



## 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

*As news of a new coronavirus variant dominates the news, we wanted to reiterate the benefits of having your child receive the Covid vaccine. In addition to the well-documented protection against severe disease, the vaccine offers the added benefit of avoiding quarantine due to exposure once a student is fully vaccinated. Throughout the pandemic the number of students with confirmed cases of Covid has mirrored spread in the community. As cases rise in Philadelphia and the surrounding suburbs, it's likely that we will see an increase in the number of students testing positive for Covid in the coming weeks. The best way to ensure that your son does not miss critical instruction time or extracurricular activities is through vaccination.*

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### **Student Council's 6 Days of Christmas!**

**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!)

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### **Purple vs Gold Challenge- UPDATE**

**Current Standings:**

**Team Purple: 874**

**Team Gold: 864**

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### **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](mailto:romauction@romancatholicshs.com) if you are interested or have any questions.



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Invitations and details are coming soon!

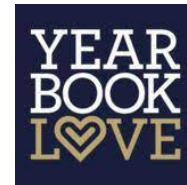
*All proceeds from the auction go directly towards clubs, activities, and athletics for the students of Roman Catholic High School!*

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## YEARBOOKS YEARBOOKS YEARBOOKS!

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

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



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## Senior Panoramic Photo

The Senior Panoramic Photo is scheduled for **Thursday, January 20th**. Order forms were distributed to the Seniors in their HR. If your son did not receive one, he can pick it up from the Student Affairs Office.

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## CSC

Last weekend, CSC volunteered their time at Small Things, located in Roxborough. The warehouse manager stated that our boys completed 30 hours worth of work in just 4 hours time! We are so proud of the work and effort our CSC puts in every week making sure they give back to our communities, especially during the holiday season!



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

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## Mother Son Dance

We are happy to announce that tickets for the 2022 Mother Son Dance are now on sale! Don't miss this opportunity to have that special dance with your young man! Click [here](#) for more information and click [here](#) to purchase tickets

SEATING REQUESTS: (tables of 10): Email [Mothersondance22@gmail.com](mailto:Mothersondance22@gmail.com) and include the BOYS' Last Name, First Name, and Class Year.

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## Student Council

On Tuesday, December 14th, Student Council President, Chris Kleinkurt '22, and Vice President, Nick Garner '22, visited the Fox Chase Cancer Center to hand deliver their "Think Pink" breast cancer research donation to Dr. Aggon. We are so proud of our students for donating to such an important cause! Every dollar counts!



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## 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@romancatholicchs.com](mailto:jbongard@romancatholicchs.com)

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## 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.*

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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@romancatholicchs.com](mailto:mschickling@romancatholicchs.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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## 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!

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## 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!**

### Grief Group

If you believe your son would benefit from attending, please reach out to Mrs. Hoole at [jhoole@romancatholicshs.com](mailto: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](mailto:mdesmond@romancatholicshs.com))--*Guidance Director/Juniors and Seniors*
- Mrs. Snyder ([csnyder@romancatholicshs.com](mailto:csnyder@romancatholicshs.com))--*Sophomores*
- Mrs. Connell ([mconnell@romancatholicshs.com](mailto: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](mailto:jhoole@romancatholicshs.com))
  - Mrs. Levine ([mlevine@romancatholicshs.com](mailto:mlevine@romancatholicshs.com))
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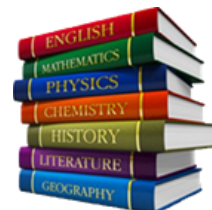


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## Tips for Addressing Academic Concerns

- **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)

***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) .

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