



## Roman Catholic High School Parent Newsletter



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### Roman Mock Trial Wins First Place



Over the weekend of January 21-22, 2023, our mock trial program competed at the University of Pennsylvania's mock trial tournament. At this event, all four of Roman's varsity teams competed. The Varsity C team captured 3rd place, and the Varsity A team won the tournament, defeating teams from The Haverford School, Central Bucks South, Merion Mercy, and Abington.

Four students earned best witness awards during the tournament. Those students are Aidan Conroy '24, Antonio Delvalle '24, Jeremiah Brown '23, and Brennan Hewitt '23.

All the teams will begin the state competition on February 3rd at the Criminal Justice Center.



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### Scholar Athletes Highlighted by CatholicPhilly.com

CatholicPhilly.com recently published an article which included a list of athletes who had made the honor roll at their school. Roman Catholic was well represented on the list with 50 scholar-athletes being named. We are proud of the hard work and dedication these students show on and off the field.

To read the article, click here: [Catholic Philly Article](#)

To see the full list, click here: [Honor Roll List](#)

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## Roman Arena Podcast Club



Click Here for: [The Roman Arena Podcast- Season1, Episode 6](#)



Episode 6: Cole Sonlin '26 and Nick Migatz '26 return with discussion and highlights from Roman's basketball game against Lansdale Catholic. During halftime, they also interviewed Roman alum and current Philadelphia 76ers analyst, Marc Jackson '93.

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## CSC- Doing Good in the Community

Over the past few months, CSC has been out in the community serving others. Recently, they went to St. Francis Inn to serve food and help out those in need.



### MLK Service Project

Shout out to Ms. Toman-Logan's Government/Politics classes and Mrs. McKenna's Theology classes who participated in our MLK Project for animal shelters. We collected: towels, food, treats and toys for Philly Paws (Grays Ferry). In addition, Ms. T-L donated snacks and cold beverages that were sold by members of the Cultures Club and CSC during lunches on 1/14/23. A \$100 donation was sent to Philly Paws as well. Thanks to all those who helped to make this project a success!

## Roamings Honored by National Council of Teachers of English



They sent the following Press Release in addition to award for two of our students:

*Roamings, Student Magazine at Roman Catholic High School, Wins Distinction of Excellent for Recognizing Excellence in Art and Literary Magazines (REALM) Contest*

January 31st, 2023 (Philadelphia) *Roamings* from Roman Catholic High School, has been



recognized as an EXCELLENT magazine by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE).

This year, schools in 42 states and five countries nominated 262 student magazines. Magazines from middle school, high school, and higher education were welcomed for the 2022 contest. The REALM program publicly recognizes excellent literary magazines produced by students with the support of their teachers. REALM is designed to encourage all schools to develop literary magazines that celebrate the art and craft of writing. Schools in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, US territories, Canada, and American schools abroad are eligible to nominate magazines.

Congratulations to Sean McLoone '24 and Matthew Bera '24 for their outstanding success.



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## Reminder for 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@romancatholichs.com](mailto:mshipton@romancatholichs.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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### From the Tuition Office...

The Facts Tuition 2023-2024 Financial Aid Application is open at [factsmgmt.com](https://factsmgmt.com). If you need assistance applying, please call 1-866-441-4637.

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### Mothers Club

The **Mother Son Dance** will be **Saturday, March 18th!** Click [here](#) for information and how to order tickets!



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### Office of Financial Affairs

Please click [here](#) for a letter from the President.



### NHS Induction

The NHS Induction will be on *Wednesday, February 1st*, at 7:00pm. New NHS Members should pick up their gowns in the Student Affairs office. Please contact Mrs. MacLuckie if you have any questions!

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



LAST CHANCE

CAPTURE THE MEMORIES  
WITH A YEARBOOK

DEADLINE 1/27/2023

[jostensyearbooks.com/ordernow](https://jostensyearbooks.com/ordernow)





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### Academic Help for Struggling Students

Did your son struggle academically the first semester? We have been running Academic Assistance after school since the end of the first quarter. AAP is held every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday right after school for about an hour. The group meets in either Room 10 or the Learning Commons. National Honor Society tutors are available to assist students. If after school is not a great option, Mr. Giachetti is also holding tutoring sessions from 7am - 8am every morning in Room 10. He is able to

assist students with English and with writing for any class. Please encourage your son to attend!

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### **Guidance has been busy!**

Junior meetings have begun. Please encourage your son to come into the office and schedule his. We will discuss future plans (college, trades, military), standardized testing and how to get recommendations. On February 8th, Mr. Buck and Mrs. Desmond will be hosting an information session both in person and on zoom. Check emails for details. Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Connell will continue meeting with freshmen and sophomores for their grade level interviews and were in classes making sure students could login to Collegeboard and Naviance.

Mrs. Snyder and Ms. Brown have been working with our Peer Leadership group who have already completed two presentations on anti-bullying and anti-bias to freshmen. The students are doing a great job. All students will be attending assemblies on bullying and harassment next week.

Ms. Shannon is meeting with students and reaching out to parents regarding the importance of coming to school every day and getting here on time. Remember-absences and lates are on their permanent transcript!

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### **Reminders from Guidance**

#### 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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## 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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**31st Annual**

## **Greater Philadelphia Area Leadership Award**



**Presented by  
Roman Catholic  
High School**

**Thursday, March 30, 2023**  
Union League Liberty Hill

## **Leadership Award Dinner**

The 31st Annual Greater Philadelphia Area  
Leadership Award

Honoring

**Charles P. Pizzi**

Thursday, March 30, 2023

Union League Liberty Hill

800 Ridge Pike

Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

Cocktails - 6:00 PM

Dinner - 7:00 PM

Business Attire

Tickets: \$300/person

All proceeds support students at Roman  
Catholic High School

To attend the event, make a contribution, or  
for sponsorship opportunities, please contact  
John Prendergast '08, Executive Director of  
Mission Advancement, at

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627-5487, Ext. 204.