



Roman Catholic High School Parent Newsletter



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Calendar Notice: Christmas Break Schedule

Monday, 12/20: FULL DAY

Tuesday, 12/21: FULL DAY, *Special Schedule for Christmas Liturgies*

Wednesday, 12/22: Dismissal at Noon

December 23- January 2: CHRISTMAS BREAK

Monday, January 3: Return to school, Full Day

Tree Lighting Ceremony

On Monday, December 6th, our Mothers' Club hosted the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony! Thank you to everyone who came and brought a covered dish to enjoy for dinner. We enjoyed the RCHS Men's Choir singing some Christmas Carols to help get in the spirit! Special thanks to our Cooking Club for helping prepare some treats for everyone who came and also serving dinner!



Student Council's 6 Days of Christmas!

Thursday, December 16th: Christmas Tie or Bowtie Day

Friday, December 17th: Christmas Trivia During Lunch

Monday, December 20th: HR Door Decorating Winner Announced

Tuesday, December 21st: "Finish the Christmas Carol"

Wednesday December 22nd: Ugly Sweater Dress Down Day (must wear a Christmas sweater as top, no sandals or slides, please wear sneakers!)

Purple vs Gold Challenge- UPDATE

FIRST REWARD: With Team Purple in the lead, they get **FREE ADMISSION** to Basketball's season opener! Game is *Friday, 12/10, at Cristo Rey High School at 7:15pm*. You must have your student ID on you! Let's get loud!!! Wear your best Roman gear!

Current Standings:

Team Purple: 862

Team Gold: 857

Romauction 2022!

The 2022 Romauction is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2022!

This year's theme is Roman Shore! Come join us for a night of fun, food, drinks, music and get in the beachy mood!

Interested in donating a live or silent auction item?

Know someone with a vacation home who is willing to donate a vacation week?

Interested in joining the Romauction Committee?

Please email romauction@romancatholicshs.com if you are interested or have any questions.

Invitations and details are coming soon!

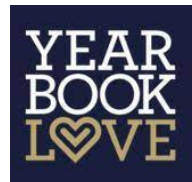


All proceeds from the auction go directly towards clubs, activities, and athletics for the students of Roman Catholic High School!

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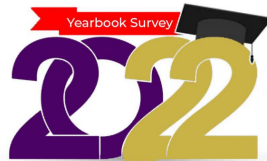
Click [here](#) for information on how to order your 2021-2022 Yearbook!

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



World Affairs Council of Philadelphia's Annual Model Senate

Six Cahillites represented Roman Catholic well at the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia's Annual Model Senate hosted by the Community College of Philadelphia on December 7th. Joining students from numerous regional schools, Senior Sean Riehman-Murphy and Juniors Adrian Chui, Lucas Cheng, Ben Foranda, Alex Richards, and Keshon West broke into subcommittees, taking on the role of Expert Witnesses and Senators to create policy proposals about Science and Technology in our pandemic era. Lucas Cheng earned the "Outstanding Senator" award for his policy work and Ben Foranda was given a certificate for excellent work as a Committee Co-Chair. Awesome job gentlemen!



SENIORS are reminded to check their Roman email and follow the link to complete the senior survey for the 2022 yearbook. Seniors who do not complete the survey by the December 15th deadline may not have their activities or other information listed next to their senior portrait.

CSC & Cahillites for Kids

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.



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.

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 [factsmgt.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 1-866-441-4637 if you need any assistance.*

PROOF OF VACCINATION INFORMATION

If your son is vaccinated, please provide proof of vaccination to our School Nurse, Mrs. Schickling, at 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.

Drop Off in the Morning

When dropping your son off in the morning, please **DO NOT** block the parking lot entrance to the school. There has been a line accumulating in the morning and teachers and staff are unable to enter the parking lot. Please drive past the lot in order to pull over and drop your son off. Thank you!

Reminders from Guidance



Congratulations to all seniors who have been accepted to a college or university! Please bring in your acceptance letters and scholarships to Sister Jane in the Guidance Office. You will receive a candy bar!

Seniors - We have given out over 50 candy bars for acceptance letters and already our students have earned about \$2 million in scholarships. Please be sure to have your son bring in his acceptance and scholarship letters to Sister Jane! We will begin posting this information after the holidays.

Juniors - Meetings will be starting in January. Please be sure your sons are using Khan Academy to begin prepping for the SAT. The most important thing juniors can do is keep their grades up!

Sophomores & Freshmen - Please remind your sons that absences, lates and grades are on their permanent transcript! Getting to school every day on time and doing their best is important for their future.

Grief Group

If you believe your son would benefit from attending, please reach out to Mrs. Hoole at jhoole@romancatholicshs.com.

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*

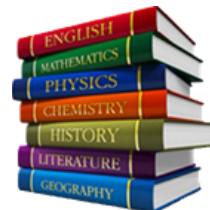
● **Family Connections Counselors:** The Family Connections staff at Roman Catholic provides an extra layer of support for students who may be struggling with personal/emotional issues that are affecting their learning. They also provide a bridge between home, school, and the community by providing information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

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