



## 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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### 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. **WINTER UNIFORM: black dress pants, white oxford shirt, school tie, school sweater!** He will report to the gym during his lunch period to take his portrait.

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### Mother's Club

Click [here](#) for information on the 2022 Louis Vuitton Fall Raffle!



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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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## 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!) \$1 presale and \$2 day of

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

**Wednesday 10/19:** *Roman Pride Dress Down Day* (\$1 presale and \$2 day of)

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

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

**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! Click [here](#) for more information! Click [here](#) for the permission form!

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## YOACAP Youth Programs

Please visit [www.yoacap.org](http://www.yoacap.org) to learn more about the YOACAP Youth Programs that help send teens in our area to trade schools and colleges with scholarships and grants! YOACAP offers: internships, summer jobs, scholarships/grants, career exposure, SAT Prep/tutoring, youth driving class/lessons, pre-apprenticeship, after school programs, college prep, life skills, GED training, and more! You can also call 215-851-1968 to learn more!

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## HoCo PINK OUT Tee Shirt Sale!

Click [here](#) for the order form for the 2022 Homecoming Pink Out Shirts!!! All orders are due to Student Services OR Student Affairs by **Friday, October 7th!** Orders will be delivered to students during their lunch periods! A portion of the proceeds will go to the National Breast Cancer Foundation.



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**YEARBOOKS!** *(Seniors do not have to purchase a yearbook)*

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SENIOR PARENTS:

**ATTENTION  
SENIOR  
PARENTS**

**RECOGNIZE AND HONOR  
THE CLASS OF 2023  
WITH A PERSONALIZED Ad  
IN THE 2023 YEARBOOK**

**CREATE AND PURCHASE ONLINE  
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1/8 Page	\$50.00

**FOR THE PAST  
TWO YEARS,  
ALL ADS HAVE  
SOLD OUT!**

**Jeremiah Brown '23 Competes at Pebble Beach!**

First Tee — Greater Philadelphia participant, Jeremiah Brown '23, competed at Pebble Beach Golf Links and Spyglass Hill Golf Course at the Pure Insurance Championship! Jeremiah was one of 78 teens from across the country chosen to play in this annual event! He was paired with professional Chris DiMarco.



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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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## Reminders from Guidance

***Interviews for seniors are well underway! If your son has not yet scheduled his meeting please encourage him to do so. The Class of 2023 has been great requesting appointments so we apologize if they have to wait a bit to be seen.***



### **Grief Group**

If you believe your son would benefit from attending, please reach out to Ms. Brown at [megan.brown@romancatholicshs.com](mailto:megan.brown@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)) and Ms Brown ([megan.brown@romancatholicshs.com](mailto:megan.brown@romancatholicshs.com)) *Freshmen*
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*We are all saddened by the tragic shooting at Roxborough High School and for all of those who have experienced violence. Below is a letter and resources we received from The National Alliance on Mental Health we wanted to share with you. As always, if your son has lost a loved one or been touched by violence please reach out to his counselor.*



The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Philadelphia is deeply saddened by the tragic shooting that happened yesterday at Roxborough High School. This tragedy impacts our communities—our parents, our children, our school professionals, our first responders—the mental health of our whole city. This incident has taken the life of 14-year-old Nicholas Elizalde, a Philadelphia area student, and has injured four other Philly Teens. Our affiliate stands with the families, friends, students and community members as they face this hardship and we will do what we can to bring mental health support and resources to them in the upcoming weeks.

The statistics are startling. So far this year, 178 children have been shot in Philadelphia and 23 have died. We should all be free to send our children to schools, to go cheer their school on at a local football game or attend community events without the danger of gun violence. It is unclear as to what led to this horrible incident.

As we know, gun violence is a public health crisis. We desperately need advocacy around gun laws. We all want an end to this senseless violence and trauma in our city, so we need to come together as a nation to find meaningful and sensible solutions.

We are here, ready to help the city address this trauma. If anyone needs to reach out for resources or help, the NAMI Philly HelpLine is available at 844-PHL-HOPE (4673) — open Monday to Friday from 9 am to 5 pm EST. If you are in crisis and need support right away, you can call the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline by dialing 988 — open 24/7. You can also utilize the Crisis Text Line by texting “NAMI” to 741741.

We have also attached local resources that may be helpful to you and members of your family or community.

You are Not Alone— NAMI Philadelphia is here to help. Please see below for resources:

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## **GRIEVING/YOUTH VIOLENCE RESOURCES**

### *Children's Crisis Treatment Center*

Provides high quality mental health services to Philadelphia's children and their families. Programs include: outpatient mental health services; post-traumatic assistance for children who have experienced a severe emotional trauma; family support; and WRAP around services- 1080 North Delaware Avenue, Suite 600- 215-496- 0707, ask for intake. [www.cctckids.org](http://www.cctckids.org)

### *Uplift Center For Grieving Children*

Uplift Center for Grieving Children provides free peer support groups to children ages 5-18 and their caregivers who have experienced the death of someone close to them. Uplift helps children grieving a death heal and grow through their grief, while strengthening families, communities, and professionals' understanding of how best to respond to their needs. Peer support groups are located in various locations across the city and within schools and community groups. The main location is 3300 Henry Ave, Suite 102, Phone number 267-437- 3123. [www.upliftphilly.org](http://www.upliftphilly.org)

### *National Child Traumatic Stress Network*

Great info for families who have experienced trauma or loss.  
[www.nctsn.org/audiences/families-and-caregivers](http://www.nctsn.org/audiences/families-and-caregivers)

### *Peter's Place*

Peter's Place aims to provide a safe and supportive environment for grieving children and families and acts as a community resource to foster understanding of the effects of death and grief. Click here for great handouts on death/grieving. 336 King of Prussia Road, Radnor, PA 19087  
610.687.5150 [www.petersplaceonline.org](http://www.petersplaceonline.org)

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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@romancatholicshs.com](mailto: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](mailto:jmurphy@romancatholicshs.com)
- **English**—Mr. Fitzgerald Gallagher – [fgallagher@romancatholicshs.com](mailto:fgallagher@romancatholicshs.com)
- **Science**—Mr. Dennis DiGiovanni – [ddigiovanni@romancatholicshs.com](mailto:ddigiovanni@romancatholicshs.com)
- **Social Studies**—Mr. John Corrigan – [jcorrigan@romancatholicshs.com](mailto:jcorrigan@romancatholicshs.com)
- **World Languages**—Mr. Nicholas Azzara - [nazzara@romancatholicshs.com](mailto:nazzara@romancatholicshs.com)
- **Mathematics**—Ms. Antoinette High – [ahigh@romancatholicshs.com](mailto:ahigh@romancatholicshs.com)
- **Business**—Ms. Theresa A. Lazorko - [tlazorko@romancatholicshs.com](mailto: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](mailto: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@romancatholicshs.com](mailto:mdesmond@romancatholicshs.com) .

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