



Roman Catholic High School Parent Newsletter



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CALENDAR NOTICE: No School Monday 2/21

Purple vs Gold Challenge- UPDATE

Current Standings:

Team Purple: 936

Team Gold: 921

Mothers' Club



The Mothers' Club is a participating and vital contributor to Roman and our sons. It's a great way to be part of your son's school experience and to get to know other Moms/Guardians. Executive Board positions are one-year terms and board elections are right around the corner. The board consists of four officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary as well as an Administrative liaison. It takes many hands to successfully plan and execute events here at Roman. Please consider getting involved. Reach out to

mothersclub@romancatholicshs.com for more information. The Mothers' Club

works hard, but we have fun! Come join us! **New date for the Mother Son Dance is March 26, 2022. Tickets can be purchased [here](#). Email Mothersondance22@gmail.com with your seating arrangement requests. We will do our best to accommodate!**

Insurance and Risk Management Essay Writing Competition

In celebration of Black History Month, NAAIA Philadelphia and Chubb Insurance are hosting an essay writing competition. The competition is open to high school students enrolled in 10th, 11th, 12th in the greater Philadelphia region. 1st place prize is \$750, 2nd place prize is \$500 and 3rd place prize is \$250! Please click [here](#) for more information!

LEAP Program

We are excited to announce a new dual-enrollment partnership with La Salle University that will begin this summer. La Salle's Early Achievement Program, or LEAP for short, provides rising junior and senior high school students with an opportunity to earn college credit before they enter their formal college career. Tuition and textbooks **are free** for LEAP students. For more information about the program and the application, click [here](#).

Applications are due by Friday, February 25th. If you have any questions about the program, please reach out to either Mr. Buck or Mrs. Desmond.

Romauction 2022!

The 2022 Romauction is scheduled for *Saturday, April 23, 2022!* It will start at 6:00pm in the school gymnasium. 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?

Interested in joining the Romauction Committee?

Please email romauction@romancatholicshs.com with 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!

Purchase a special shout out to your son or his team for \$10! One line advertisement in our tribute video (100 words or less). The tribute video will be displayed the night of the event. This would be a great way to honor students/graduating seniors.

TWO WEEK SPECIAL: BUY THREE, GET ONE FREE! From now until Friday, March 4th, if you purchase three tickets, you will receive ONE FREE! Don't miss out on this opportunity!

Sneak peak at special items to be auctioned off:



**SENIOR PROM PACKAGE
JUNIOR PROM PACKAGE
GRADUATION 2022 RESERVED SEATING
CLASS OF 2023 RING MASS RESERVED SEATING**



Please help our Auction Committee cut the costs of our boys' athletics and activities and spread the word! Please feel free to pass this flyer out at your places of work, weekend businesses, to family and friends, etc! We appreciate your support!

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!



CSC- Can Tab Collection

The Community Service Corps is collecting can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House of Philadelphia! Collect those tabs throughout the month of March. You can fill a pringles can, milk carton, or coffee can! The student that collects the most tabs by weight will receive a \$50 Visa Gift Card, with two \$25 consolation prizes!

Morning Drop-Off

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

Freshmen/Sophomore Sweetheart Mixer

Attention 9th and 10th Graders: Please join us for our Sweetheart Mixer on **Friday, March 11th**, from 6:00pm-9:00pm. Please click [here](#) for more information!

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

Prom Information

Please click [here](#) for important information regarding the **Senior Prom**.

Please click [here](#) for important information regarding the **Junior Prom**.

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!



Diocesan News



Are you good with children?
Have extra love in your heart
and extra room in your home?

Consider becoming a
FOSTER PARENT!

Caring foster parents are needed for children and youth from birth through 21 years. There is a special need for homes for sibling groups, teens and pregnant and parenting teens. ***The requirements to become a foster parent***

include:

- Must be at least 21 years old.
- Must have a safe, stable residence with appropriate furnishings.
- Must be healthy enough to provide care for children.
- Must be able to pass criminal, child abuse and FBI background checks.
- Must be able to complete the home study process.
- Must be able to provide support to children and their families.

You can be the difference in a child's life!

Call us at 267-331-2502

Visit: cssphiladelphia.org

Tolton: From Slave to Priest

On Wednesday, February 23rd, St. Luke Productions will be coming to Roman Catholic High School to put on the play: *Tolton: From Slave to Priest*. We are extremely excited for this opportunity. There will be two showings: one in the morning for the Seniors and one in the afternoon for the Juniors. *Both plays will be during the school day on campus.*

Actor Jim Coleman is determined to heal the wounds of racial tension that divide our nation through our live multi-media production,

Tolton: From Slave to Priest.

Join him by bringing the amazing story of America's first Black priest to your community.

Performing solo on stage with a cast of characters projected on the screen behind him, Jim has seen people's hearts, minds and spirits transformed.

"This show is for everyone right now," he explains. "Father Tolton has changed my life. For me, this started out as a job, but now I see it as a mission."

Draw your community together and celebrate our shared faith! After so much turmoil, we need reconciliation. Father Augustus Tolton is the man for the job.

Summer Job Opportunity

Eric Wheatcroft, class of 2009, has some seasonal positions open at the Junod Playground, located in the far northeast at 12770 Dunksferry Road. Eric is looking for 5-6 counselors to work the summer camp. The position runs from July 5th to August 12th. The pay is \$11.00 an hour for 20 hours a week. Interested workers must be between the ages 14-17. You can email your resume to Eric at eric.wheatcroft@phila.gov. If you have any questions, call Eric at 215-685-9396.

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!

Mark Your Calendar

College and Career Fair for all students on

Thursday, March 10th

4:30pm - 6:30pm

College Information Night for Juniors

6:30pm

Learn about the college search process, college options and a little about financial aid.

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*



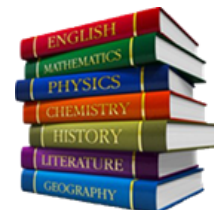
We would like to welcome a new member to our Guidance Department, Ms. Doireann Duffy. Ms. Duffy is a Family Connections Liaison and will be working primarily with at-risk students. Her email is dduffy@romancatholicshs.com

• **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)
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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
- **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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