



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@romancatholicshs.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.

PURPLE VS GOLD CHALLENGE!- UPDATE

Current Challenges:

1. Homecoming SPIRIT WEEK (details below)

Current Standings

Team Purple: 531

Team Gold: 565

2021 Homecoming Masquerade Ball

The 2021 Homecoming Masquerade Ball will be on Saturday, November 13th from 6-9pm! This is a semi-formal date dance and will be held in the gym! Please come dressed with your best Masquerade Mask to enjoy a night of fun, food, and dance! Information and Date Form packets are available in the Student Affairs Office! *In order to purchase tickets, they must be submitted back to Student Affairs by Tuesday November 9th.*



Homecoming Spirit Week Schedule:

Monday 11/8: Veterans Day Assembly **Tuesday 11/9:** Sports Jersey day (in addition to uniform)

Wednesday 11/10: Masquerade Mask Hunt **Thursday 11/11:** Crazy sock day (in addition to uniform)

Friday 11/12: Limbo Competition (during lunch periods; students must sign up!)

Details for Spirit Week and the Challenges will be sent to the entire Student Body.

YEARBOOKS YEARBOOKS YEARBOOKS!

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

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

Vaccination / Flu Shot Clinic at Roman Catholic High School

Roman Catholic High School will be hosting a COVID Vaccination and Flu Shot clinic, here on campus! The first date is Wednesday, November 10th, and will start at 9am. The second date is Wednesday, December 1st. Students are able to sign up and receive the first dose of the COVID vaccine on 11/10 and the second dose on 12/1. Faculty and staff are also able to receive the vaccine as well as the booster shot. Flu shots will also be available on both days for students, faculty, and staff! Please read below for important vaccination clinic information:

Date: November 10th 2021, starting at 9am

Vaccine:

- Pfizer COVID 1st doses for ages 12 and up
- Pfizer COVID booster doses for those 18 and older that fall into the below eligibility category
 - Ages 65 and older or 18 and older with chronic medical conditions or are at an increased risk due to their occupation (this includes teachers)
- Flu shots for students and/or staff
- You MUST register prior to the clinic for both Covid vaccine and flu shot
- [Consent Form](#): Needs to be completed by anyone receiving the vaccine. **The consent form MUST be signed by a parent/legal guardian for anyone under 18. Please document the name of the adult signing the form.** This can be printed from the registration link as well.

Registration Link for COVID – <https://mhealthsystem.com/romancatholiccovid>

Registration Link for Flu - <https://kordinator.mhealthcoach.net/vcl/romancatholicflu>

Day of Vaccination:

- Bring all medical and prescription cards (Please make photo copies if possible)
 - There is no out of pocket cost for the COVID vaccine even if you are not insured
 - There is a charge for the flu if not insured
- Bring driver's license or school/photo ID
- Bring your completed Consent Form (*Must be signed by parent for anyone under 18*)
- Wear clothing with short sleeves or can give access within 2 inches of your shoulder without hinderance
- Wear a mask the entire time
- You will be asked to wait for at least 15 minutes after receiving a COVID vaccination
- Booster Shots for staff – Please bring Vaccine Record Card

Click [here](#) for more information on the Pfizer vaccine.

Click [here](#) for a vaccination information fact sheet.

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.

Student Council Updates

The Student Council is collecting leftover Halloween candy to be donated to a local charity! If you have any extra candy, or would like to purchase candy to donate, we will be collecting until *Friday, November 5th*. Donations can be dropped off to Room 33.



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 to confirm attendance!

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.



Coats and Cans Drive- CSC & Cahillites for Kids

Cahillites for Kids and CSC are partnering for our Coats & Cans Drive which will begin this week. Students are asked to donate used coats, hats, scarves, and gloves for our Cahillites for Kids collection. There will be 1 large box on each floor of our main building for this collection. Additionally, students are asked to donate canned goods in their homeroom until Monday, 11/22. The top 3 homerooms with the most ounces of food will win a soft pretzel day and points for the Purple vs Gold Challenge! We will be donating the food to a local charity just in time for Thanksgiving! We appreciate your support as we put our faith into action through these Corporal Works of Mercy.



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.

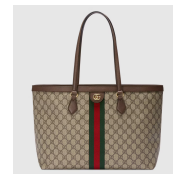
Mothers' Club



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@romancatholicchs.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.

Help Wanted at the School Store- The Forum!

The Forum, Roman's School Store, has an opening for a part-time sales associate. Two days a week from 8-2:30. If interested, please email Father Bongard at jbongard@romancatholichs.com

2022-2023 Facts Financial Aid application

2022-2023 Facts Financial Aid application can be completed at factsmgmt.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.*

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.



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.*

Roman Catholic Baseball supports **Breast Cancer Research** in their Think Pink Shirts! Next week, we will announce how much money the student body raised for Breast Cancer Research during our Think Pink Dress Down Day! There will also be a Purple vs. Gold Challenge Homeroom Winner!



Scholarship Opportunities

MONSIGNOR MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIP

The Monsignor John Mitchell Memorial Scholarship Fund supports Catholic African American students with exceptional academic ability who are in need of financial assistance.

Scholarship(s) are awarded annually based upon the determination of the selection committee.

For this scholarship, students must be:

- Catholic and African American
- in good academic standing with at least a cumulative B average at the time of the scholarship award
- eligible for financial assistance as determined by a completed FACTS Grant and Aid application (online)
- committed to serving his/her community
- interested in or currently attending an AOPS high school
- *The 2022-23 Application is now available. The deadline to apply is April 30.*

ARCHBISHOPS GRANT FOR ARCHDIOCESAN EMPLOYEES

This Archbishop's Grant is for full-time Employees of the Archdiocese who work in a parish, school, or AOP setting. Grants apply to high school tuition, and grant recipients may only use the grant at one AOPS high school.

Employees must apply for the grant each year.

We will award grants based on the number of applicants and the calculated need of each applicant, so award amounts may vary. All award amounts will be the totality of the grant and not an amount awarded per child.

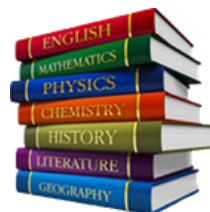
- Application opens October 1, 2021
- Submit the Archbishop's Grant Application on or before December 31, 2021. We will not accept applications after December 31.
- Submit a tuition assistance application through FACTS Grant and Aid on or before December 31, 2020, (this includes uploading a copy of your 2020 tax return). [Click here to apply for FACTS.](#)

We will communicate awards to all who complete the above steps on or before March 1, 2022.

Once we confirm attendance of each grant recipient at the designated school (September of each year), we will send the award amount to the designated school.

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



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

SENIOR PARENTS: The next big college deadline is November 15th. If your son is applying to a school with that deadline, please be sure he gets his application complete, and his request into me no later than November 7th. Also, please mark your calendar - The Christmas Deadline is December 3rd! This is the last day to request transcripts prior to the Christmas break. It is early because we get so many requests right before the holiday. This would include any schools with deadlines through January 7th. Thank you for your assistance. 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.

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). 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 is continuing with Freshman Interviews. If you did not receive the parent Guardian email, please let her know. mconnell@romancatholichs.com

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.
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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/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)

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@romancatholicshs.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@romancatholicshs.com . We have a dedicated Counseling Department and their contact information can be found below:

- **Freshmen Counselor**—Ms. Mary Connell— mconnell@romancatholicshs.com
 - **Sophomore Counselor**—Mrs. Carol Snyder— csnyder@romancatholicshs.com
 - **Junior and Seniors**— Mrs. Mary Desmond— mdesmond@romancatholicshs.com
 - **Family Connections Counselors**--Mrs. Hoole (jhoole@romancatholicshs.com) and Mrs. Levine (mlevine@romancatholicshs.com)
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