

Roman Catholic High School Parent Newsletter



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Purple vs Gold Challenge- UPDATE

HONOR ROLL: Team Purple + 109 Team Gold + 74

> Current Standings: Team Purple: 1,045 Team Gold: 995

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@romancatholichs.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 <u>here</u>.

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@romancatholichs.com with any questions!



CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS TO ROMAUCTION 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!

Second Quarter Honor Roll

First Honors

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Congratulations and keep up the great work gentlemen!



Second Honors

Joseph Barrett William Bell Anthony Boffa-Taylor Daniel Buckley Mario Clarke James Davis Nicholas Deihl James DeMarco Rigel Dumagco Jared Everette Michael J. Gallagher Zachary Guldner Jordan Hernandez Aidan M Jenkins Edward Kiely Christopher Kleinkurt Christian Lafond Anson Lin Jason Liu Luke Lojewski Joshua McCaffrey Ryan McHugh Jared McPherson Raymond Mulderig Connor Neal Emmanuel Pajibo Sean Riehman-Murphy Isaac Santiago Haron Saunders Francis Trivelli Christian Walker Ethan Walsh	Marcus Allen Peter Arreguin Antonio Cerabino Anthony D'Amico Given Denera Santino DeSimone William Devers-Pimentel Paxon DiRienzi Lawrence Duvernay Alex Gao Michael Gedraitis Adam Gilderman Shawn Henderson Brennan Hewitt Caleb K High Marcellus Hopkins Ferdy Lie Giovanni Luciano James Lund Sean Maloney Dennis McCauley Shane McGee Ezequiel Nazario William Pierce Mark Pomrink Anthony A Soveral John Swanson Richard To Jason Truong Thomas Van Fossen	Ryan Albert Samuel Amery Shawn Chybinski Michael Clayton Gabriel D'Angelo Antonio Delvalle Jack Dunphy Angel Jose Garcia Isaiah Johnson Aiden Kucowski Randy Lim Dominic Lodise Christopher McCole	9th Grade Yusef A Barakat Nicholas Day Frank DelGiorno Adam DiGuiseppe Jackson Eells Jehiel Jevaun Ferrell Matthew Gallagher Joseph Ginchereau Bo Greenfield Joshua Grier Talasi Henderson Shareef Jackson Damir Khalimov Charlie Leighton Connor McFadden Thomas McFarlane Adrian Mitchell Cameron Morris Francis Quinn Chris Rodriguez Nathan Ruppert Ryan Rutkowski Jonah Schottland Christopher Smith Kahlil Stewart Cristiano Sutera Edward Sweeney Bryson Weiszer

Congratulations and keep up the great work gentlemen!

2022-2023 Facts Financial Aid application

2022-2023 Facts Financial Aid application can be completed at <u>factsmgt.com</u>. *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!

Prom Information

Please click <u>here</u> for important information regarding the **Senior Prom**.



Please click here for important information regarding the *Junior Prom*.

Father Tolton comes to RCHS!

On Wednesday, February 23rd, St. Luke's Productions brought "*Tolton: From Slave to Priest*" to Roman Catholic! The Junior and Senior classes had a great experience watching this "one man" play!







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!



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@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 (<u>mdesmond@romancatholichs.com</u>)--Guidance Director/Juniors and Seniors
- Mrs. Snyder (<u>csnyder@romancatholichs.com</u>)--Sophomores
- Mrs.Connell (mconnell@romancatholichs.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@romancatholichs.com

- <u>Family Connections Counselors:</u> 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 (ihoole@romancatholichs.com)
 - Mrs. Levine (mlevine@romancatholichs.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 <u>imurphy@romancatholichs.com</u>
- English—Mr. Fitzgerald Gallagher fgallagher@romancatholichs.com
- Science—Mr. Dennis DiGiovanni <u>ddigiovanni@romancatholichs.com</u>
- Social Studies—Mr. John Corrigan <u>jcorrigan@romancatholichs.com</u>
- World Languages—Mr. Nicholas Azzara <u>nazzara@romancatholichs.com</u>
- Mathematics—Mr. Jim Brennan <u>jbrennan@romancatholichs.com</u>
- Business—Ms. Theresa A. Lazorko <u>tlazorko@romancatholichs.com</u>
- 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

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- 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
 <u>cbuck@romancatholichs.com</u>
- 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.