



## Roman Catholic High School Parent Newsletter

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### WELCOME BACK ROMAN CATHOLIC!

#### First Week of School Schedule

**Tuesday, September 6:** No School for Students

**Wednesday, September 7:** 9th GRADE ONLY, dismissal at 2pm

**Thursday, September 8:** 10th, 11th, 12th GRADES ONLY, dismissal at 12pm

**Friday, September 9:** ALL GRADES REPORT, Bell 4



#### Back to School Night

Back to School Night will be Wednesday, September 28th. Details are coming soon!

#### Mothers' Club

Please join us for our first Mother's Club Meeting on September 14th for the 2022-2023 School Year. Guest speakers will be Mr. Curry and Father Bongard. We will have the Uniform Exchange program available at the meeting as well. Please bring a snack for the bake sale on September 15th. Everyone who contributes to the bake sale will be entered to win a tuition voucher. The winner will be picked in May.

#### A Taste of Philly- HELP NEEDED

The 2022-2023 Roman Catholic High School Fundraiser Event needs your help! This year will be *A Taste of Philly*. Interested in being the fundraiser chair? Interested in lending a helping hand? Know any restaurant owners or connections in the area? Please contact Ms. Maggie Canavan at [mcanavan@romancatholichs.com](mailto:mcanavan@romancatholichs.com) if you are interested! We look forward to an amazing event!

#### Mascot Tryouts

Mascot tryouts for the 2022-2023 school year will be on Tuesday, September 20th and Wednesday, September 21st! If interested, please sign up with Ms. Canavan at [mcanavan@romancatholichs.com](mailto:mcanavan@romancatholichs.com). *Mascots are expected to attend all major home athletic events as well as important school functions.*

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## MOCK TRIAL

**ROMAN**  
**MOCK TRIAL** 2022-2023  
NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME



**INTEREST MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022**  
**2:45 P.M. IN ROOM 26**

**FIRST PRACTICE**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022**  
**9:30 A.M. IN THE LEARNING COMMONS**

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## Reminders from Guidance

### **Grief Group**

If you believe your son would benefit from attending, please reach out to Mrs. Hoole at [jhoole@romancatholicshs.com](mailto: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](mailto:mdesmond@romancatholicshs.com))--*Guidance Director/Juniors and Seniors*
- Mrs. Snyder ([csnyder@romancatholicshs.com](mailto:csnyder@romancatholicshs.com))--*Sophomores*
- Mrs. Connell ([mconnell@romancatholicshs.com](mailto: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](mailto:jhoole@romancatholicshs.com))
  - Mrs. Levine ([mlevine@romancatholicshs.com](mailto:mlevine@romancatholicshs.com))
  - Ms. Duffy, Family Connections Liaison ([dduffy@romancatholicshs.com](mailto: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 [academics@romancatholichs.com](mailto:academics@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](mailto:jmurphy@romancatholichs.com)
  - **English**—Mr. Fitzgerald Gallagher – [fgallagher@romancatholichs.com](mailto:fgallagher@romancatholichs.com)
  - **Science**—Mr. Dennis DiGiovanni – [ddigiovanni@romancatholichs.com](mailto:ddigiovanni@romancatholichs.com)
  - **Social Studies**—Mr. John Corrigan – [jcorrigan@romancatholichs.com](mailto:jcorrigan@romancatholichs.com)
  - **World Languages**—Mr. Nicholas Azzara - [nazzara@romancatholichs.com](mailto:nazzara@romancatholichs.com)
  - **Mathematics**—Ms. Antoinette High – [ahigh@romancatholichs.com](mailto:ahigh@romancatholichs.com)
  - **Business**—Ms. Theresa A. Lazorko - [tlazorko@romancatholichs.com](mailto:tlazorko@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 [academics@romancatholichs.com](mailto:academics@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](mailto:mdesmond@romancatholichs.com).
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