



Roman Catholic High School Parent Newsletter



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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

Current Standings:

Team Purple: 906

Team Gold: 881

SADD Christmas Toy Drive

Due to Covid restrictions, the annual SADD Christmas party was not able to be held at Roman Catholic...but this did not stop SADD from playing Santa to many children and families in need! Every HR "adopted" a child in need for Christmas this year and thanks to SADD, we were able to grant many wishes of children this Christmas!



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.



CLICK [HERE](#) TO PURCHASE TICKETS TO ROMAUTION 2022!

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

YEARBOOKS YEARBOOKS YEARBOOKS!

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



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.

Become a School Ambassador!

Attention All Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors! Are you looking for a way to serve your school, build leadership and social skills, and build your resume? Join the Ambassadors program at Roman Catholic! Applications are available here at this link: [Ambassador Application Form](#), and they must be submitted through Google form by **Wednesday, January 19th**. If you have any questions, please see Mr. McAndrew in Room 21. We look forward to having you!

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.

Roman Catholic High School

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Yearbook recognition ads are a great way for parents, families and friends to commemorate student achievements and important milestones for the graduating class of 2022. To purchase your ad online, follow the instructions on the form below. Jostens is managing our 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. When space runs out, no more ads will be sold.

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD TODAY!

ORDER BY 02/10/2022

COLOR AD

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| Full Page | \$315.00 |
| 1/2 Page | \$195.00 |
| 1/4 Page | \$105.00 |
| 1/8 Page | \$65.00 |



EASY PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE*

IT'S EASY! Create your ad online at
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.

WARNING!

Only 3 Pages Remain for Purchase.

**When those pages are sold,
no more ads will be available.**

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. Encourage your son to check in the cafeteria and near the guidance office for the list of acceptances and scholarships. If they think anything is missing, have them see Sister. Students also will receive a candy bar for their acceptances and scholarships! So far seniors have earned over 4 million in scholarships!

PSAT/CollegeBoard - All sophomores and juniors should have a Collegeboard account. If they do not remember their username and password they can see Mrs. Snyder or Mrs. Desmond. On January 12th, Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Connell will be in freshman classes to help students create a Collegeboard account. If you have already created an account for your son please let Mrs. Connell know (mconnell@romancatholicshs.com) and she will put the information in our records. We want to avoid creating a second account as that will 'lock' the account in CollegeBoard.

Juniors - Meetings are beginning!!!! Please encourage your son to come into the guidance office and fill out an appointment slip to schedule his junior meeting. We will discuss future plans, how to complete the resume and how and when to ask for recommendations. This meeting is very important.

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. Remind them the importance of completing homework!

If you believe your son is struggling emotionally please let us know. We understand that the pandemic has been particularly difficult for students.

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*



We would like to welcome a new member to our Guidance Department, Ms. Doireann Duffy. Ms. Duffy is a Family Connections Liaison and will be working primarily with at risk students. Her email is dduffy@romancatholicshs.com

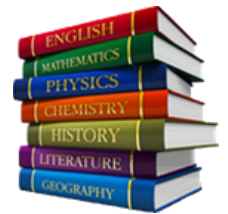
● **Family Connections Counselors:** The Family Connections staff at Roman Catholic provides an extra layer of support for students who may be struggling with personal/emotional issues that are affecting their learning. They also provide a bridge between home, school, and the community by providing information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