



Roman Catholic High School Parent Newsletter



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BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS- PARENTS!

Parents and Guardians: Please click [here](#) for directions on how to e-sign all of your son's back to school forms. If you need assistance getting into your parent portal on PowerSchool, please contact Ms. Shipton at mshipton@romancatholicchs.com. These forms can **ONLY** be accessed through your **parent portal**, not on the student portal. *It is easier to complete on a desktop computer and must be done on an internet browser, not the PowerSchool app.*

Peace in Our Streets

As part of a religious response to the increasing gun violence on our neighborhood streets and the need to pray for peace in our City, the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul is opening its doors every Sunday from 5:30 to 6:30 PM for prayer. This focused and intentional period of prayer is open to all people of every Faith and Tradition. Please click [here](#) for more information.

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*, on Saturday, April 15th. Interested in lending a helping hand? Know any restaurant owners or connections in the area? Please contact Ms. Maggie Canavan at mcanavan@romancatholicchs.com if you are interested! We look forward to an amazing event! *We are still in need of one co-chair.*

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@romancatholics.com. *Mascots are expected to attend all major home athletic events as well as important school functions.*

Baseball Online Store

RCHS Baseball apparel is available for purchase on our online store! Click [here](#) to visit the store which will close on *Thursday, September 29th*.

MOCK TRIAL



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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

The poster features four vertical panels showing young men in suits and ties, likely participants in the mock trial. A central logo depicts a Roman helmet with a plume and a sword. The background is a mix of purple and gold.

Student Spotlight- *Charlotte Drummond Memorial Scholarship*

Congratulations to Todd Harrison, Class of 2023, on being selected as a recipient of the Charlotte Drummond Memorial Scholarship! Todd was selected due to his accomplishments, hard work, school community focus, and leadership which made him stand out among many other applicants. *The Charlotte Drummond Memorial Scholarship is a legacy scholarship that keeps the spirit and dedication of Charlotte Drummond alive in Catholic Education, who taught for 40 years at Cardinal Dougherty High School.*
Congratulations Todd!



Job Opportunities

Mr. Thomas Bertolino, owner of the Bertolino's Pharmacy, located at 1500 S. 12th Street, (215-389-5917) is looking for a delivery person. It would be for two days a week on Thursdays and Fridays and the hours would be from 3PM to 6PM or 4PM to 6PM. If interested, email Mr. Bertolino at Tommyb90@comcast.net and include your name, address, phone number, and current grade.

Bus Person needed at Dante and Luigi's! Click [here](#) for more information!

School Parking Lot

Please do not pull into the school parking lot to pick up your son at the end of the school day. This creates traffic and issues for our staff, maintenance crew, and deliveries navigating in and out of the school lot.

Reminders from Guidance

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)

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@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**—Ms. Antoinette High – ahigh@romancatholicshs.com
- **Business**—Ms. Theresa A. Lazorko - tlazorko@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 academics@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@romancatholics.com .
