



Roman Catholic High School
Parent Newsletter—September 28, 2018

PSAT!

The PSAT is scheduled for October 10th! All freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are required to take this assessment. This test is very important, and we ask that you encourage your son to prepare for the PSAT and to take it seriously. The scores on this assessment assist our Guidance Department when working with students during the College Admissions Process. Juniors who take the test are eligible to become National Merit Scholars.

The Math Department has been running a PSAT boot camp since the start of school to prepare the students for the mathematics portions of the test.

The English Department has been using the resources on the CollegeBoard website to practice strategies and also promoted the use of Khan Academy. Teachers have been explicitly referencing the usefulness of classroom skills on standardized tests.

Remember that on the day of the PSAT students must bring a calculator and three No. 2 pencils. Please note that iPad calculators are NOT permitted to be used during the assessment.



PowerSchool Parent Log-in Information

At this time, all parents should have received their PowerSchool Parent Log-in information. If you have not yet received this document in the mail, please contact Mrs. Ann Vassallo-Trost via email at avassallo@romancatholichs.com for assistance



Lockers and Locks

On the first day of school, all students were given a locker assignment. Prior to the school year beginning, a lock was placed on every locker to ensure that only the assigned student could access it. *Students who have their lock from last year, can turn it into Sr. Jane in the Guidance Office to avoid being charged for the new lock.*



A Message from Aramark:

In order to facilitate our students' lunch experience, Aramark is promoting the use of their **QuikLunch Program**. The program is explained on the attachment included in this email. After speaking with the Aramark Manager, it is evident that the speed of service in the lunch line has been more efficient because more students are using this system. Please consider signing up your son.

Vaping

There has been a handful of incidents involving students and vaping devices. As stated in the Code of Conduct, vaping is a **serious offense** and is **never permitted** during the school day or traveling to and from school.

The current penalty for vaping is:

- **3 detentions and 3 demerits**
- Mandatory assessment through the **Students Assistance Program (SAP)**.
- An **immediate 1-day suspension** from school and a parent/guardian **MUST pick up their son the day of the incident**.

The administration is currently in the process of re-evaluating the current policy regarding vaping and the penalty will be **more severe in the near future**.

It is very important that you research vaping devices so that you know what they look like and what they may contain. Vaping devices blend in with everyday articles and could easily contain substances other than tobacco.

Student Drop-Off:

If you are dropping off students in the morning at school, please be aware that every lane on Vine Street is a lane of traffic. Therefore, please do not pull over on Vine Street to drop off your students as this is creating a traffic backup and unsafe conditions for members of our school community. The 6th district provided a courtesy call regarding this situation, and will be ticketing violators in the near future. Also, please be sure not to block the school yard entrance at any time.



Assistant Principal for Student Services

We are pleased to announce that our new Assistant Principal for Student Services is Mr. Brian Conroy '91. The complete announcement is attached to this email. Mr. Conroy previously served as our Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs for the past 16 years. We are now in the process of searching for his replacement.



Welcome to our New Faculty Members



We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest faculty members: Mr. Campanella (Mathematics), Mr. Wells (English), and Mr. Johnston (Theology).

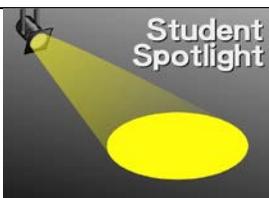
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Underclassmen Yearbook Portraits

Underclassman yearbook portraits will be taken next week in the gym during all the lunch periods. Students were given order forms to bring home to their parents/guardians. Please return order form with the money to the Lifetouch representative at the time portrait is taken.

- Junior portraits will be taken on Monday, October 1.
- Sophomore portraits will be taken on Tuesday, October 2.
- Freshman portraits will be taken on Wednesday, October 3.

Students must neatly groomed and cleanly shaven. Students will be required to have their portrait taken in the complete **WINTER UNIFORM** which includes the **oxford shirt, tie and sweater**. Please ensure that your son is dressed accordingly on the day that their portraits are scheduled.



Ms. Kuvik and Mrs. McKenna took a number of students to St. Francis Inn the past two weeks to serve those less fortunate. In two weeks, the Roman students and members of the faculty served over 800 meals to those living in poverty. This upcoming Monday (10/1), the Community Service Corps plans on making peanut butter & jelly sandwiches for another initiative. **Please encourage your sons to join CSC!**

Congratulations to senior, **George Greeby '19** on receiving a **Letter of Commendation** from the **National Merit Scholarship Program** for his performance on last year's PSAT!



Congratulations to the **Mock Trial team**, which finished **4th in the Empire International Tournament** held this weekend in Atlanta, Georgia.

Anthony Kafel was named Best Witness and Ryan Frank was named Best Attorney in the tournament. The team also included seniors Nick Hamilton, Nick Torelli, Michael Topley and Grant Zindel, and juniors Michael Caimi and Sean Hamilton. (Right: Photo of the Mock Trial Team)



Spread the Word:



Roman Catholic High School's Open House is scheduled for **Sunday, October 14th from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm**. Please share this information with family, friends, and neighbors.