



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@romancatholicshs.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.

Mother's Club

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



PSAT- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Next Wednesday, October 12th, freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will take the PSAT. All students should arrive in full uniform at the regular time--8am.

We are having the students complete all of the demographic information ahead of time (on Monday) so that on Wednesday they may focus solely on the test. Because of this, the test will begin promptly following a brief homeroom period. ***If a student arrives after the test has begun, he will not be able to take the test.*** The test will end at approximately 11am and at that time students will be dismissed. ***Seniors are off that day and we encourage them to use this time to visit colleges.***

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: please wear your favorite sports jersey (Philadelphia, Roman, etc.) for Jersey Day! No inappropriate clothing or material may be worn.*

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

Wednesday 10/19: *ROMAN PRIDE DAY: wear your favorite Roman gear or purple and gold! No inappropriate clothing or material may be worn.*

Friday 10/21: *Bell 4, Homecoming Football Game and Senior Night! 7pm at Cardinal O'Hara High School. PINK OUT: please wear your HoCo shirt or school sponsored breast cancer awareness shirt in addition to your uniform! Thank you for showing your support!*

(Dress Down Day Pre-sale: *wristbands will go on sale starting Monday, 10/10, before school or during your lunches. Pre-sale wristbands are \$1. If you wait till the day-of, wristbands will be \$2. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Canavan.)*

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!*



EU Delegation Visit

On Monday, October 3rd, Roman hosted four Deputy Ambassadors (Deputy Chiefs of Mission) from the European Union for a panel discussion titled *Transatlantic Democracy in Times of Challenge*. The DCMs were: Germany- Axel Dittmann, Portugal- Alexandra Bilreiro, Sweden- Ingrid Ask, Latvia- Janis Bekeris. We are extremely grateful to have been able to give this opportunity to our student!



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YOACAP Youth Programs

Please visit 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!

Clarity in a Confused World

Please click [here](#) for more information on a *Forum on the Transgender Phenomenon Influencing Our Culture*. Sponsored by the St. Peter Respect Life Committee, this will take place on Saturday, October 15th, at St. Peter Church. Details about the day and how to register can be found by following the link!

Aramark-PaySchool Information

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

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@romancatholicshs.com if you are interested! We look forward to an amazing event! *We are still in need of one co-chair.*

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

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

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!

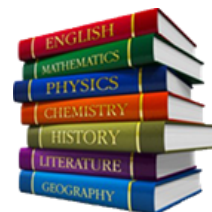
• Grade-Level Counselors:

- Mrs. Desmond (mdesmond@romancatholicshs.com)--Guidance Director/Juniors and Seniors
 - Mrs. Snyder (csnyder@romancatholicshs.com)--Sophomores
 - Mrs. Connell (mconnell@romancatholicshs.com) and Ms Brown (megan.brown@romancatholicshs.com)Freshmen
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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@romancatholicchs.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@romancatholicchs.com
- **English**—Mr. Fitzgerald Gallagher - fgallagher@romancatholicchs.com
- **Science**—Mr. Dennis DiGiovanni - ddigiovanni@romancatholicchs.com
- **Social Studies**—Mr. John Corrigan - jcorrigan@romancatholicchs.com
- **World Languages**—Mr. Nicholas Azzara - nazzara@romancatholicchs.com
- **Mathematics**—Ms. Antoinette High - ahigh@romancatholicchs.com
- **Business**—Ms. Theresa A. Lazorko - tlazorko@romancatholicchs.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@romancatholicchs.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@romancatholicchs.com.
