

# ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## PARENT NEWSLETTER



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### *Next Week at RCHS*

**M**

**Cooking Club (Caf)**  
**Music Club (Fuller Theater)**

*Bell 1*

**T**

**Chess Club (Room 25)**  
**Book Club (Room 22)**

*Bell 2*

**W**

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

*Bell 1*

**T**

**Engineering Club (Howard 301)**

*Bell 1*

**F**

**Ceramics Club (Howard 303)**

*Bell 1*

FOR ATHLETICS SCHEDULES [CLICK HERE](#)



# 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***





# RCFHS Senior Prom



DRAWING WILL  
BE HELD  
ON  
MAY 5TH

## Committee

## RAFFLE FUNDRAISER PRIZES

\$100 AMAZON GIFTCARD  
OR 2 TICKETS FOR  
SENIOR PROM

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN STUDENT  
SERVICES DURING LUNCH PERIODS

3 FOR \$5

OR

AN ARMS LENGTH FOR \$10

# RING MASS

We are very happy to announce that our Junior Class Mass, with the Blessing of Rings, will take place on Tuesday, April 25th at 7PM at St. Martin of Tours Church, 5450 Roosevelt Blvd, Philadelphia, 19124. As we join together to celebrate, every member of the Junior Class and their families are cordially invited to attend. Each student will be acknowledged and recognized, whether or not a ring was ordered.

For those that have ordered rings, Jostens has been in contact with anyone who still owes a balance. Please understand that rings will only be given to those whose payment is complete. As is tradition, any relative (father, grandfather, uncle, brother, etc.) who is a graduate of Roman is also invited to the Mass. These alumni are asked to escort the Junior to the Altar when his name is called.

Students must be in complete winter uniform for the Junior Class Mass.

Students who wish to include their deceased parents, siblings, or grandparents in the Prayer of the Faithful should email our Director of Campus Ministry, Mr. Jeffery Shields ([jshields@romancatholichs.com](mailto:jshields@romancatholichs.com)), by April 21st for their inclusion.

We look forward to celebrating this special night with you and your son!





April 13, 2023

Dear Parents of the Class of 2023,

Congratulations, your son has entered the home stretch of his time at Roman Catholic High School. With less than two months remaining before graduation, I thought it was a good time to reach out to you and explain the grooming expectations for the graduation proceedings. All students are required to be neatly groomed at the ceremony. This includes being clean-shaven (no facial hair). While we are aware that this is a challenge for some of our students due to sensitive skin issues, we are notifying you at this early date in order to allow ample time for you to make an appointment to have your son shaved by a professional if necessary. Graduation gowns will be distributed on Thursday June 8, so please plan accordingly. **No graduation attire will be awarded to any student who is not clean shaven.**

In addition, students should have the hair styled in accordance with the school grooming policy which states: *Recognizing that Roman seeks first and foremost to respect diversity, cultural and ethnic differences while acknowledging that the styles of young men change and are as unique as the young men who attend the school, all Roman students must be neatly and professionally groomed. Specifically, a student's hair must be clean, tapered, and above his eyebrows, ears and shirt collar. Students are expected to have natural hair colors. Sideburns must be neatly trimmed; must not flair and must not extend below the earlobe.*

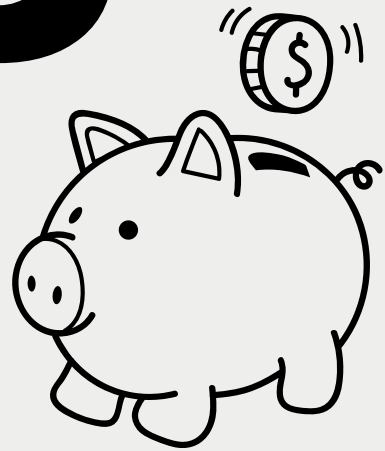
Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and all the sacrifices that you and your family made to send your son to Roman Catholic High School. If you have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to email me at [bconroy@romancatholichs.com](mailto:bconroy@romancatholichs.com).

Sincerely,

Brian Conroy

APSS

# Change for Change



NEXT WEEK ROMAN CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE  
COLLECTING SPARE CHANGE TO  
SUPPORT THE STUDENT BODY OF  
OUR MOTHER OF CONSOLATION.  
EMPTY OUT THOSE PIGGY BANKS  
FOR A GOOD CAUSE!



# SAT PREP

2023

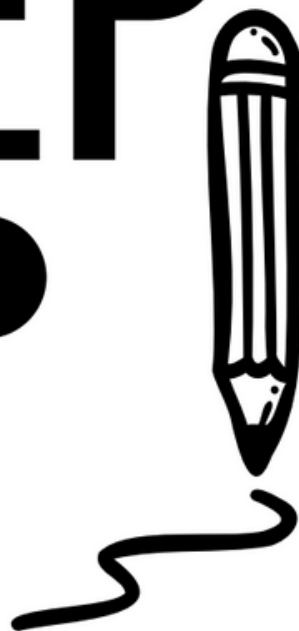
Now Open for Registration

**June 26-30**

Monday- Friday  
10 AM- 12:30 PM

**July 10-14**

Monday- Friday  
10 AM- 12:30 PM



**\$100 PER STUDENT**

Email Mr. Rowan  
([rrowan@romancatholichs.com](mailto:rrowan@romancatholichs.com)) to  
register!







# **ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL MOTHERS' CLUB**

When: Saturday, June 3, 2023

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

Time: 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Cost: \$35 (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

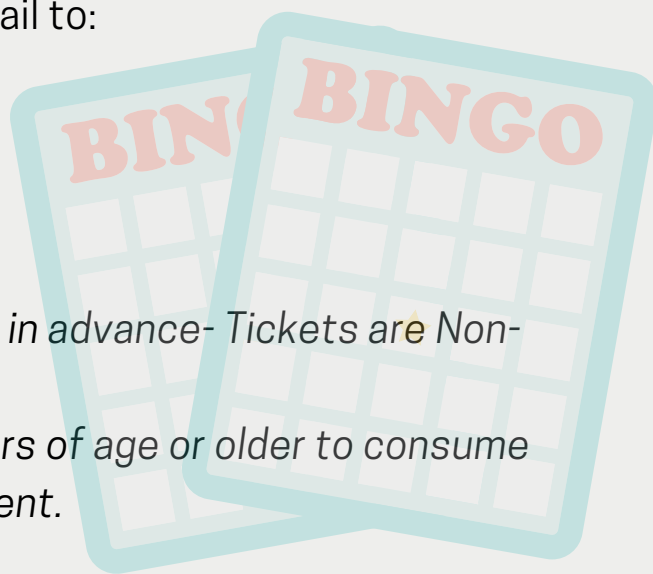
[Purchase Tickets Online Here](#)

To reserve a table- please purchase tickets by May 26th and send one email with a list of names - tickets must have been purchased. The table will be reserved under the name of the person sending the email. Send email to:  
[mothersclub@romancatholicshs.com](mailto:mothersclub@romancatholicshs.com)

**Ticket Sales Close May 26th**

*No Tickets are sold at the door- Must be purchased in advance- Tickets are Non-Refundable*

*This is a BYOB event \*PA State Law must be 21 Years of age or older to consume alcohol\* No one under 21 will be admitted to the event.*





**Taking advantage of the amazing weather this week, the varsity quad had a strong practice as they prepare for the 4th Manny Flick this Sunday.**







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### OFFICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES & THE DEAF APOSTOLATE

March 28, 2023

Rev. Joseph W. Bongard, President  
Roman Catholic High School for Boys  
301 N. Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107-1011

Dear Fr. Bongard,

On behalf of the Office for Persons with Disabilities and the Deaf Apostolate, we thank you and the students from Roman Catholic High School who volunteered to assist at the mass and reception *Honoring the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities, The Deaf Community, Family, Friends, and Caregivers* on Sunday, March 26, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul.

The students who volunteered their time and energy deserve gratitude for their effort in assisting participants attending this joyful occasion. Please extend our **commendations** to:

Matthew Bera	Randy Lim
Malachi Brown	Aaron Keel
Sean Bailey II	Aiden Kucowski
Matthew Clarke	Ryan O'Neil*
Gabriel D'Angelo	Jalen Phillips
Isaiah Johnson*	Nicolas Witmer*

We would like to extend a special mention of gratitude to the starred students above, Isaiah Johnson, Ryan O'Neil and Nicolas Witmer who joined us for the second year in a row.

Pope Francis has said regarding people with disabilities: *"no disability temporary, acquired or permanent – can change the fact that we are all children of the one Father and enjoy the same dignity."* By volunteering for this annual communal event, each Roman Catholic student's own outlook on the value of all people, especially those with disabilities, is reflected. The students truly embodied Roman's mission of appreciating and respecting the uniqueness of others. We look forward to their participation again next year.

Sincerely,

*Sr. Kathleen Schipani*

Sr. Kathleen Schipani, IHM  
Director



# Roman Catholic High School

*Thank you for your Outstanding Service!*



*Honoring the Gifts of*  
**PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, THE DEAF COMMUNITY,  
FAMILY, FRIENDS & CAREGIVERS**  
**March 26, 2023**





# Prayer in Action

**MEMBERS OF CSC WENT TO THE SAINT FRANCIS INN TO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME AND TALENTS. SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY IS ONE OF THE BACKBONES OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY. WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR YOUNG MEN WHO ARE HELPING TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE.**







2023

# "An Artistic Discovery" Congressional Art Competition

is now accepting artwork

Submit your piece today by visiting  
<https://evans.house.gov/services/art-competition>

Questions? Call Janee Taft or Keira Jaha  
District Office - 215-276-0340 | 215-254-3400

**Submissions due  
May 10th, 2023**

presented by Congressman Dwight Evans  
for the middle and high school artists of  
Pennsylvania's 3rd Congressional District



**For more information**  
**and to submit to the**  
**contest click here.**







**Congressman  
Dwight Evans'**

# **NATIONAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FAIR**

**PROGRAM BEGINS AT 10 AM**

**SATURDAY, MAY 6TH, 2023**

**IMHOTEP INSTITUTE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL  
6201 N 21ST ST, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19138**

Join Congressman Evans as he highlights OPPORTUNITIES for  
NATIONAL SERVICE available to high school and college students

**WEARING A MASK IS ENCOURAGED**

**This is a one-stop shop to learn more about:**

- college scholarship opportunities & becoming a military officer
- internship and career opportunities
- exploring volunteer services across the nation

**FEATURING:**

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENT OF  
HOMELAND SECURITY AGENCIES, MILITARY ACADEMIES, SENIOR  
ROTC PROGRAMS, FEDERAL VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS  
AND MORE.**

**REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT AT  
[NSOF2023.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://nsf2023.eventbrite.com)**

**QUESTIONS? CALL MY DISTRICT OFFICE AT 215-276-0340**

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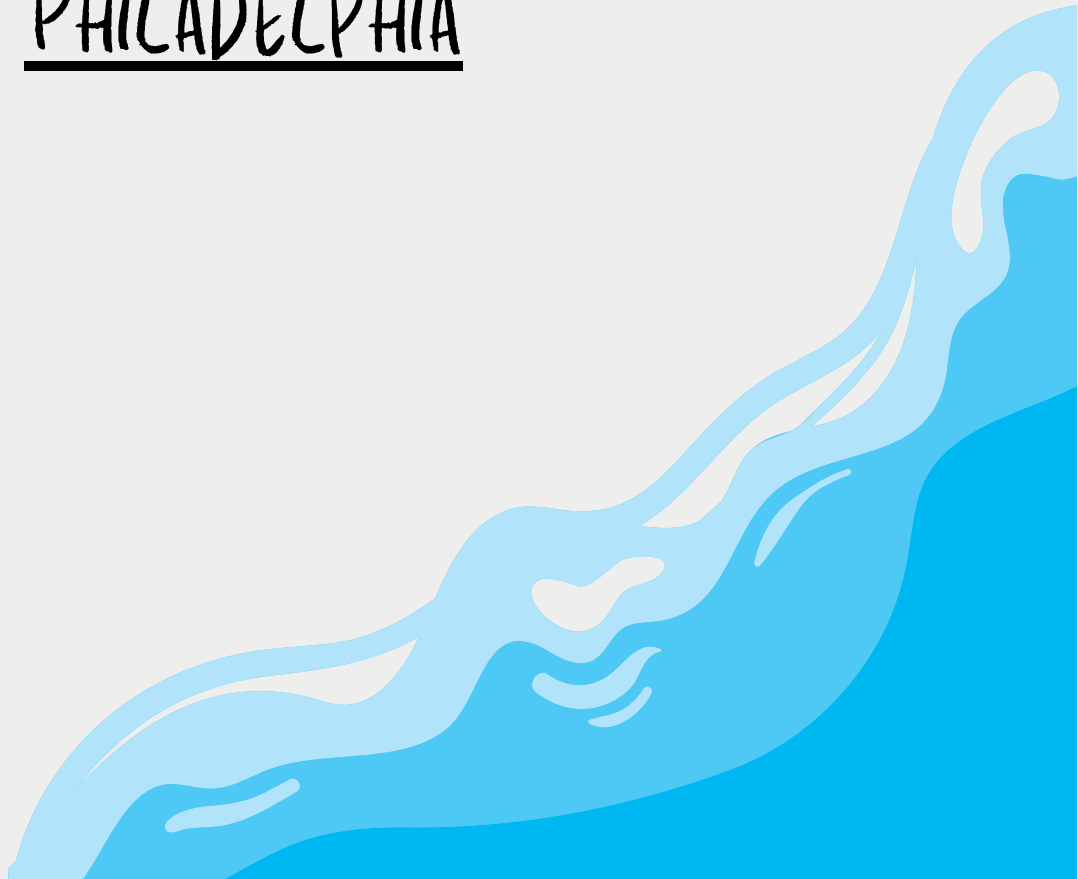


@RepDwightEvans



# 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

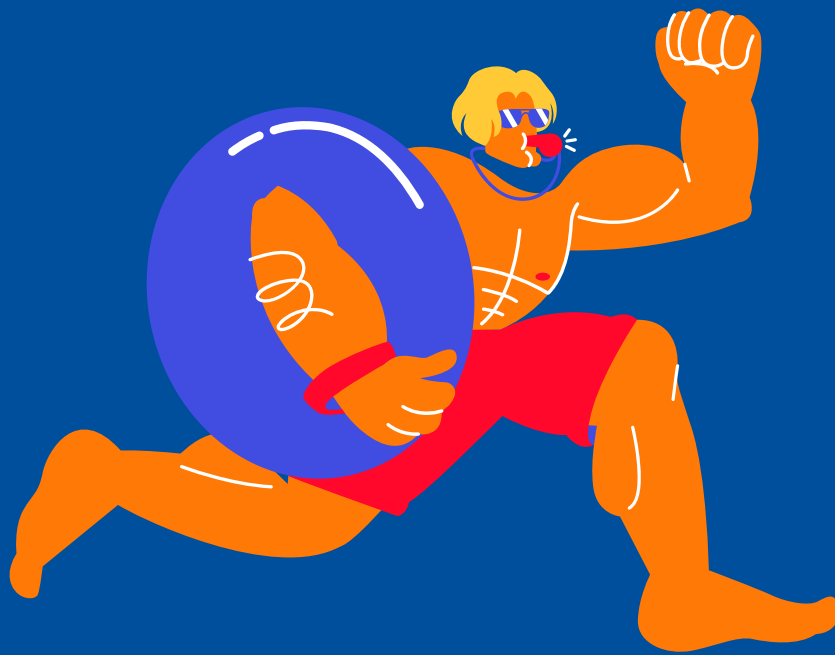
2. Ages 16 and up

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 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](http://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](#)