



ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT NEWSLETTER
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Next Week at RCHS

M

Cooking Club (Cafeteria)
Music Club (Fuller Theater)
Ring Adjustments (Learning Commons)

Bell 1

T

Chess Club (Room 25)
AP Test- Psychology

Bell 2

W

Black Student Union (Room 30)
Anime/Gaming (Learning Commons)
AP Test- Literature and Composition
AP Test- Comparative Government

Bell 1

T

Engineering Club (Howard 301)
BSU Bake Sale (Cafeteria)
Student Council Meeting before School (Room 33)

Bell 1

F

Ceramics Club (Howard 303)
AP Test- US History
Big Brothers Interest Meeting during 8th and after school (Learning Commons)

Bell 1

FOR ATHLETICS SCHEDULES [CLICK HERE](#)

Ring Mass



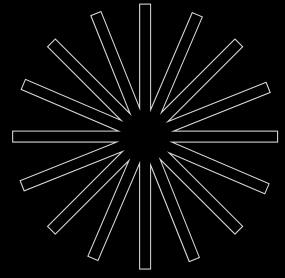


Just Drive Rally





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BROTHERS

APPLICATIONS OPEN 5/5/2023

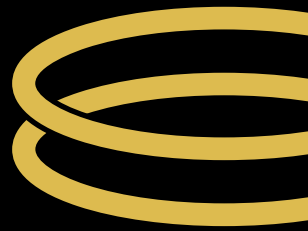
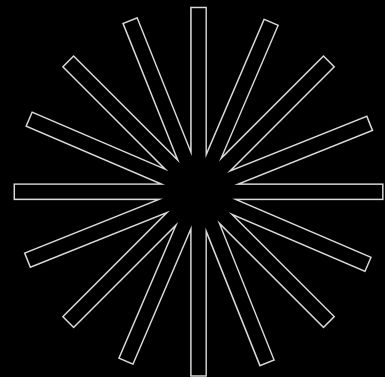
WHO DO WE LOOK FOR?

Dedicated, hardworking, and committed individuals who care about Roman Catholic High School. Individuals applying for Big Brothers should be looking for an opportunity to give back to the school community.



HOW TO APPLY:

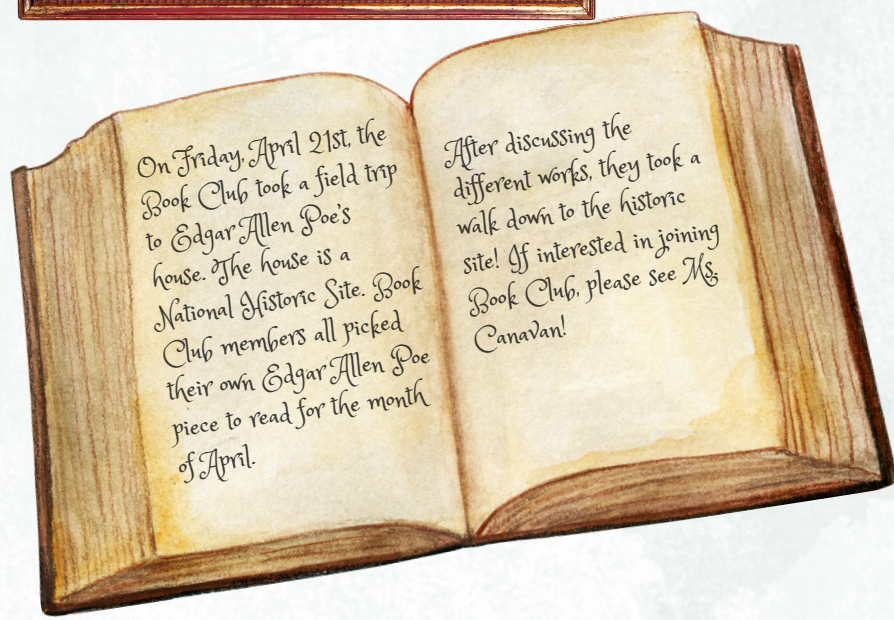
- Attend the interest meeting on 5/5 in the Learning Commons (Either during 8th Period or After 8th Period)
- Complete the application that you receive there
- Return the application to Ms. High or Mr. Rowan by 5/22.





Book Club

FIELD TRIP





NOTABLE NEWS FROM TEMPLE MUSIC PREP

Clarinetist and saxophonist Ahmad Stovall represented his high school, Roman Catholic HS at the All Catholic 2023 Festival Concert held at Bishop Shanahan High School in Downingtown. Additionally, Ahmad was selected from students across the Delaware Valley to join the University of Pennsylvania Honors Band, where he played bass clarinet and tenor saxophone! Ahmad is a student in the Community Music Scholars Program and in the saxophone studio of Jason O'Mara, through the CMSP. Congratulations!



Congratulations!

Jefferson University Mentors Health Professions



Q & A



Jefferson

Thomas Jefferson University

HOME OF SIDNEY KIMMEL MEDICAL COLLEGE

A decorative header featuring red curtains on the left and right sides, with a string of yellow lights hanging across the top. The word "PROM" is written in large, bold, yellow, 3D-style capital letters in the center.

PROM

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



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

IMPORTANT GRADUATION BOOK INFORMATION

Attention Senior Parents!

Please encourage your son to bring in his acceptance, scholarship and financial aid letters to the Guidance Office. All scholarships and grants will be listed in the graduation booklet.

Click [here](#) to check for the latest list of scholarships that have been brought into the guidance office.

If you don't see anything listed or there are scholarships missing please send them to Mrs. Desmond or Sister Jane!

Below is an example of how it will look in the book.

Cahill, Thomas E.
Drexel University
A. J. Drexel University Scholarship
Drexel University Grant
La Salle University Grant
La Salle University Founder's Scholarship
University of San Francisco Provost Scholarship
University of San Francisco Tuition Grant



Dear Students & Parents,

We are now accepting applications for the LEAP Program for the 2023-2024 school year. Students in the classes of 2024 and 2025 may apply. Accepted students will fill the vacancies left by our graduating seniors in the current cohort and will remain in the program until the cohort finishes in the summer of 2024.

Program Highlights

- Students can earn up to 18 college credits.
- Tuition and textbooks **are free** for LEAP students.
- Students will participate in La Salle classes while at Roman via Zoom.
- Students can also earn college credit over the summer. LEAP summer courses run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 20th through July 28th.
- Students will be awarded dual-credit for the fall and spring courses they take.
- Current cohort runs through the summer of 2024.

Program Overview
2 courses Summer 2023
1 course Fall 2023
1 course Spring 2024
2 courses Summer 2024
Total Credits: 18

Program Requirements

- Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.7—approximately an 85 average (this can be found on a student’s 2nd quarter report card)
- Students must have an exemplary discipline record
- Students must have an exemplary attendance record

How to Apply

- Pick up application and teacher recommendation forms from the Main Office
- Return the completed application to Mrs. Shipton in the Main Office by **Friday, May 5th**
- Ask two teachers to complete a recommendation form (teachers will submit the completed recommendations directly to the Academic Affairs Office)

There will be a LEAP Program information session for interested students immediately after school on Thursday, April 27th.



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.

Sincerely,

Brian Conroy

APSS



SAT PREP

2023

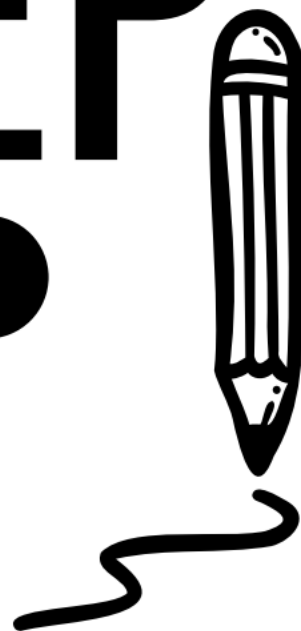
Now Open for Registration

June 26-30

Monday- Friday
10 AM- 12:30 PM

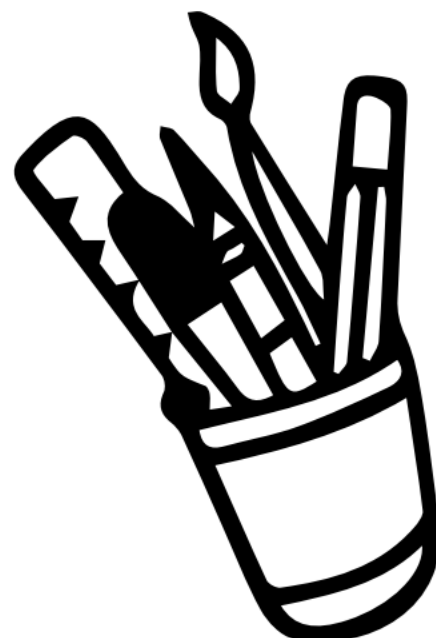
July 10-14

Monday- Friday
10 AM- 12:30 PM



\$100 PER STUDENT

Email Mr. Rowan
(rrowan@romancatholichs.com) 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

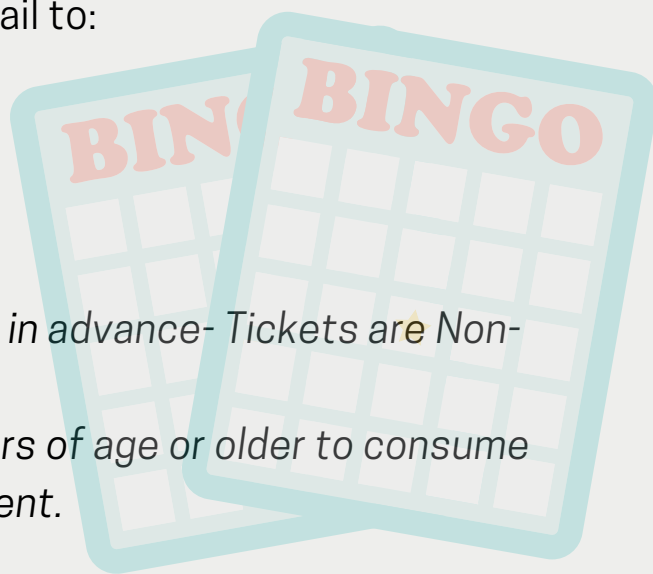
[Purchase Tickets Online Here](#)

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

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.*



stem

2023

APPLICATIONS
DUE BY

MAY 15, 2023

Summer STEM Programs *at Temple University*



Greater Philadelphia STEM Center (GPSC) Summer Camp

- Free program open to students entering grades 6, 7, and 8 in the Fall of 2023
- 2 Sessions to Choose From:
 - 6/19/23 to 7/13/23
 - 7/17/23 to 8/10/23
- Meets Monday through Thursday from 9am to 4pm each program week at Temple University
- Curriculum Focus: Big data, physical science, robotics, integrated STEM activities, and 3D printing

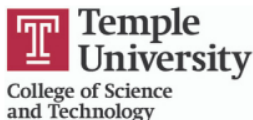
STEM-UP Leadership Experience

- Free program open to students entering grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 in the Fall of 2023
- Six-week program
 - 7/5/23 to 8/10/23
- Meets Tuesday through Thursday from 9am to 4pm each program week at Temple University
- Curriculum Focus: College preparatory coursework including physical science, life science, data/computer science, mathematics, and STEM projects (SEADAP, Drones, Laboratory projects)

Transition to College: Ready, Set, STEM! (RSS) Program

- Free program open to students entering grades 10, 11, and 12 in the Fall of 2023
- Six-week program
 - 7/5/23 to 8/10/23
- Meets Tuesday through Thursday from 9am to 5pm each program week at Temple University
- Curriculum Focus: Physical science, mathematics, and hypothesis driven authentic research experiences

Sponsored by



APPLY NOW



GREATER PHILADELPHIA STEM CENTER (GPSC) SUMMER CAMP

Theme: *STEM Makers Camp - Innovating and Developing Prototypes for Our Future*

Curriculum Overview: We live in a global community, constantly changing and frequently challenging. For the challenges that currently exist and the changes that are sure to come, the US needs a nimble workforce of STEM innovators and entrepreneurs. To create and design new products, develop better devices, and make fully informed decisions, students need to understand the role of STEM and big data in the world. In this camp experience, students will use STEM content to support product design and improvement with specific attention to ROVs, gliders, and machines. Students will design and create prototypes while learning technologies that include digital die-cutting, 3D printing and laser printing. Data science applications will help students navigate the world of big data in which they live. Students will use data analytics to inform and study real STEM problems and challenges. Students will compete in a culminating STEM Challenge Day, racing robots and race cars, generating electricity, and more!

STEM-UP LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Theme: *Big data. Big STEM. Big ideas.*

Curriculum Overview: The STEM-UP curriculum provides college preparatory, hands-on learning in the sciences. Some students will explore chemistry through laboratory investigations. Those studying the life sciences will engage in analyses of living systems, our coding and computer science will enable students to program drones and answer “big questions” using data science tools. Students will spend afternoons in science and technology projects including developing drone flights, understanding drug abuse through a planaria model, engaging in chemical synthesis or exploring optics, magnetism and electricity.

TRANSITION TO COLLEGE: READY, SET, STEM! (RSS) PROGRAM

Theme: *Research Experience for Emerging Scholars*

Curriculum Overview: Planning for college requires intense coursework in STEM as well as excellent reading and writing skills. This program will challenge students with math and chemistry coursework simply because mathematics and chemistry are gateway courses for many STEM majors. In addition, the program will emphasize analytical reading and writing in STEM areas. All courses will be taught at the college level with academic support at all levels. And most IMPORTANTLY, the RSS program will put theory into practice by engaging students in an authentic research experience. This authentic research will form the basis of a Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS) research submission for the Spring 2023 competition. Students will be able to continue their projects into the Fall and compete for scholarships in the JSHS research competition.

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY (All Programs)

- Students must have an interest in science and mathematics
- Students must have at least a B average in science and mathematics courses
- Students must have a passing score on standardized science and mathematics tests
- Students must reside in the Greater Philadelphia Metropolitan Area

APPLICATION PROCESS (All Programs)

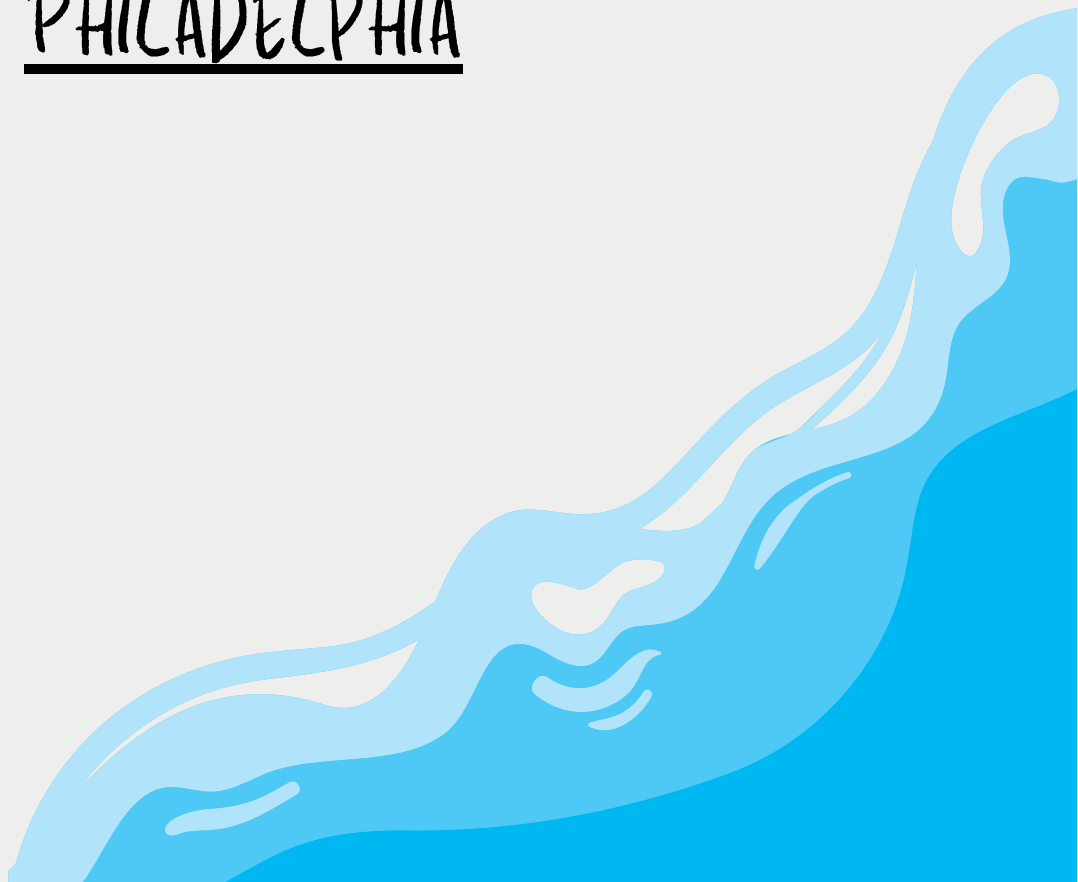
Parent/Guardian and student complete the online student application form located on the homepage of <http://stem.cst.temple.edu/>. Please note: In order to complete the online application parent/guardian and student will be asked to submit (1) student information, (2) parent/guardian information, (3) 250-word student-written essay, and (4) a copy of the student's records.

Applications are due by **MAY 15, 2023**. You will receive notification on the status of the application no later than **MAY 22, 2023**. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact us at stem.ed@temple.edu.



SUMMER CAMP

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



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](#)