

ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT NEWSLETTER



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Next Week at RCHS

M

Mathletes (Room 31)

Bell 2

SADD (Room 22)

Pep Rally

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Chess Club (Room 25)

Bell 2

W

BSU (Room 30)

Bell 1

Anime/Gaming (LC)

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Student Council (Room 33)

Bell 1

Engineering Club (Room 301)

F

Freshmen & Sophomore Mixer

Bell 1

6-9 PM

FOR ATHLETICS SCHEDULES [CLICK HERE](#)



PHILDELPHIA
CATHOLIC LEAGUE

BASKETBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP
PREVIEW

vs

HOSTS
COLE SONLIN '26
NICK MIGATZ '26

XZAYVIER BROWN '23
POINT GUARD

SHAREEF JACKSON '25
FORWARD

GUESTS

THE
ROMAN
ARENA
PODCAST

Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Amazon Music, YouTube

THE ROMAN ARENA
MOST RECENT EPISODE:
[CLICK HERE](#)



PCL SEMI-FINALS

ROMAN BEATS WOOD 66-59



SHOW YOUR ROMAN PRIDE

Shirts can
be
purchased
in the
school store
or online
[here.](#)



**SHIRTS \$10
WHILE
THEY LAST**

ROMAN MOCK TRIAL



Quarterfinals

CITY COMPETITION

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

9:00 A.M.

Congressman

DWIGHT EVANS

On Thursday, February 23rd, Congressman Dwight Evans came to visit Roman Catholic High School at the invitation of the Black Student Union. The Congressman spoke about the importance of working hard, being inquisitive, and following your dreams. His speech was followed by a question and answer session with students. It was a great honor for a person of such distinction to come and visit our young men and share some words of wisdom with them.



Cumulative Honors Convocation

This week, students who had achieved honors for the First Semester gathered in the Fuller Theater to be recognized by Roman Catholic for their hard work and effort.



In addition to students who had achieved honors, the top students from each class were recognized:

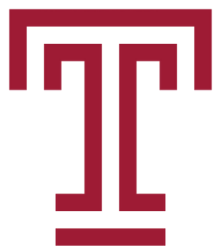
- Valedictorian: Benjamin Foronda '23
- Salutatorian: Elijah Karn '23
- First in Rank Junior: Sean McLoone '24
- Second in Rank Junior: Edmund Arqitola '24
- Second in Rank Junior: Aidan Conroy '24
- First in Rank Sophomore: Tom Nguyen '25
- Second in Rank Sophomore: Patrick Holahan '25
- First in Rank Freshman: Jehoiakim Gabriel '26
- First in Rank Freshman: Andrew Stevens '26





MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**MARCH 9TH
4:00-6:30 PM**



On March 9th, over 50 colleges and universities will be in Roman's gym.

There will also be representatives from trade schools and the military. All students and parents are welcome to attend.



Please join us for this event to learn more about colleges and what they have to offer.



WILLIAMSON
COLLEGE of the TRADES
Founded 1888



ROMAN CATHOLIC
VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS

CAHILLITES

MARCH 6TH & 7TH

5:30 - 7:00

Questions, comments, or concerns?
Email volleyball@romancatholichs.com

PARENT SURVEY

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As in past years, I write with a special invitation for you to participate in a very important project here at Roman Catholic High School – our annual Continuous Improvement Survey. The data we gather from the survey helps us understand what we are doing well as a school and also what opportunities we have to make us even better.

Survey questions center on five key areas, Instructional Quality, Constituent Relations, Operational Excellence, Finance, and Overall Satisfaction. We estimate it should take 15-20 minutes to complete. You will have the chance to rate each area on a five point scale and also add comments where necessary.

Some other details:

- The survey will be open from now, until March 10, 2023.
- Since parents from each Archdiocesan high school will be completing the survey, we ask that if you have students at a high school you complete the survey at each school.
- All information gathered is secure (you don't have to provide your name).
- For data accuracy, we ask each family to complete the survey once.

We will receive the survey results in April and will communicate them to you soon after. Know that all data gathered benefits us here at Roman Catholic High School. The survey results will provide us with needed data that helps us maintain a school culture focused on continuous improvement.

Here is the survey link:

<https://www.research.net/r/aops-pf>

The code is: H#214

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John Curry
Roman Catholic High School

GREATER PHILADELPHIA AREA 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
jprendergast@romancatholicchs.com
or (215) 627-
5487, Ext. 204.

31st Annual Greater Philadelphia Area Leadership Award

Presented by
**Roman Catholic
High School**

Thursday, March 30, 2023
Union League Liberty Hill



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

From the Mothers' Club:

The Mother/Son Dance will be held on March 18th.

Click [Here](#) to Purchase Tickets

Mothers' Club Spring Bingo will be held on April 22nd at 2:00 pm.

Click [Here](#) to Purchase Tickets

Please email us at mothersclub@romancatholicchs.com and check our Facebook page for information and updates!

Roman Catholic High School



Date: March 18, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm
Registration and Pictures begin at 6:00 pm

Location: Philadelphia Ballroom
2014 Hornig Road
Philadelphia, PA 19116

Tickets: \$165.00 Mother & Son – each additional son is \$80.00
If Tickets are purchased before February 10, 2023

\$175.00 Mother & Son – each additional son is \$85.00
If Tickets are purchased after February 3, 2023

Ticket Sales will close on March 1, 2023
Tickets are limited / Mother/Guardian and Son(s) only

Click Here to Purchase Tickets: [Mother-Son Dance Tickets](#).

Includes: Buffett, Dessert, Refreshments, D.J.
Alcohol will not be served and is not permitted to be brought into the event

Seating: No Seating Requests will be accepted
Seating will be open/assigned by Roman Catholic High School

Attire: No Jeans, sweat pants, shorts, t-shirts

Note: Raffle Baskets, 50/50 Tickets & items will be available for purchase

Please email mothersclub@romancatholicchs.com for questions and check our Facebook Page for information/updates [Roman Catholic High School Mothers' Club](#)



Roman Catholic High School Mothers' Club

When: Saturday, April 22, 2023

Where: Roman Catholic High School Gymnasium
301 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Time: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Doors open at 1:00 pm

Cost: \$35.00
Price includes 12 rounds of Bingo

Basket Raffles, Extra Game Cards, Dabbers, 50/50 Tickets & Special Bag Game Cards available for purchase Venmo or Cash

BYOB & Food Permitted

Purchase Tickets Online:
<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=KV3MmG>

To Reserve a table – please purchase tickets by April 8th and send one email with a list names – tickets must have been purchased. The table will be reserved under the name of the person sending the email. Send email to: mothersclub@romancatholicchs.com

Ticket Sales Close on April 20th

No Tickets are sold at the door – Must be purchased in advanced – Tickets are Non-Refundable

This is a BOB Event *PA State Law must be 21 years of age or older* No one under 21 admitted



*Join high school students from across the country
in a once in a lifetime leadership and civic education experience!*



**FREEDOMS
FOUNDATION**
at VALLEY FORGE



SPIRIT OF AMERICA

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

OUR PROGRAM DATES:

FEBRUARY 23-26, 2023

MARCH 2-5, 2023

MARCH 30-APRIL 2, 2023

APRIL 13-16, 2023

APRIL 27-30, 2023



**DON'T MISS THIS
FREE OPPORTUNITY
OF A LIFETIME!**

**APPLY
TODAY!!**

"I HAD A BLAST LEARNING ABOUT OUR COUNTRY AND HOW I CAN CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIETY WHILE ENJOYING THE COMPANY OF MY PEERS AND MAKING NEW FRIENDS. IT WAS AN AMAZING SUMMIT ON BEAUTIFUL GROUNDS WHERE I LEARNED A LOT MORE ABOUT OUR COUNTRY. IT BROUGHT ME OUT OF MY SHELL IN A SAFE SPACE SO THAT I WILL FEEL MORE CONFIDENT VOICING MY OPINION." – AMELIA

"THIS HAS BEEN THE MOST INTERESTING, ENGAGING EXPERIENCE. IT HAS CONNECTED ME WITH SO MANY PEOPLE THAT I WOULD NEVER HAVE HAD THE CHANCE TO MEET OTHERWISE. I TRULY ENJOY THE DIFFERENT WAYS WE GET TO LEARN FROM THE STAFF, SPEAKERS, EXPERIENCES, AND PLACES." — SHANNON

QUESTIONS?

email spiritofamerica@ffvf.org

or call 610-933-8825 ext. 221

CRAFTED FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Join like-minded high school students interested in cultivating the rights and responsibilities of citizenship by participating in Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge's Spirit of America Youth Leadership program! Over 100,000 students from across the country come for our four-day immersive programs on our private residential campus for a series of fun, thought-provoking, engaged activities with a core focus on our founding documents. Students become inspired to become active leaders in their own communities and retain a deeper appreciation for America's history and civic responsibility.

MOCK CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

Students engage with each other in a mock congressional forum where they learn how to debate amongst their peers while weighing the balance of liberty and security. Constitutional scholars guide their discussions as they revise a bill, consider constitutional amendments, and review relevant legal cases.

FREE ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE

Our popular shark tank challenge provides an entertaining and stimulating way for students to learn about America's free enterprise system. Students work as a team to develop a product and present a pitch to a panel of judges.

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

Different styles of leadership are introduced to students as they review the character traits demonstrated by the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

VISITS TO VALLEY FORGE AND PHILADELPHIA

History comes alive for students as they walk the hallowed grounds of Valley Forge, crucible of the American Revolution. They also visit the birthplace of America during a tour of Independence Hall in Philadelphia followed by a close look of the Liberty Bell.

"THIS PROGRAM WAS NOT WHAT I WAS EXPECTING. IN FACT, IT WAS BETTER. DURING THESE FEW DAYS I LEARNED VALUABLE INFORMATION THAT I WILL BE TAKING BACK AS A NEW LEADER. I LEARNED THAT EVEN THE SMALLEST THINGS, THE SMALLEST OPINIONS, AND PARTICIPATION CAN MAKE THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE TO ANYONE AND ANYTHING." — ANGEL



APPLY NOW

For more information on Spirit of America visit
www.freedomsfoundation.org/program/spirit-of-america/



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PARENT REMINDERS

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. 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.

From the Tuition Office:

The Facts Tuition 2023-2024 Financial Aid Application is open at factsmgt.com. If you need assistance applying, please call 1-866-441-4637.

Academic Help for Struggling Students:

Did your son struggle academically the first semester? We have been running Academic Assistance Program 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!

For Information from Guidance

[CLICK HERE](#)

Tips for Addressing Academic Concerns

[CLICK HERE](#)