

# ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER



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## *Next Week at RCHS*

**M**

**No School for  
Students**

*Easter Monday*

**T**

**Chess Club (Room 25)**

*Bell 2*

**W**

**Anime/Gaming (Learning Commons)  
Black Student Union (Room 30)**

*Bell 1*

**T**

**Bake Sale  
Engineering Club (Howard 301)**

*Bell 1*

**F**

**Ceramics Club (Howard 303)**

*Bell 2*

FOR ATHLETICS SCHEDULES [CLICK HERE](#)

*Have a Blessed  
and Happy Easter*



# BACK ON THE WATER



The crew team is back in action on the river. Recently, they have had a variety of successes, including first place finishes on the JV and Varsity Quads. Be sure to look out for their next race so you can head down to the river and cheer the on the guys!





# ZOO TRIP



**This week, Mr. Pensabene's Photography class went to the Philadelphia Zoo to photograph the animals. The young men pictured walked around for hours perfecting their techniques and feeding giraffes. This field trip is not only fun, it is also a learning experience, as Mr. Pensabene recently taught his students about the proper techniques for photographing animals.**





**After months of planning, SADD Club finally had their bunny palooza! Members of SADD stayed after school last week to put together forty Easter baskets in an effort to spread the Easter spirit to children who may not have gotten to celebrate otherwise, due to financial difficulties. The baskets included a bag of various Easter candies, an egg with a surprise inside, and of course, Easter grass. SADD donated the baskets to the Veterans Multi Service Center Women's Program and Saint Francis De Sales Grade School in West Philadelphia. SADD was happy to lift some weight off the shoulders of women veterans and parents of local Philadelphia children who may be having a hard time this holiday season.**







## The Roman Arena

**Michael Gedraitis '23  
Jason Truong '23**

Michael and Jason welcome  
Dr. Brooke Tesche into the  
arena. Dr. Tesche is the new  
Superintendent for Secondary Schools  
in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



Give episode 18 of The Roman Arena Podcast a listen!

Michael Gedraitis '13 and Jason Truong '13 sat down with the superintendent of secondary schools, Dr. Brooke Tesche, to ask her about her career and what brought her to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Listen to The Roman Arena wherever you get your podcasts or by clicking [here](#).



# Dorney Park® & Wildwater Kingdom

## RCHS CLASS OF 2023 SENIOR TRIP

*When: Friday, May 19th, 2023*

*Where: Dorney Park & Wildwater  
Kingdom*

*Cost: \$60 (Includes Transportation &  
park tickets for both Amusement and  
Water)*

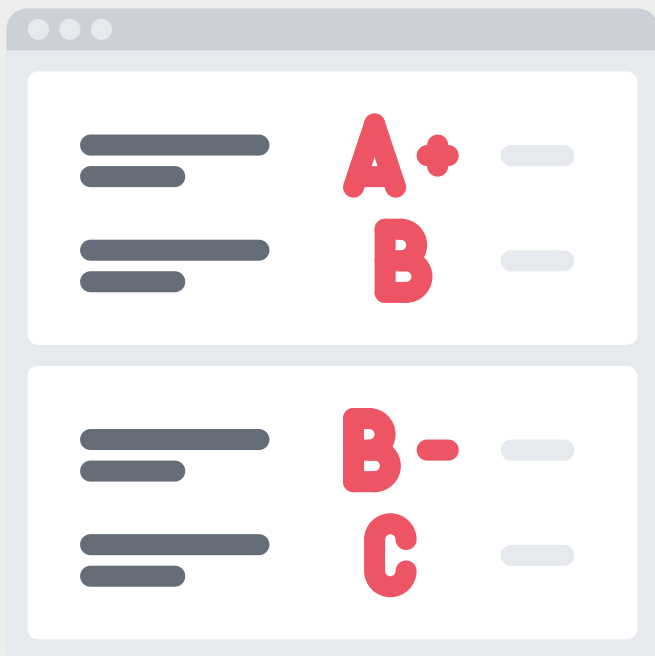


To register complete and return the permission form and payment to Mr. Shields. For more information contact Mr. Shields at [jshields@romancatholichs.com](mailto:jshields@romancatholichs.com) or Keshon West '23 at [kwest23@romancatholichs.com](mailto:kwest23@romancatholichs.com). Sign-ups are due Friday April 28th. First come First serve! Spots will fill fast!

# 2023

# ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

## *3rd Quarter Report Cards*



The Easter holiday falls in the middle of the report card processing timeline, which will delay the distribution of 3rd quarter report cards.

The goal is for report cards to be emailed by Friday, April 14th. Mailed copies will arrive early the following week.







# PROM

## Junior Prom Information:

**When: Friday, April 28, 2023  
from 7-11 PM**

**Where: The Philadelphia Ballroom  
2014 Hornig Road  
Philadelphia, PA 19116  
Cost: \$160 per Couple**

***Click Here for the  
Junior Prom Form***

## Senior Prom Information:

**When: Thursday, May 11, 2023  
from 6-10 PM**

**Where: Presidential Caterers  
2910 DeKalb Pike  
East Norriton, PA 19401  
Cost: \$200 per Couple**

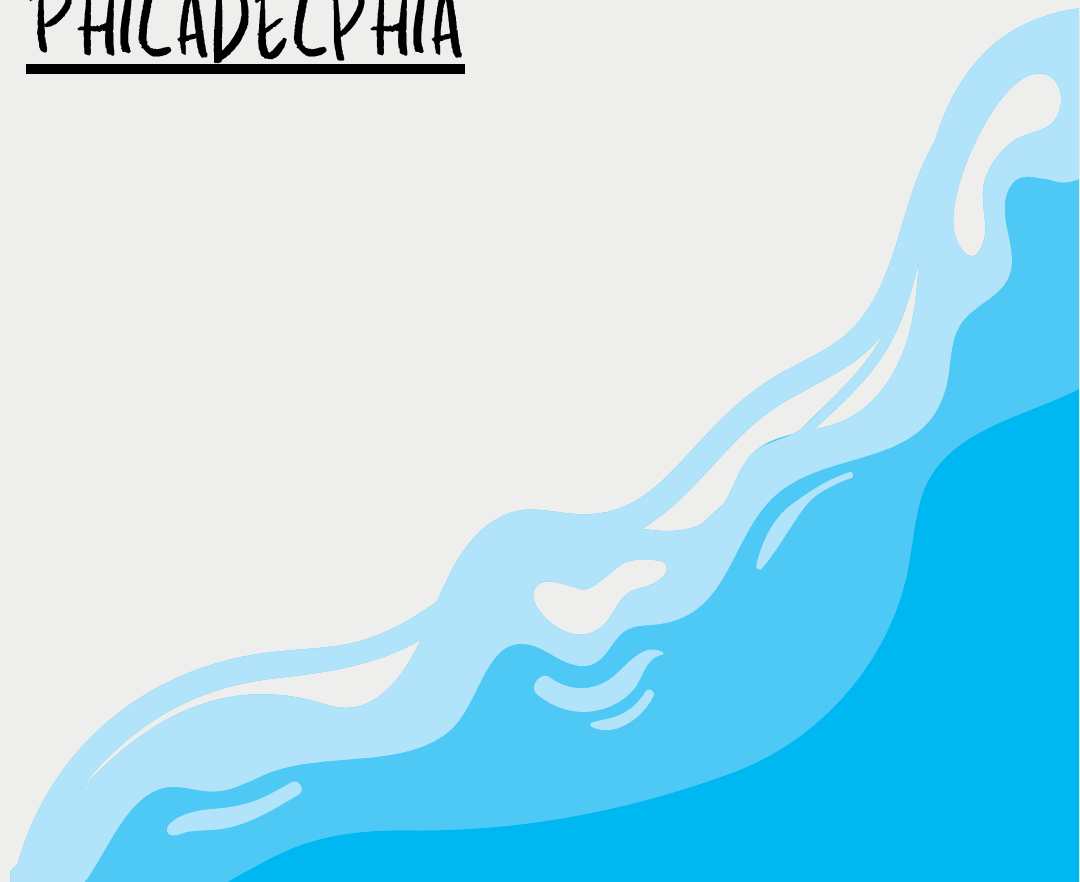
***Click Here for the  
Senior Prom Form***





# SUMMER CAMP

CLICK HERE FOR A LIST OF SUMMER CAMPS  
AVAILABLE TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN  
PHILADELPHIA





# LIFEGUARDS NEEDED!

The City of Philadelphia is hiring lifeguards for the summer.

1. Positions start at \$16

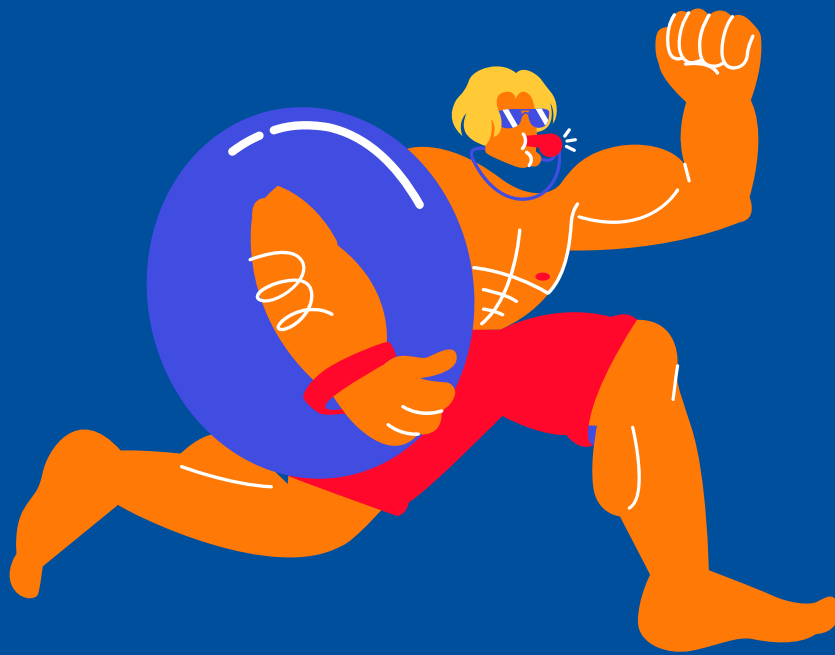
2. Ages 16 and up

3. Free training

4. Free certification for 16-24 year olds

5. Apply before April 15 to receive a \$1,000 end-of-the-season bonus.

For more information, visit [Phila.gov/lifeguard](http://Phila.gov/lifeguard)



# 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 April 8th.
- 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



# 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](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.

## From the Tuition Office:

The Facts Tuition 2023-2024 Financial Aid Application is open at [factsmgt.com](https://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](#)