



**Roman Catholic High School**  
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**Attention Senior Parents**

Jostens recently extended the deadline for Senior Recognition Ads in the yearbook to **Saturday February 16th**.

There are eighth, quarter, half and full-page options available, each with the option to include photos and a message from parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. Go to [www.jostensadservice.com](http://www.jostensadservice.com) to create your ad. If you have any questions, email the yearbook moderator, Mr. Buck, at [cbuck@romancatholichs.com](mailto:cbuck@romancatholichs.com)



**Freshman/Sophomore Dance—Save the Date**

The Freshman/Sophomore Date Dance will be held on **Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7 to 10pm**. Permission forms are now available in the Student Affairs

Office. Please encourage your son to attend this memorable event! The dance will be held at Roman Catholic High School. All questions can be directed to our dance moderator, Ms. High via email at [ahigh@romancatholichs.com](mailto:ahigh@romancatholichs.com)



**RCHS Student Named Horatio Alger Scholar**

Congratulation to senior, Raheem Murphy for being named a Horatio Alger Scholar! “As one of the nation’s largest need-based college scholarship programs in the country, the Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs specifically assist high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives. While many programs are directed primarily to recognizing academic achievement or leadership potential, the Horatio Alger Association seeks students who have exhibited determination, integrity, and perseverance in overcoming adversity. We are very proud of Raheem’s accomplishments!

**Catholic Schools Week Liturgy**

During the week of January 28<sup>th</sup>, our school community kicked off



Catholic Schools Week by celebrating Mass together. The theme for this year’s celebration was Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.



### Faculty-Senior Volleyball Game

On Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> Roman Faculty took on members of the Class of 2019 in the annual Faculty-Senior Volleyball Game. The Seniors were no match for the teachers and were schooled in all three games. This annual event is always a fun experience for the RCHS community.



### Escape the Room Challenge

On Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, students competed in Roman's own Escape the Room Challenge as part of the Catholic Schools Week activities. A special thank you to our Catholic Schools Week Committee—Ms. Onorato, Ms. High, Ms. Canavan, and Mr. Coyle—for all of their efforts in creating this experience for our young men!



### Student Appreciation Day!

On Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated our appreciation for the 880 young men that attend Catholic High. Each student was invited to dress down and they all received a soft pretzel during their lunch period. Additionally, the Catholic Schools Week Committee created an entertaining assembly for the students to experience. The faculty, administration and staff are truly blessed to work at Roman Catholic High School because of the remarkable young men entrusted in our care. We genuinely appreciate each and every student who attends RCHS!



### Penny Wars

Throughout Catholic Schools Week, the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders participated in a Penny Wars Challenge where they raised money for Catholic Charities Appeal for Schools of Special Education. The goal of the Penny Wars is to have the most pennies at the end of the challenge! Thank you to all of our students for their generosity.



### Business Stars of the Month!

Congratulations to our Business Stars of the Month: Storm Rainis, Michael Flood, William Gill, Michal Bosek, and Xavier Dunham. These young men should be commended for their dedication to the study of Business Law, Accounting, Entrepreneurship, and Information Technology. Keep up the great work!!!



## Romauction—Save the Date!



Attention RCHS families, please save the date of **Saturday, April 13, 2019** to attend RCHS Romauction in the RCHS gym, one of our largest and most important fundraisers. This year's theme is "**Roman in Bloom.**" There will be a lavish buffet, open bar and many wonderful items in our live and silent auction. Proceeds benefit all of the sports teams at RCHS and activities too. You won't want to miss this fun night. Details and ticket information coming soon. If you have any unusable gifts or items from the holidays you would like to donate, please send them into the office of Student Affairs indicating it is an auction donation. Gift certificates, Sports events, and theater ticket donations are also most welcome. Anyone interested in helping on our committee can email Kim

Petrucci at [ckpetrucci@verizon.net](mailto:ckpetrucci@verizon.net).

## Save the Date

### La Salle University's Annual Grimes/Burke Lecture

La Salle University's Department of Psychology presents the

Annual Showcase for the Science of Psychology and its Application featuring the 40th Annual Grimes/Burke Lecture

**"SUICIDE:  
A PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERN  
IN NEED OF A SOLUTION"**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019**

**RECEPTION, POSTERS, AND AWARDS**  
6-7:20 p.m. | Ballroom, La Salle Union

**LECTURE**  
7:30-9 p.m. | Dan Rodden Theatre, La Salle Union

The Grimes Lecture is sponsored by the Department of Psychology and the Concert and Lecture Series.

## SPEAKER:

**ARTHUR M. NEZU, PH.D., DHL, ABPP**

Arthur M. Nezu, Ph.D., DHL, ABPP, is a Distinguished University Professor of Psychology, professor of medicine, and professor of public health at Drexel University. He is also co-director of New Beginnings, a free, community-based program aimed at reducing suicide risk among U.S. veterans. A licensed and triple-board certified psychologist and elected fellow of multiple psychological associations, he has published close to 250 journal articles and book chapters, as well as 24 books. Dr. Nezu was a member of the APA expert panel that developed Clinical Practice Guidelines for the treatment of depression. He is a recipient of multiple awards for his research and professional contributions. The American Board of Professional Psychology also named an annual award in his honor that is given to a recent doctoral degree recipient whose dissertation addresses multicultural diversity.

## DONDERO AWARD RECIPIENT:

**DIANE M. UNGVARSKY, MPhil, '84**

Diane M. Ungvarsky, MPhil, '84, is a Research Psychologist for the U.S. Army Research Laboratory (ARL), Human Research and Engineering Directorate, and a co-chair of the ARL Institutional Review Board (IRB). Her research interests include human performance, robotics and artificial intelligence, cyber operations, and women in the military. Her awards include the Commander's Award for Public Service Medal, the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service, the ARL HRED 2017 Award for Partnering, and the Order of St. Joan D'Arc Medallion.

**Free and open to all**

**For more information and to register, visit <https://www.lasalle.edu/grimes>**



## Charlotte Drummond Memorial Scholarship Foundation

The Charlotte Drummond Memorial Scholarship is a legacy scholarship that keeps the spirit of Charlotte Drummond and her dedication to Catholic education alive. In 2019-2020, we're awarding one \$2,000, one \$1,000, and one \$500 scholarship. The Foundation is also proud to announce an inaugural \$1,000 CD Alumni Scholarship for a student who is a legacy of Cardinal Dougherty (a student whose grandparent, parent, or sibling attended Cardinal Dougherty High School). Attached to this edition of the Parent Newsletter, please find the application for this scholarship opportunity.

The Charlotte Drummond Foundation

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# MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## Roman Participates in Archdiocesan Service Initiative During Catholic Schools Week



Students from Archdiocesan high schools, parish and regional elementary schools, and schools of special education came together to participate in various activities that would positively impact members of the local community who are in need of support. This year, students filled bags with personal care

items to benefit individuals served by the Catholic Housing and Community Services. Along with personal care items, students also made cards and rosaries for those in senior housing, senior centers, older adult care management, in-home support programs, adult day care, and senior clubs.



## Class of 2023 Scholarship Reception

On Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> Roman welcomed approximately 80 students and parents to this year's Scholarship Reception for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders. This year's reception was held in our new Howard Center for the Arts. We are excited for the Class of 2023 to join the Roman family in the fall when they begin their high school careers at Broad and Vine!





### New Head Football Coach Named

We are excited to announce that Rick Prete has been named the new Head Football Coach for Roman Catholic High School! We would like to officially welcome Coach Prete into the Roman Family and wish him the best as he takes the reigns of our Football Program.

Philly.com recently covered the hiring of our new coach which can be found by clicking on the follownig link: <https://www.philly.com/high-school-sports/pennsylvania/roman-catholic-football-coach-rick-prete-20190207.html>

### Fox 29 ClassH-Room Update

In last week's edition of the Parent Newsletter, information about Roman Catholic High School's participation in the Fox 29 gameshow, ClassH-Room was included. We just received word that the show will air this upcoming **Tuesday, February 12th at 12 noon** on Fox 29! Set your DVRs so that you can watch the Roman Catholic Faculty take on the Roman Catholic Students in a fun-filled game of trivia. If you are interested in learning more about the gameshow, feel free to click the following links to access their social media accounts.



- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/theclassroom>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/theclassroom>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/theclassroom>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/theclassroom/>



### Instagram Takeover

On Monday February 11<sup>th</sup> Mr. Coyle will be doing our first Career Instagram Takeover Day. He will be showing our students what a day in the life of an educator is like. Please

be sure to follow [@roman\\_catholic\\_guidance](https://www.instagram.com/roman_catholic_guidance) to get a sneak-peak into the day in the life of a teacher.

### Mr. Corrigan Attends "Draw the Lines" Event in Harrisburg

Mr. Corrigan, Colin Long, and D'Kai Duncan attended the "Draw the Lines" Ceremony on Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Corrigan had an opportunity to address the attendees to discuss the importance of these types of experiences for students.

A link to an article regarding the event can be found below: <https://drawthelinespa.org/news/the-scintillating-six-our-3-new-state-champion-mappers-and-3-runners>

