



## Roman Catholic High School Parent Newsletter



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### PROOF OF VACCINATION INFORMATION

If your son is vaccinated, please provide proof of vaccination to our School Nurse, Mrs. Schickling, at [mschickling@romancatholichs.com](mailto:mschickling@romancatholichs.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!



### Out of State Travel for Students

As our school continues to plan and approve out of state trips for our students, activities, and athletic teams, any students attending must show proof of vaccination prior to traveling. Students who are not vaccinated will not be permitted to attend.

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### PURPLE VS GOLD CHALLENGE!- UPDATE

#### Current Challenges:

1. October Math Problem of the Month (available in Student Affairs)
2. ROMAN RUN- information available below!
3. PURPLE OUT! Football vs SJP at Conshohocken A Field, Friday 10/22, 7pm!
4. PURPLE OUT! Soccer PCL Quarterfinals vs SJP at Penn Park, Friday 10/22, 7pm!

#### Current Standings

Team Purple: 511

Team Gold: 545

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### ROMAN RUN- Sunday, November 7th

**The Roman Run 5K Run and 1 Mile Walk is back!** It will be held on Sunday, November 7th on the Kelly Drive Path @ Lloyd Hall. For more information and to register, please click [here](#). For a schedule of events, please click [here](#)!



*City Covid rules will be in effect and will be communicated as the event draws closer and City rules are updated. This event is open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend. Proceeds will benefit tuition assistance and programs for the students of Roman Catholic High School.*

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# 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  
YOUR CLASSMATES  
ACTUAL PRINTED PICS  
MOMENTS THAT MATTER

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- ☒ 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](http://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.**

[www.jostensadservice.com](http://www.jostensadservice.com)

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**ADS ARE FOR SENIOR FAMILIES ONLY!**

## JUNIOR RING ORDERS

Ring orders for the Junior Class are due on **Friday, October 22nd!** Everything is done online. *If you do not receive an email confirmation after placing your ring order, please contact Ms. Canavan.* If you have any questions or your son did not receive a Ring Order Packet, please stop by the Student Affairs Office!



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## THINK PINK Dress Down Day!

On **Thursday, October 28th**, there will be a **THINK PINK Dress Down Day** sponsored by the Student Council! Wristbands will be sold in advance for \$1 on Tuesday 10/26 and Wednesday 10/27 in the morning before school or during your lunches. Wristbands will also be sold on the day of, Thursday 10/28, for \$2. *All proceeds will go to Breast Cancer research!*

- Students must wear PINK!
- No sandals or slides; please wear sneakers!



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## Jefferson University- Medical College Workshop

"Patient History Taking and Physical Exam Workshop"

JeffMentors medical student volunteers from the Sidney Kimmel Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University will be hosting a workshop on how to take vital patient history and perform basic parts of the physical exam on **Monday, November 15th at 3 PM**. This will be an informative and interactive session where students can apply their newly learned skills, with medical students acting as patients and guiding them through the practice. No prior experience is necessary. The event will be held at Roman Catholic High School.

There will be food provided and extra time for students to ask any questions about medical school, college, and healthcare in general. We hope to see you there! Please email Ms. Canavan at [mcanavan@romancatholichs.com](mailto:mcanavan@romancatholichs.com) to confirm attendance!



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## 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!

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## 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](mailto:jmckenna@romancatholichs.com)) by November 1st. Kindly put Holiday Mail for Heroes in the subject line of your email.



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## 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](http://freedomfoundation.org).

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## 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@romancatholicshs.com](mailto:mothersclub@romancatholicshs.com) if you have any questions! Click [here](#) to purchase or renew your membership.

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## 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.

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## Senior Class Christmas Ornaments

In keeping with tradition, the commemorative Senior class Christmas Ornament is available for purchase. Do not miss your opportunity! The cost is \$23.00. It makes a great gift for your Grad or Grandparent for Christmas 2021! We suggest that you purchase two! One for you to keep and one for your son to take with him when he finally moves out! The shopping portal with our vendor, Griffith Pottery House, is now open so you can securely order your ornament online. Store closes at midnight on 11/02/2021. You may click on this link, <https://tinyurl.com/verkxsk5>, as it will take you out to the store, or, you may scan the QR-code by clicking [here](#). Please reach out to the Mothers' Club if you have any questions at [mothersclub@romancatholics.com](mailto:mothersclub@romancatholics.com).

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## Roman Baseball Parents Meeting

There will be a Roman Baseball parents meeting on Monday, October 25th at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. *This meeting is for parents only.*

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## 2022-2023 Facts Financial Aid application

2022-2023 Facts Financial Aid application can be completed at [facts.mgt.com](https://facts.mgt.com). *There is no district code.* Parents can choose parent log in, payment plans/financial aid then create a username/password for new parents. If the parent already has an account, please log in with an existing username/password. *A Facts representative can be reached at 1-866-441-463 if you need any assistance.*

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## 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.

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## Job Opportunities

**Today's Graphics Inc.**, located at 4848 Island Avenue, is now hiring from November 1st thru January 5th. Extremely flexible hours and the rate is \$12.50 per hour. If Interested, please email [rjackson@tginc.com](mailto:rjackson@tginc.com).



**Philadelphia Phillies:** This position will primarily assist the Marketing/Events & Entertainment department with fan interaction. Must be 16 years of age. Must be able to work a minimum of 40 home games and work nights, weekends and holidays, in addition to some special events that are non-game days. *For more information, see Sister Jane in the Guidance Office.*

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## Alumni Memorial Mass and Homecoming

On *Sunday, October 24, 2021*, at Noon, the annual Alumni Memorial Mass & Homecoming (alumni officer elections, speeches, etc.) will be broadcasted from Roman's Facebook page. The Alumni Association and Mission Advancement Office invite all current families and students to tune in and help us continue this annual tradition. Please click [here](#) for more information!

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## Lateness

Arriving at school on time is extremely important. After receiving 5 lateness', your son will receive an after school detention for every next late starting *Monday November 1st*.

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## 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.

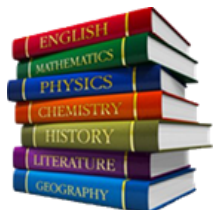
This workshop is geared toward all advanced high school students seeking to become Catholic leaders who are able to appreciate the harmonious relationship between faith and the sciences. Registration will be limited. Preference will be given to students who register by the priority deadline of Friday,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

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

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:jmurphy@romancatholichs.com)
  - **English**—Mr. Fitzgerald Gallagher – [fgallagher@romancatholichs.com](mailto:fgallagher@romancatholichs.com)
  - **Science**—Mr. Dennis DiGiovanni – [ddigiovanni@romancatholichs.com](mailto:ddigiovanni@romancatholichs.com)
  - **Social Studies**—Mr. John Corrigan – [jcorrigan@romancatholichs.com](mailto:jcorrigan@romancatholichs.com)
  - **World Languages**—Mr. Nicholas Azzara - [nazzara@romancatholichs.com](mailto:nazzara@romancatholichs.com)
  - **Mathematics**—Mr. Jim Brennan – [jbrennan@romancatholichs.com](mailto:jbrennan@romancatholichs.com)
  - **Business**—Ms. Theresa A. Lazorko - [tlazorko@romancatholichs.com](mailto:tlazorko@romancatholichs.com)
  - **Physical Education/Health**--Mr. Robert Hill – [rhill@romancatholichs.com](mailto:rhill@romancatholichs.com)
  - **Fine Arts/Music**--Mrs. Shannon Gallagher- [sgallagher@romancatholichs.com](mailto:sgallagher@romancatholichs.com)
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## Reminders from Guidance

### 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 lateness in order to help address any concerns affecting their ability to attend school. Remember, lateness and absences are part of a student transcript.

**SENIOR PARENTS** - Your sons should be starting their applications. I need 7 - 10 days lead time to get the transcripts out. For example, if they are applying to a school with a November 1st Early Action Deadline, I should receive the transcript request no later than October 23rd. Also, be sure you check each college's deadline for the FAFSA. Some are as early as December 1st.

**Juniors:** If your son was virtual last year or missed the counseling classroom session that reviewed College Board and Khan Academy SAT prep, please email Mrs. Snyder ([csnyder@romancatholichs.com](mailto:csnyder@romancatholichs.com)). He will need this account in order to register for the SAT test next semester so please do not delay.

**Sophomores:** Please encourage your son to complete the Sophomore Interview form found on the Google Classroom ASAP.

**Freshmen:** This week, Mrs. Connell went into all the Freshmen Theology classes to speak with the students about strategies for success and to help them set up their Naviance account. She will be sending an email to all parents/guardians at the end of the week with more information. If you do not receive an email, please let her know. [mconnell@romancatholichs.com](mailto:mconnell@romancatholichs.com)

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## 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@romancatholichs.com](mailto:jhoole@romancatholichs.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@romancatholichs.com](mailto:mdesmond@romancatholichs.com)) Guidance Director/ Juniors and Seniors
- Mrs. Snyder ([csnyder@romancatholichs.com](mailto:csnyder@romancatholichs.com)) Sophomores
- Mrs. Connell ([mconnell@romancatholichs.com](mailto:mconnell@romancatholichs.com)) Freshmen

### **• Family Connections Counselors:**

The Family Connections staff at Roman Catholic provides 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@romancatholichs.com](mailto:jhoole@romancatholichs.com)) and Mrs. Levine ([mlevine@romancatholichs.com](mailto:mlevine@romancatholichs.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 served basis! This meeting is necessary to learn the procedures of applying and requesting transcripts.

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***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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mconnell@romancatholichs.com)
    - **Sophomore Counselor**—Mrs. Carol Snyder— [csnyder@romancatholichs.com](mailto:csnyder@romancatholichs.com)
    - **Junior and Seniors**— Mrs. Mary Desmond— [mdesmond@romancatholichs.com](mailto:mdesmond@romancatholichs.com)
    - **Family Connections Counselors**--Mrs. Hoole ([jhoole@romancatholichs.com](mailto:jhoole@romancatholichs.com)) and Mrs. Levine ([mlevine@romancatholichs.com](mailto:mlevine@romancatholichs.com))
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