



Roman Catholic High School Parent Newsletter



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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)

PROOF OF VACCINATION INFORMATION

If your son is vaccinated, please provide proof of vaccination to our School Nurse, Mrs. Schickling, at mschickling@romancatholics.com. ***When there is a positive Covid case reported to the school, students who are fully vaccinated are NOT required to quarantine.*** Please email Mrs. Schickling with any questions!



PURPLE VS GOLD CHALLENGE!- UPDATE

October Math Problem of the Month will be available in Student Affairs starting Monday October 11th! ***Congratulations to the Sophomore Class who participated the most in September AND had the most correct answers!***

Current Standings

Team Purple: 496

Team Gold: 525

YEARBOOKS YEARBOOKS YEARBOOKS!

Click [here](#) for information on how to order your 2021-2022 Yearbook!

SENIOR PARENTS: click [here](#) to purchase an Ad!

WHAT'S IN A YEARBOOK?

SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES
LAUGH INDUCING MEMORIES
ACTUAL PRINTED PICS
MOMENTS THAT MATTER
YOUR CLASSMATES

ORDER YOURS TODAY
jostensyearbooks.com | 1-877-767-5217

TOP REASONS TO ORDER 2021-2022 ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK!

- ☒ Printed pics of all the things.
- ☒ Your future self will thank you.
- ☒ Pay in 3 easy payments.*
- ☒ Signing day is the best day.
- ☒ SO, MANY, MEMORIES.

YEARBOOK	\$75.00
PERSONALIZATION	\$7.00
ICONS	FREE!

**Back-To-School Special
NOW \$75**

**Price increases to \$85
after 10/29/2021**

**NO SENIOR ORDERS NEEDED!
SENIORS RECEIVE A
COMPLIMENTARY COPY
OF THE YEARBOOK**

ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DEADLINE: 01/10/2022

DEAR SENIOR FAMILIES,

Yearbook recognition ads are a great way for parents, families and friends to commemorate student achievements and important milestones. In addition, revenues from recognition ads help our school to create a better yearbook. To purchase your ad online, follow the instructions on the form below. Jostens is managing your school's yearbook ad sales so please do not contact or send materials to the school. Please take into account our school's ad content guidelines on the bottom of this form during the creation of your ad online. All ad orders must be placed online by 01/10/2022

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD TODAY!

ORDER BY 01/10/2022

COLOR AD	
Full Page	\$300.00
1/2 Page	\$180.00
1/4 Page	\$90.00
1/8 Page	\$50.00

EASY PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE*

*Credit card installment plan available for orders of \$30 or more.

**IT'S EASY! Create your ad online at
www.jostensadservice.com**

1. Choose your ad size and layout.
2. Enter your text and upload your photos.

Important information about Yearbook Recognition Ads

- Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines.
- We retain the right to remove any explicit text, graphic photos or copyright-protected imagery or photos.
- For the ad to appear in the yearbook, your ad must be purchased by the order deadline.
- Color photographs uploaded for black-and-white ads will appear in black and white.
- We will make every effort to use your layout and text as indicated. A proof will not be provided and no changes can be made after purchase.

GUIDELINES SURROUNDING RECOGNITION AD CONTENT.
Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines. Please make sure all submitted materials are appropriate for school publication.

Frequently Asked Questions

How are the ad prices determined and what is the money used for?
Ad prices are determined by our school. The revenue from Recognition Ads helps support our yearbook and keep it affordable for everyone.

How is the ad deadline determined?
The ad deadline is set by our school based on the production schedule for the yearbook.

Can I create my student's ad on my mobile device?
Yes, yearbook ads can be created online from both desktop and mobile devices.

Can I send my materials to the school?
No, please do not send your materials to our school. Our school has selected Jostens to assist with our ad program. Please call our customer service number (800-358-0800) if you have questions or need assistance in creating your ad.

More questions? Call Jostens at (800) 358-0800.

SPACE IS LIMITED!
Last year, ad space sold
out before the deadline.

ADS ARE FOR SENIOR FAMILIES ONLY!

www.jostensadservice.com



JUNIOR RING ASSEMBLY

On **Tuesday, October 12th**, Jostens will be on campus to speak to the Junior Class about Class Rings! Order forms will be distributed to every student. Ring orders will be due on October 22nd. Everything will be done online. There will be a Zoom Meeting for all Junior Parents/Guardians on October 12th as well! The link for the Zoom meeting was sent this week and will be sent again on Tuesday the 12th. *If you do not receive an email confirmation after placing your ring order, please contact Ms. Canavan.*



Financial Aid Grant Opportunities

Norphans Grant Application

The Norphans grant is awarded to financially needy students who are direct descendants of Northeast Catholic Alumni (child, grandchild, great-grandchild). These grants are one-time grants for the current school year. Click [here](#) to apply!

Corporal Jimmy O'Connor Scholarship

The Jimmy O'Connor grant is awarded to children or grandchildren of active or retired police officers in the Philadelphia region. These grants are for up to four years in the amount of \$500 per year. These grants are named for Jimmy O'Connor, a Philadelphia Police Officer who was killed in the line of duty. There is no requirement that the Jimmy O'Connor grant recipient be a descendant of a Northeast Catholic alumni. Click [here](#) to apply!

SCHOOLGY ACCESS FOR PARENTS

Parent access codes for Schoology have been sent via email! Schoology is a learning management system that allows teachers to share course materials with students. Parents have read-only access to their sons' Schoology courses in order to monitor their progress. *Please email Mr. Buck if you need assistance.*

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@romancatholichs.com) by November 1st. Kindly put Holiday Mail for Heroes in the subject line of your email.



Spirit of America Youth Leadership Program

The *Connelly Foundation and Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge* (FFVF) are committed to strengthening the civic life of Catholic high schools throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Never has it been more important for young people to take up their civic responsibilities and become the informed, engaged citizens our democracy needs to flourish. Thanks to the generosity of the Connelly Foundation, this is **free to your students!** We have funding for **five sophomore students** from every Catholic high school to attend a *Spirit of America Youth Leadership* program which will be held November 4th-7th, 2021. We have **50 free spots, first come, first served** for the November program. Please click [here](#) to view the brochure with further details. More information about our programs is also available at freedomfoundation.org.

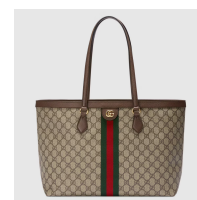
Mothers' Club



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. Please email mothersclub@romancatholics.com if you have any questions! Click [here](#) to purchase or renew your membership.

Designer Bag Raffle!

We're raffling off a beautiful Gucci Ophidia GG Medium Tote handbag! Who wouldn't want a GG to add to their collection? Don't wait, buy your tickets today! This bag will be the perfect addition to your closet or make for a fabulous Christmas gift! Tickets are **\$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00**. Click [here](#) to purchase. Deadline is Midnight on **12/3/2021**. Drawing will take place **Monday, December 6, 2021**. Lucky winner will be notified by phone and email. Good luck! Thank you for supporting Roman and the Mothers' Club!



FALL DESIGNER BAG BINGO

Hottest tickets in town are now on sale! **Fall Designer Bag Bingo**, sponsored by the Mothers' Club, will be held on **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.

The PACCAO College Fair

The PACCAO, which includes 22 catholic colleges and universities, is hosting a College Fair on **Wednesday, October 27th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** at Manor College in Jenkintown.

Free Eye Care Opportunity

Free Eye Care for Kids on **Saturday, October 9, 2021** from 9:00am to 5:00pm: **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!** Click [here](#) for more information and details on how to make an appointment!



Philadelphia Congressional Service Academy Fair

Saturday, October 16 from 10:00- 11:30 am. This event will be held via Zoom. To register, please go to: <https://bit.ly/3EWgK3W>.

The Fair is sponsored by Congressmen Brendan Boyle, Dwight Evans, and Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon. Representatives from all 5 Academies will be present.

ATTENTION ALL JUNIORS & SENIORS

*The Collegium Institute of The University of Pennsylvania, is extending an invitation to Roman Juniors & Seniors to attend their upcoming Young Catholic Leaders Initiative, **On Reconciling Science and Religion**. Scheduled for Saturday, November 20th, the day will feature lectures by world-renowned Catholic scientists and speakers, breakout seminars with peers led by Collegium Institute facilitators, interactive exercises, and a panel discussion on vocations in science, medicine, and engineering, along with a special Gold Mass for Catholic Scientists at midday! A Continental Breakfast and Lunch are included with registration.*

This workshop is geared toward all advanced high school students seeking to become Catholic leaders who are able to appreciate the harmonious relationship between faith and the sciences. Registration will be limited. Preference will be given to students who register by the priority deadline of Friday, October 8th.

For more information & to register, click [here](#)!

Important Reminders from the Guidance Office!

The **PSAT** will be held at Roman on **Wednesday, October 13th**. If your son is a junior, please encourage him to be prepping on Khan Academy. The PSAT is the best practice for the SAT and this score is used when advising him on colleges. Sophomore parents, please ask your sons to take this test seriously. Freshmen parents, your sons will be taking the PSAT 8/9. We believe that students who focus and take the test seriously, end up performing better on the SAT. Be sure your son is at his best! Students need a good night's sleep, a good breakfast and should come to school prepared. He needs to bring a couple of #2 pencils and a calculator! Mechanical pencils will not work as well, and could lead to errors in scoring. Students will not be able to use their phone or iPad in place of a calculator! The school does have some we can lend. Students should arrive at Roman by 7:45am and the test will begin at 8am. If a student is late and the test has already started, he will not be able to take it. The test takes approximately 3 hours.

Click [here](#) for the October Bulletin and information on Scholarships for college!

Attendance

School attendance is a vital component to student success. When students are absent from class, they are missing important academic and social opportunities that affect their achievement. This year, the Guidance Department will be monitoring student attendance and will be reaching out to students and families with extensive absences or latenesses in order to help address any concerns affecting their ability to attend school. Remember, latenesses and absences are part of a student transcript.

Grief Group

Grief support is offered at Roman by Mrs. Hoole, Family Connections Counselor. We recognize that many of our students have lost a loved one recently or in the past, and may be dealing with the emotions associated with grief. This year, we are offering a grief support group once a week during rotating class periods. Students have the option to attend when they are able, and to participate to the extent that they are comfortable.

Benefits of a grief support group

- Help understand the grief process.
- Emotional connection with others experiencing similar feelings.
- Students often find that it is one of the places they feel comfortable sharing their feelings.
- One can heal by being present. No pressure to speak or share and often, students benefit by listening to others. However, over time they usually find themselves involved in the conversation.

If you would like to learn more about the group, please complete this brief, confidential form or email jhoole@romancatholicshs.com. [Click here for form](#)

As always, the 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@romancatholicshs.com)--Guidance Director/Juniors and Seniors
- Mrs. Snyder(csnyder@romancatholicshs.com)--Sophomores
- Mrs. Connell(mconnell@romancatholicshs.com)--Freshmen

Family Connections Counselors:

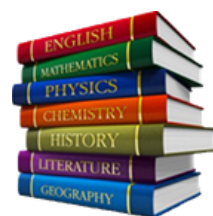
The Family Connections staff at Roman Catholic provide an extra layer of support for students who may be struggling with personal/emotional issues that are affecting their learning. They also provide a bridge between home, school, and the community by providing information and resources to support student success. Family Connections staff is available 5 days a week.

Mrs. Hoole (jhoole@romancatholicshs.com) and Mrs. Levine (mlevine@romancatholicshs.com)

Senior parents - Please encourage your son to come to the Guidance Office to schedule an appointment. Students must come down to the Guidance Office and fill out an appointment slip. Interviews are scheduled on a first come first serve basis! This meeting is necessary to learn the procedures of applying and requesting transcripts.

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@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 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@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. Nicholas Azzara - nazzara@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
 - **Fine Arts/Music**--Mrs. Shannon Gallagher- sgallagher@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**— 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)
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