



Roman Catholic High School Parent Newsletter



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A Message from the Principal...

Dear School Families,

With the health and safety of every member of our school communities as a priority, we continue to navigate the constantly evolving COVID-19 landscape. Today, we are sharing a system wide update to the process of communicating with families when confirmed cases of COVID-19 are present in a school population.

Given the continued presence of the virus and the high-level of transmissibility rates associated with its Omicron variant, each school will utilize a COVID-19 Data Dashboard.

As of January 13, 2022, the COVID-19 Data Dashboard will provide school families with the current number of COVID-19 positive cases for students and staff in their local school community. The dashboard will be updated on a regular basis. The process in which you report a positive case or potential exposure remains the same. Additional details to how the dashboard will serve as a communication hub are outlined on the dashboard. School families will *only* receive a letter if their child is required to quarantine per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Guidelines.

Senior administrators in the Office of Catholic Education, along with various partners, review our universal COVID-19 mitigation practices on a weekly basis. That action plan, and any modifications, are driven by guidance from local health officials and regular data reports highlighting COVID-19 cases and transmission levels as well as vaccination rates at the county level.

We are grateful to you for your continued support and partnership to ensure the health and safety of our students, faculty, administrators, and staff. We will continue to provide updates when possible.

If you have general questions you may send them to our Covid-19 email: covid19@archphila-oce.org.

Thank you,

President

Rev. Joseph W. Bongard '77

Principal

John L. Curry, Jr.

Purple vs Gold Challenge- UPDATE

Catholic Schools Week Challenges:

1/31 Monday: Faculty/Staff Trivia and BINGO

2/1 Tuesday: Flag Football

2/3 Thursday: Roman Pride Dress Down Day Donations to the Victims of the Fairmount Fire

Current Standings:

Team Purple: 906

Team Gold: 881

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.



CLICK [HERE](#) TO PURCHASE TICKETS TO ROMAUCION 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!



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

CLASSH-ROOM Opportunity for our Roman Families!

THE CLASSH-ROOM
family Edition
WEDNESDAYS AT 630PM
YOUR FAMILY CAN WIN \$500 ON THE CLASSH-ROOM

MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM
EACH 3-PERSON TEAM MUST CONSIST OF AT LEAST ONE ADULT (18 YEARS OR OLDER AND NO LONGER IN HIGH SCHOOL) AND AT LEAST ONE STUDENT (IN 7TH-12TH GRADE AT TIME OF SHOW TAPING)
CHILDREN WHO HAVE NOT REACHED 7TH GRADE ARE NOT ELIGIBLE
ALL CONTESTANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE PROOF OF COVID-19 VACCINATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE

GO TO [FOX29.COM/THECLASHROOM](https://fox29.com/theclashroom) TO APPLY TO BE ON THE SHOW

Click [here](#) for directions on how to apply! *If your family applies and is selected, please let Ms. Canavan know at mcanavan@romancatholichs.com.*

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 1-866-441-4637 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!



**Roman Catholic
High School
Yearbook Offer**



**Yearbooks Cost \$85.
There are only
50 left to order.**

'22 YEARBOOK

This year, every moment together is worth celebrating and **ROMAN'S** yearbook captures them all. Don't miss out - reserve your copy today!

WAYS TO ORDER:



ONLINE

jostens.com/2022yearbook



SCAN



CALL

1.877.767.5217
8AM - 5PM CST
MONDAY-FRIDAY

**Seniors do not need to purchase a yearbook.
ALL SENIORS WILL RECEIVE A COPY.**

JOSTENS.COM/2022YEARBOOK

**COST OF
YEARBOOK: \$85**

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

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.

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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.



Catholic Schools Week 1/31-2/4

1/31 Monday (Bell 1)

- Service Project (Details to come)
- Faculty/Staff Trivia during Lunch periods



2/1 Tuesday- Student Appreciation Day (Special Schedule) Dismissal at 2:41

- Dress Down Day (no inappropriate clothing, no slides or sandals, please wear sneakers)
- Flag Football Tournament (sign ups in Homeroom)
- Free pretzel at lunch for Student Appreciation Day

2/2 Wednesday (special schedule for Mass) Dismissal at 2:41

- Class Masses

2/3 Thursday- Faculty Senior Volleyball Game (Bell 2) Dismissal at 1:55

- \$1 presale, \$2 day-of Roman Pride Dress Down Day- Dress in your best Purple and Gold! Half of the money will be donated to the fire victims of Fairmount
- Volleyball Game after school

2/4 Friday- Faculty Appreciation Day (Bell 4- no afternoon assembly) Dismissal at 12:57

- Student Council provides Breakfast for Faculty
- Faculty are invited to wear their College/University shirt or sweatshirt

Specific details will be sent and communicated to our Student Body!

MANUP PHILLY

PHILADELPHIA'S ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE will be held on March 19, 2022!

"COME BACK TO ME"

Man Up Philly 2022 invites the men of the Archdiocese Of Philadelphia to the 14th Annual Men's Spirituality Conference to be held IN PERSON on Saturday, March 19th at Immaculata University. We encourage all men – fathers, sons, brothers, friends – to join us for an inspiring day of faith and fellowship. Come back to the Lord. Join your brothers in Christ! Click [here](#) for details on how to register!



Morning Drop-Off

Reminder: when you are dropping your son off in the morning, please **do not** block the parking lot entrance!

Cinemaniacs- Opportunity for Students!

Cinemaniacs is a FREE after-school film and media studies program for teenagers across Philadelphia and the surrounding counties, taught in partnership by Philadelphia Film Society and award winning youth digital media organization, Big Picture Alliance. All students will receive a stipend upon completion of the semester! Please click [here](#) for more information!

In Cinemaniacs, teens explore the role of cinema in their lives and society through watching and analyzing historical and contemporary films. Teens develop a deeper understanding of the evolution and creative process of filmmaking through screenings, discussions, creative activities, and conversations with guest filmmakers.

The Spring semester, ***Exploring the Craft of Cinema***, starts on **February 8th** and runs until **April 19th** from **4:30-6:30pm on Zoom**. Teens age 14-19 from Philadelphia and the surrounding counties are welcome, no matter grade level or school enrollment status.

For more information and to register, please email mcharne@filmadelphia.org or have your students [fill out this application form](#).

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!

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@romancatholichs.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@romancatholicchs.com)--*Guidance Director/Juniors and Seniors*
- Mrs. Snyder (csnyder@romancatholicchs.com)--*Sophomores*
- Mrs. Connell (mconnell@romancatholicchs.com)--*Freshmen*



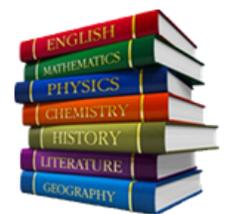
We would like to welcome a new member to our Guidance Department, Ms. Doireann Duffy. Ms. Duffy is a Family Connections Liaison and will be working primarily with at-risk students. Her email is dduffy@romancatholicchs.com

- **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@romancatholicchs.com)
- Mrs. Levine (mlevine@romancatholicchs.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@romancatholicchs.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 .

