



Roman Catholic High School Parent Newsletter



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Calendar Updates: Friday 4/22, Monday 4/25 NO SCHOOL

Purple vs Gold Challenge- UPDATE

Current Standings:

Team Purple: 1,061

Team Gold: 1,060

Stay tuned for Field Day details, coming soon! Roman Field Day 2022 will be Wednesday May, 25th!

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.**

Ambassadors

Attention All Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors! Are you interested in becoming a leader in the school community? Are you interested in becoming a greater part of Roman Catholic? If so, join the Ambassador program. The application is attached here: [Ambassador Application](#). Applications are due by **Wednesday, May 4th**. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. McAndrew. Hope that you can join us!

From the President

Please click [here](#) for an important letter from President Father Bongard.

JeffU Mentors Workshop!

Click [here](#) for information on a "Recognizing Medical Emergencies" Workshop! This Workshop will be conducted at Roman Catholic High School on Tuesday, May 3rd, after school, by students from the Sidney Kimmel Medical College of Jefferson University!

If your son plans on attending, please email Ms. Canavan at mcanavan@romancatholicshs.com.



Romauction 2022!

LAST CHANCE TO BUY ROMAUCION TICKETS!!



Don't miss out on a fun evening with great auction items!

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...one of a kind Roman logo wine from California!

Sneak peak at special items to be auctioned off:

GRADUATION 2022 RESERVED SEATING

CLASS OF 2023 RING MASS RESERVED SEATING

Nunzio Restaurant: Chef Table experience with a 5 course meal

Mike Schmidt signed baseball

2 comp tickets to a Headliner Show at Rivers Casino

Signed Lamar Stevens '16 Cleveland Cavaliers jersey

....and much more!



Come see our guests behind the bar, Mr. Brain Haas and Ms. Maggie Canavan!

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.



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!

2022 Union League Good Citizenship Award

Congratulations to **Jeremiah Brown '23**, who was nominated for the 2022 Union League Good Citizenship Award! Jeremiah was nominated by First Tee to receive the 2022 Union League Good Citizenship Award. He was selected in recognition of his efforts as a good citizen. As part of this nomination, Jeremiah is invited to attend **Good Citizen Day**, where he and the other Awardees will participate in an interactive program! Way to go Jeremiah!



Flower Show Part time jobs for 16+ ages at FDR Park

Pre-Show jobs are needed from May 31st to June 9th

During Show jobs are needed from June 10th to June 19th

Post-Show jobs are needed June 20th to June 25th

If interested, contact HR@pennhort.org for their contact information.



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.*

Reminders from Guidance



Senior Parents - The senior class has earned over \$17 million in scholarships so far! If your son has not already done so, please ask him to bring in his scholarship letters and financial aid packages to Sister Jane in Guidance. He can send her an email or a screenshot if that is easier. Not only will he receive a candy bar but **all scholarships (not amounts) will be listed in the graduation booklet !**

Junior Meetings are well underway! There are less than 30 students who have not had their meeting. Please ask your son about the meeting. If he has already met with one of us, ask him to share the information and if not, please encourage him to schedule his meeting asap.

Sophomore and Freshman interviews continue. Mrs. Connell and Mrs. Snyder discuss various topics including homework, academics, and how to get involved in activities.

All parents - If your son is struggling with academics or attendance please reach out to his counselor. We are here to help!

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*



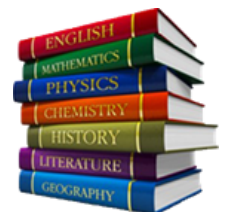
● **Family Connections Counselors:** The Family Connections staff at Roman Catholic provides an extra layer of support for students who may be struggling with personal/emotional issues that are affecting their learning. They also provide a bridge between home, school, and the community by providing information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

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@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 .
