



Roman Catholic High School Parent Newsletter



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**Calendar Update: Friday, 4/22, Monday, 4/25: No School
for Students**

Purple vs Gold Challenge- UPDATE

Student Participation for the entire school has been added up! Below are the standings:

FRESHMEN: 62% of the Class of 2025 is involved in at least one club/activity/sport!

SOPHOMORES: 66% of the Class of 2024 is involved in at least one club/activity/sport!

JUNIORS: 68% of the Class of 2023 is involved in at least one club/activity/sport!

SENIORS: 66% of the Class of 2022 is involved in at least one club/activity/sport!

With the combined totals, **TEAM GOLD** wins Student Participation with 67%!! Congratulations to Sophomore, **SEAN MCLOONE**, who is STILL the most involved student at Roman! Sean is involved in 3 sports and 8 clubs. Keep it up Sean!

It is not too late for your son to get involved!!! Please email Ms. Canavan at mcanavan@romancatholichs.com if you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting for your son to get involved!

Current Standings:

Team Purple: 1,061

Team Gold: 1,060

Mothers' Club



Spring Designer Bag Bingo tickets are on sale! Grab your friends and family to join us for an afternoon of fun on **Sunday, April 24th!** Doors open at 1pm. Bingo begins at 2pm. Click [here](#) to purchase.

Louis Vuitton Bag Raffle tickets are on sale! Ladies....If you're missing an LV bag in your collection, here's your opportunity to win one! Click [here](#) to purchase. Winner need not be present but **drawing** will be done at the end of the **Spring Designer Bag Bingo on Sunday, April 24, 2022.**

Next Mothers' Club Meeting is Monday, April 4th at 7pm! Current Board will provide a list of candidates interested in a position for the 2022-2023 school year and nominations will be taken at that time for additional candidates for the ballot. **Email the Mothers' Club at mothersclub@romancatholichs.com if you would like to have your name added to the slate of candidates.**

CONGRATULATIONS to our Boys Basketball Team who won the 6A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP!



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 ROMAUCION 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.

Click [here](#) for information about the 2022 Specialty Item!

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



Come see our guest bartenders, Mr. Brain Haas and Ms. Maggie Canavan!

**Interested in supporting the auction? Need ideas on what to donate?
Please see our Auction Wish list or view our Amazon Wish List by clicking
[here](#). Please share this information with friends, family, and local
businesses!**

PROM INFORMATION- TICKETS NOW ON SALE

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



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

Graduation 2022

SENIOR PARENTS: please click [here](#) for information on the 2022 Graduation.

Each graduate will receive 4 total tickets- 2 Reserved and 2 General Admission.

Such practice has been in place so we can accommodate each of our Graduate's

families and respect the guest limit of the Cathedral. As stated in the information

packet, "Brothers who currently attend Roman may volunteer as ushers or altar servers and

would not need a ticket." We cannot guarantee requests for additional tickets. We certainly

understand this may cause some frustration, but there is a physical limit to the Cathedral and

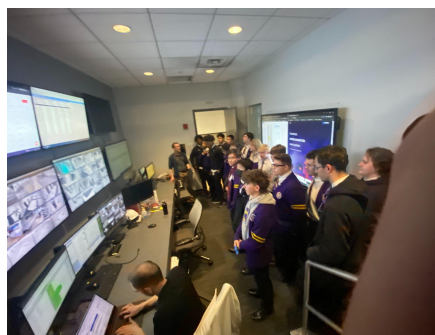
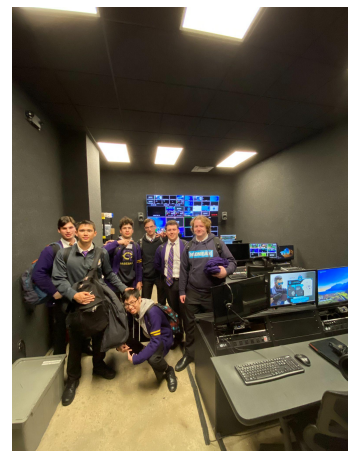
we want to ensure each of our Graduates and their families have an equitable experience on

such a special day. We are exceedingly grateful for your understanding.



RGHS Trip to International Data Center Day! 3/23/22

On Wednesday, March 23rd, Ms. Butler's Info Tech and Mr. Cameron's Engineering class took a walk down Broad Street to the Netrality Data Center with a special tour of Nerd Street Gamers ESports facility! Our students had a blast learning about possible careers in international data as well as gaming in a state of the art facility!



Junior Class Mass with Blessing of the Rings

The Junior Class Mass, with the Blessing of Rings, will take place on **Tuesday, April 26th**, at 7PM at **St. Martin of Tours Church**, 5450 Roosevelt Blvd, Philadelphia, 19124. As we join together to celebrate the Graduating Class of 2023, **every member** of the Junior Class is cordially invited to attend this evening as each student will be acknowledged and recognized, whether or not a ring was ordered. As is tradition, any relative (father, grandfather, uncle, brother, etc) who is a graduate of Roman is also invited to the Mass. These alumni are asked to escort the Junior to the Altar when his name is called. If you **do not plan on attending** the Junior Class Mass, please click [here](#).

Students who ordered display cases will receive them during the school day on April 26th.

Students must be in complete winter uniform for the Junior Class Mass.

For those that have ordered rings, Jostens has been in contact with anyone who still owes a balance. Please understand that rings will only be given to those whose payment is complete.

We look forward to celebrating this special night with you and your son!

BSU Visits St. John's Hospice



Through the months of February and March, our Black Student Union ran a collection of toiletry items to make bags for the homeless! Our boys gathered on Friday, 3/25/22, to put these bags together and hand deliver to St. John's Hospice.



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.*

**THE SOCIETY OF HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEERS GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER,
PECO & BOEING**

Present...



Save the Dates!

In-Person: Saturday, May 7th

Virtual: Thursday, May 12th

Join 9th-12th grade students from across Philadelphia for a virtual science night filled with STEM! Engage with your peers, college students, and industry professionals!



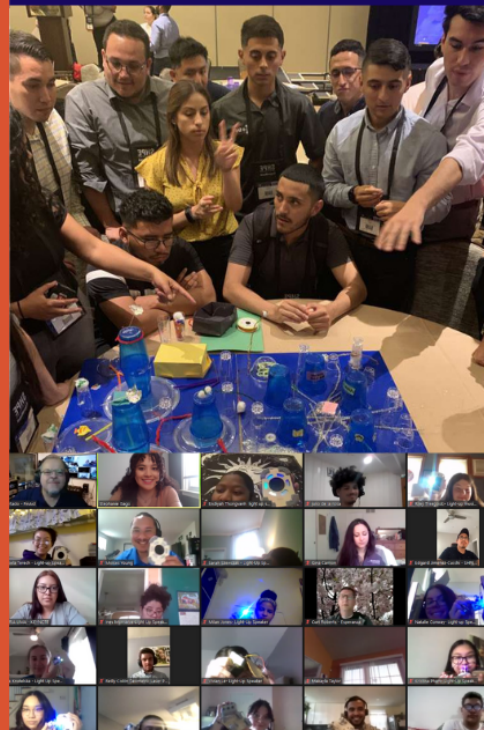
✉ GPC.SHPE@gmail.com

More information coming soon!

📷 [@SHPEGPC](https://www.instagram.com/SHPEGPC)

Noche de Ciencias events showcase science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). We create awareness and interest in STEM among underrepresented communities, while encouraging participants to see their own STEM future.

- Fun hands-on STEM activities
- Useful college information about financial aid, scholarships, college options
- Bilingual Financial Aid Workshops
- Student Panel
- Keynote speakers and Career Panelists
- Gift Card Raffles and More!



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 \$15 million in scholarships!***

Click [here](#) for a list of Summer Programs available for our students!

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*



● **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)
 - Ms. Duffy, Family Connections Liaison (dduffy@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@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 .
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