

- Parent Teacher Conferences from 5pm to 7pm.

Wednesday, November 21st—Special Schedule for Thanksgiving liturgies with dismissal at noon.

- Lunch will not be served; however, students may bring snacks to eat during their brief lunch periods.



Ms. Canavan's Honors Medical/Business Spanish IV recording their Radio Ads in the Sound Rooms at the Howard Center for the Arts

Ms. Canavan's students had to choose a popular product and make a radio ad as a famous Spanish speaker. Students recorded the ads in the Howard Arts Center and the students had a lot of fun!

Spanish Translation: Los estudiantes tuvieron que elegir un producto popular y hacer un anuncio de radio como un hablante español famoso. ¡Grabamos los anuncios en The Howard Arts Center y los estudiantes se divertieron mucho!





Part-Time Position Available

A part-time, 19-hour position working in the Attendance Office is available. Monday through Friday 7:30 am to 11:30 am. If anyone is interested or for more information, contact Ann Vassallo-Trost at avassallo@romancatholicshs.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 csantiago@romancatholicshs.com

Addressing Academic Concerns

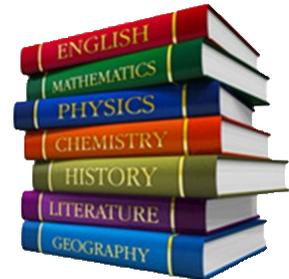
As we begin the 2nd quarter, it is important to review these best practices for addressing Academic Concerns.

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



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

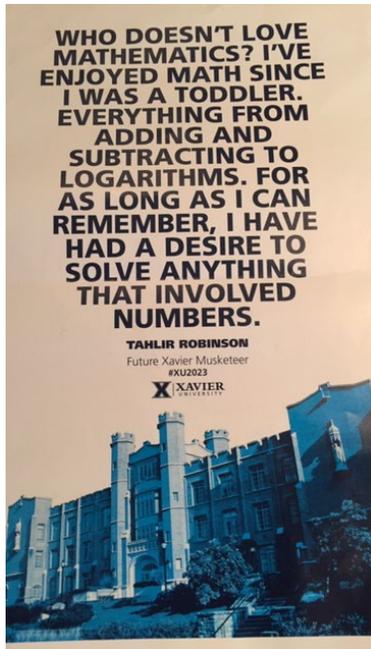
Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs—Mr. Christopher Buck was recently named our Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs. If after reaching out to your son’s teacher and the department chair you still have concerns, please feel free to email Mr. Buck at cbuck@romancatholicshs.com

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@romancatholicshs.com. We have a dedicated Counseling Department and their contact information can be found below:

- Freshmen Counselor—Ms. Ashley Francello— afrancello@romancatholicshs.com
- Sophomore Counselor—Mrs. Carol Snyder— csnyder@romancatholicshs.com
- Junior and Seniors— Mrs. Mary Desmond— mdesmond@romancatholicshs.com
Mr. Patrick Shields— pshields@romancatholicshs.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@romancatholicshs.com

Xavier University Uses Tahlir Robinson's '19 Essay in their Admission's Materials



Roman's Chemistry Teacher, Ms. Kuvik, Named Distinguished Alumnae by St. Hubert High School



Ms. Kuvik was honored with the 2018 Distinguished Graduate Award at a luncheon last Sunday, November 6th. This award is presented to a "woman of

dignity that reflects the excellence of St. Hubert Catholic High School for Girls." Ann Marie is a wonderful reflection of Saint Hubert's! Ms. Kuvik is passionate about service and is a constantly promotes events for Roman students to give back to their community. Congratulations to Ms. Kuvik on this well-deserved award!

Student Attendance/Lateness

As the colder weather begins to set in, there always seems to be an increase in student lateness. ***It is critical that students arrive to school on time so that they can have a successful start to the school day.***

The school day begins at 8:00 am. A student reporting to Homeroom or Class (depending upon the bell schedule) after 8:00 am is considered late and must acquire a late slip from the Student Services Office before reporting to class. Students must be fully dressed in the required uniform and in the classroom before the 8:00 am bell rings.



If a student is late for school 20 times, the following course of action will take place:

- The student may be liable for dismissal from Roman Catholic High School. After the case file is reviewed by the Disciplinary Review Board, a decision will be made about whether the student will go on a strict Principal's Contract or be dismissed from Roman Catholic High School.
- If the student is retained at Roman Catholic, the student will be required to attend Conduct Summer School and must follow the guidelines established in the Principal's Contract.
- Please note that there is a fee associated with Conduct Summer School that will be added on to the student's tuition account.
- Seniors who are late for school 20 times or more will be required to attend Conduct Summer School and may be excluded from Commencement exercises.



Fall Sports Awards Assembly Rescheduled to November 26th
Due inclement weather, the Fall Sports Awards Assembly reception was moved from Thursday, November 15th to Monday, November 26th. We look forward to honoring our athletes and teams that evening!

