



Roman Catholic High School Parent Newsletter



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Calendar Notice: Christmas Break Schedule

December 23- January 2: CHRISTMAS BREAK

Monday, January 3: Return to school, Full Day



**We wish you and your
families a Merry
Christmas
and a Happy New Year!**



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.

Purple vs Gold Challenge- UPDATE

Christmas Tie/Bowtie Day Winner: **TEAM PURPLE!**

Current Standings:

Team Purple: 906

Team Gold: 881

Keep reading for Door Decorating and CSC Winners!



HR Door Decorating Contest

Thank you to all of our Homerooms that participated in the HR Door Decorating Contest! Our winner for 2021 is....**HOMEROOM D3**, with the theme of “*Christmas Characters*”. Way to go Freshmen! We had a tie for 2nd place, homeroom D7 and A2. Third place goes to C3!



RGHS Christmas Concert



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@romancatholichs.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!



CSC

Canned Goods Drive Collection Update:

Total ounces collected: 3,533.15

Number of Homerooms that participated: 5 Purple and 9 Gold

Most ounces collected: TEAM PURPLE!

Top Homerooms:

1st - D2 Miss High - 452.70 oz. (Freshmen)

2nd - C1 Ms. Toman-Logan - 424.44 oz. (Sophomores)

3rd - D7 Mrs. McKenna - 364.30 oz (Freshmen)

Canned goods were delivered to our neighbors down on Vine Street, The Asian Arts Initiative, who have a food pantry serving our local community. We'll treat the top homerooms with a soft pretzel day when we return from Christmas break. Thanks to all the parents, students, and faculty who contributed to the success of this collection!!

YEARBOOKS YEARBOOKS YEARBOOKS!

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

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



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.

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@romancatholichs.com if you have any questions! Click [here](#) to purchase or

renew your membership.

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 and include the BOYS' Last Name, First Name, and Class Year.

GMercyU Holds Best Persuasive Speech Competition

Congratulations to our very own, Billy Gardiner '22! William, one of GMercyU's Diocesan Scholars, took the Best Persuasive Speech Fall 2021 in Section DA with a speech entitled "The Problems With The Electoral College", effectively presenting a case that the electoral college is harmful to the election process of the US and does not properly reflect the views of its citizens. Way to go Billy!



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.

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.

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.

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*

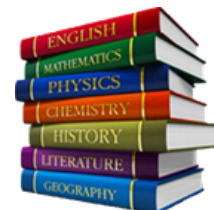
• **Family Connections Counselors:** The Family Connections staff at Roman Catholic provides an extra layer of support for students who may be struggling with personal/emotional issues that are affecting their learning. They also provide a bridge between home, school, and the community by providing information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



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 .
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