



Roman Catholic High School Parent Newsletter

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Welcome Back!



We had a great first week back at Broad and Vine with our students! We are so excited to hear the hallways and classrooms abuzz with student chatter and laughter. Below you will find some important information and reminders pertaining to the start of our new school year!



Back to School Forms

In order to facilitate our “Back to School Forms” process, the Back to School forms can now be accessed on your Parent Portal of PowerSchool to be electronically signed and stored. *These forms cannot be accessed on the student portal of PowerSchool. They must be signed through the Parent Portal.* Please click [here](#) for directions on how to access the forms and sign.

The following forms need to be completed:

1. Act 195 (Certificate of Individual Request For Loan of Textbooks, Instruction Materials and Equipment)
 2. Consent Form For Electronic Communication With Minors
 3. Memorandum of Understanding
 4. Photo Consent Form
 5. Responsible Use Form for Technology
 6. Student Release, Waiver of Liability, and Indemnity (the bottom of this form includes the handbook acknowledgement)
 7. Virtual Classroom Video/Audio Recording
 8. Assisting Childhood Education Through Increased Testing (ACEIT)
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TRANSPASSES- IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Transpasses were distributed last week during homeroom. It is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT that you remind your son this is the **ONLY** card he will receive for his transportation as a student at Roman Catholic. If for some reason they lose their card, a new card needs to be purchased. To activate this new card, **it could take up 7-10 days**. ***Transportation will be your responsibility during that time.*** Please stress the importance of keeping their transportation card in a safe place at all times!

Get Involved this School Year!



**ROMAN
TRIAL
TEAM**

From freshmen to seniors, Roman's trial team is always looking for new members to be a part of one of our four varsity teams.

EIGHT CONSECUTIVE CITY CHAMPIONSHIPS
Follow us on Instagram @romanmocktrial

Information Meeting
Wednesday, September 21
2:45 p.m.
Room 26

First Practice
Saturday, September 25
9:30 a.m.
Roman's Cafeteria

Email Questions To
mocktrial@romancatholicshs.com

Interested in acting?
Then a witness role, where you can create a unique character, is perfect for you.

Do you want to become a lawyer?
Our attorneys argue the same rules of evidence as regular trial attorneys.

Roman's Trial Team has competed in Pittsburgh, Atlanta, New York, and San Francisco.

There are many opportunities for your son to get involved! Roman offers more than 20 clubs and organizations and 17 different Varsity Sports! Please see or email Ms. Canavan (mcanavan@romancatholicshs.com) if you have any questions or would like to set up a meeting for your son on how to get involved!

Mock Trial is looking for new members! See the flyer for more details.

Interested in Chorus? The Choir Group meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the Howard Center for the Arts after school! Please email Ms. Canavan for more information!



Information Regarding PaySchool Lunch Accounts

Please click [here](#) for information on how to set up your PaySchool Lunch account.



PURPLE VS GOLD CHALLENGE!

The **Purple vs Gold Challenge** is a new school-wide activity that promotes school spirit and student involvement. Team Purple are the Seniors and Freshmen while Team Gold are the Juniors and Sophomores. There will be different challenges posted and announced daily, weekly, or bi-weekly to earn points for their respective teams. These challenges can include anything from perfect conduct, Friday Bingo winners, to attending different athletic or school events! The more involved our students are, the better! GO CAHILLITES!



Class of 2022 Senior Portrait Retakes!

On *Wednesday, September 29th*, Lifetouch will be at Roman taking the Senior Portraits of those students who were fully virtual and did not get their portrait taken. An email will go out with the schedule to those students who did not get their portrait done in the spring. Lifetouch will stay on campus to do any retakes after 10:30am! It will be done on a first come, first serve basis during the student lunch periods!



Eagles Spirit Day!

On Monday September 27th we will have our very own Eagles Spirit Day to get ready for Monday Night Football against the Dallas Cowboys! Dress Down Day in Eagles gear will be \$1 and pre-sold before school and during lunches on 9/23 and 9/24. It will be \$2 on the day of, Monday 9/27.

We will be selling ice cream sandwiches and ice cream treats for \$1 along with candy cups for \$1 during lunch. Half of the proceeds will be donated to the Schools for Special Education: St. Lucy School for the Blind, Our Lady of Confidence School, and St. Katherine School. We can't wait to raise money for a good cause while cheering on the Eagles. **GO BIRDS!**



Back to School Night

Back to School Night is scheduled for **Thursday September 30th!** It will be held virtually. Details will be communicated with our families as the date approaches!

Holiday Mail for Heroes

This December, our CSC will be participating with the Red Cross in their annual Holiday Mail for Heroes. If you know of any Roman Alums, family members, or friends that you believe would enjoy receiving a Christmas Card, please forward their name and address to Mrs. McKenna (jmckenna@romancatholicchs.com) by November 1st. Kindly put Holiday Mail for Heroes in the subject line of your email.



Mothers' Club

The Mothers' Club is a service organization of mothers and guardians with current as well as graduated students. Their primary goal is to enhance the Roman community through initiatives that benefit our school throughout the year. They meet once a month from September – May (about 60 minutes).

Meetings usually include a visit from a key member of the administrative staff and/or faculty. These special guests provide you with an update on school happenings and address questions. Annual dues are \$10.00 which covers their operating expenses as well as supporting many events/fundraisers. Click [here](#) to purchase or renew your membership. **Our next meeting is Monday, October 4th at 7pm in the school cafeteria.** Please email mothersclub@romancatholicchs.com if you have any questions!



Hottest tickets in town are now on sale! **Fall Designer Bag Bingo**

Sunday, November 14, 2021 from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM in the school Gym. Tickets will only be sold online- **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.** Doors will open at 1:00 PM. BYOB! Cost is \$25 and includes 10 rounds of Bingo. Click [here](#) to purchase. Additional cards are \$10 and are available for purchase at the door. There will be three special rounds available at an additional cost of \$5 each at the door.

Free Dental Service

Please click [here](#) for information regarding Free Dental Service through the Kornberg School of Dentistry at Temple University. Services will be offered on **Friday September 24th and Saturday September 25th.**



Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral Pop-up Shop

On Thursday September 23, from 10am-12pm, the Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral will be holding a pop-up shop. They provide free clothing to Philadelphians in need. All items are free! Items include professional/casual wear as well as shoes and accessories. Click [here](#) for more details.

A Message From the Guidance Office

Members of the Roman Catholic High School Guidance Team are available to assist the students at Catholic High! If your son is ever in need of assistance, please reach out to his counselor!

- **Grade-Level Counselors:**

- Mrs. Desmond (mdesmond@romancatholichs.com)--Guidance Director/Junior and Senior Counselor
- Mrs. Snyder (csnyder@romancatholichs.com)--Sophomore Counselor
- Mrs. Connell (mconnell@romancatholichs.com)--Freshmen Counselor

- **Family Connections Counselors:**

- Mrs. Hoole (jhoole@romancatholichs.com) and Mrs. Levine (mlevine@romancatholichs.com)



Tips 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. Shipton at mshipton@romancatholichs.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 assessments 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@romancatholichs.com
- **English**—Mr. Fitzgerald Gallagher - fgallagher@romancatholichs.com
- **Science**—Mr. Dennis DiGiovanni - ddigiovanni@romancatholichs.com
- **Social Studies**—Mr. John Corrigan - jcorrigan@romancatholichs.com
- **World Languages**—Mr. Nicholas Azzara - nazzara@romancatholichs.com
- **Mathematics**—Mr. Jim Brennan - jbrennan@romancatholichs.com
- **Business**—Ms. Theresa A. Lazorko - tlazorko@romancatholichs.com
- **Physical Education/Health**—Mr. Robert Hill - rhill@romancatholichs.com
- **Fine Arts/Music**—Mrs. Shannon Gallagher- sgallagher@romancatholichs.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**— 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@romancatholichs.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@romancatholichs.com . We have a dedicated Counseling Department and their contact information can be found below:
 - **Freshmen Counselor**—Ms. Mary Connell— mconnell@romancatholichs.com
 - **Sophomore Counselor**—Mrs. Carol Snyder— csnyder@romancatholichs.com
 - **Junior and Seniors**— Mrs. Mary Desmond— mdesmond@romancatholichs.com
 - **Family Connections Counselors**--Mrs. Hoole (jhoole@romancatholichs.com) and Mrs. Levine (mlevine@romancatholichs.com)
