



## 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](mailto: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.*

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### 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.

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### Back to School Night

Back to School Night will be **Wednesday, September 28th, from 6:00pm-8:30pm**. The schedule will follow the Bell 7 schedule, which can be found on our school website! You will follow your son's roster after a welcome and introduction from the Administration team in the gym and Learning Commons.

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### School Pictures

School Portraits are coming up! Order forms will be handed out to your son during HR. The schedule is:

- **Monday, October 3rd: FRESHMEN**
- **Tuesday, October 4th: SOPHOMORES**
- **Wednesday, October 5th: JUNIORS**
- **Thursday, October 6th: RETAKES** (if you are absent on your respective day)

Please make sure your son is **neatly groomed and shaved and in WINTER uniform** on his respective day. He will report to the gym during his lunch period to take his portrait.



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*The Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Jay DeFruscio and Acting Superintendent of Schools, Nancy Kurtz, offer this Back-to-School message to the Roman Community.*

[Roman Catholic High School – Back to School Message from Nancy Kurtz and Jay DeFruscio, Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education](#)

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## 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@romancatholichs.com](mailto:mcanavan@romancatholichs.com) if you are interested! We look forward to an amazing event! *We are still in need of one co-chair.*

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## Aramark-PaySchool Information

Please click [here](#) for information on how to set up your son's PaySchool lunch account!

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## 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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## 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.*

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## Homecoming Spirit Week 2022!

Homecoming Spirit Week will begin on Monday, October 17th! The week will end with our Homecoming Football Game on Friday 10/21 and our Homecoming Dance on Saturday, 10/22! Please see below for more details!

**Monday 10/17:** *JERSEY DAY* (wear your favorite Philadelphia or Roman jerseys!)

**Tuesday 10/18:** *Bell 5* (Junior Ring Assembly)

**Wednesday 10/19:** *Roman Pride Dress Down Day*

**Thursday 10/20:** *Bell 1*

**Friday 10/21:** *Bell 4, Homecoming Football Game and Senior Night! 7pm at Cardinal O'Hara High School*

**Saturday 10/22:** *Out of this World Homecoming Dance! 6-9pm.* Information packets can be found at the Student Affairs Office next week and tickets will go on sale Monday, October 3rd until Tuesday, 10/18!

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## Mock Trial

A purple and gold poster for the Roman Mock Trial 2022-2023. The text "ROMAN" is in white, "MOCK TRIAL" is in large gold letters, and "2022-2023" is in white. Below the title, it says "NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME" in white. The poster features four vertical video call windows showing young men in suits. A gold shield with a white Roman helmet and a black gavel is in the center. At the bottom, it lists the "INTEREST MEETING" on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 2:45 P.M. in Room 26, and the "FIRST PRACTICE" on Saturday, September 24, 2022, at 9:30 A.M. in the Learning Commons.

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## U.S. NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS

**Youth Leadership Program (Grades 9-11) is Accepting Applications!** Supported by the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard with no military requirement. We build young leaders of character! Wear a uniform and attend hands-on training. This program is one weekend a month (7hrs/day). Please visit [Mason Division DDG87 \(usnsccmasonddg87.org\)](https://usnsccmasonddg87.org) or text Hetty Wong at 248-943-7786 for additional information!

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## 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](mailto:Tommyb90@comcast.net) and include your name, address, phone number, and current grade.

**Primo Hoagies:** click [here](#) for more information!

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

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## 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.

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## Scholarship Information

**Questbridge – National College Match Program:** assists high achieving low income students to gain admissions and scholarships to leading colleges! For additional information and the free online form, go to [www.questbridge.org](http://www.questbridge.org). **Deadline to apply is September 27, 2022!**

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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))
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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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