



ROMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
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## *Next Week at RCHS*

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**Last Day of Regular Class  
for Underclassmen**

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**Underclassmen  
Assessments**

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Graduation Practice**

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**Graduation**

*No School for  
Underclassmen*

**FOR ATHLETICS SCHEDULES [CLICK HERE](#)**

# GRADUATION INFORMATION AVAILABLE

**CLICK HERE**

**Graduation Practice 1: Wednesday, June 7th 10 AM at the  
Cathedral**

**Graduation Practice 2: Thursday, June 8th 10 AM at the  
Cathedral**

**Yearbook, Cap, Gown, and Ticket distribution: Thursday, June  
8th Immediately after Graduation Practice in the RCHS Gym**



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.**

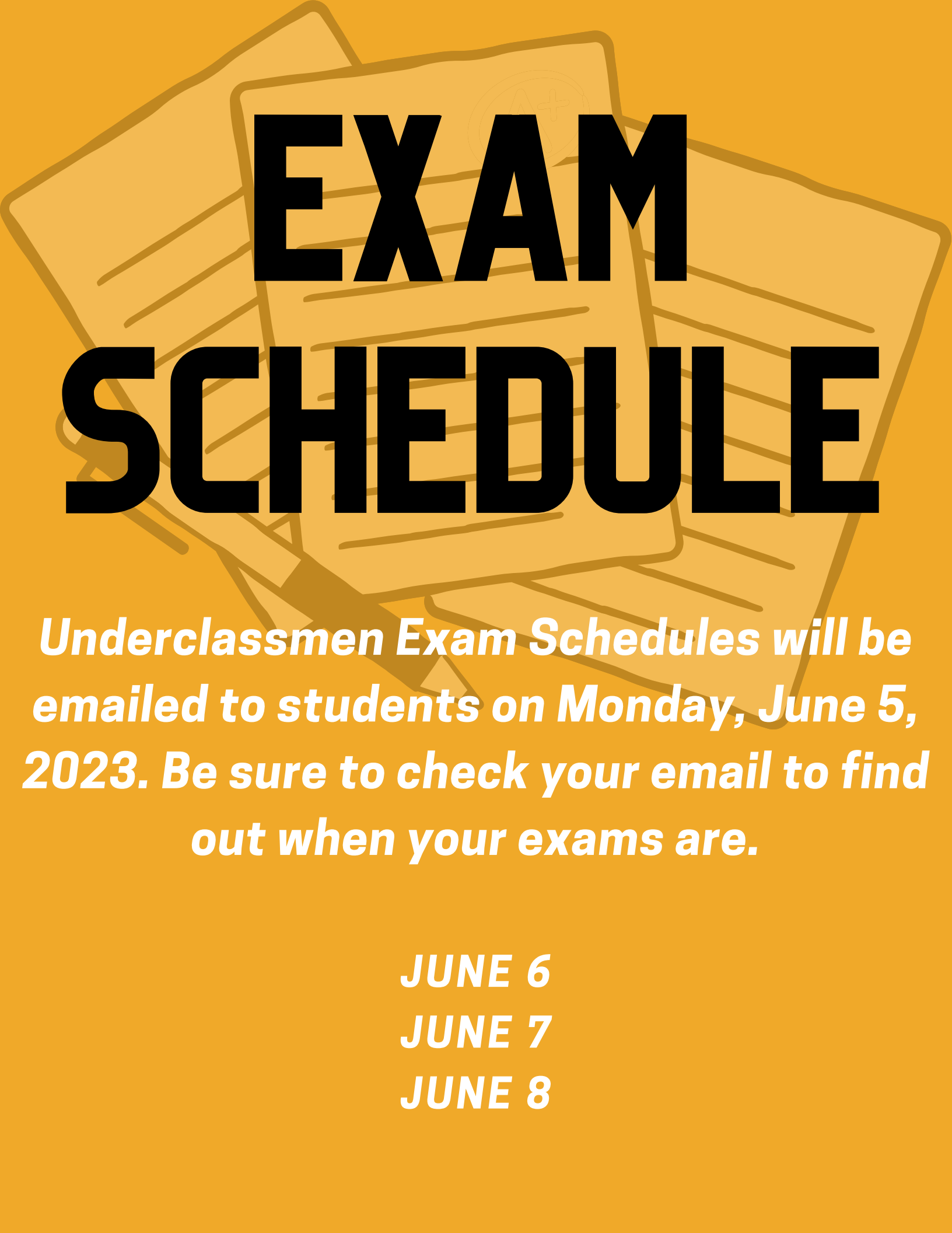
In addition, students should have the hair styled in accordance with the school grooming policy which states: *Recognizing that Roman seeks first and foremost to respect diversity, cultural and ethnic differences while acknowledging that the styles of young men change and are as unique as the young men 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



# EXAM SCHEDULE

*Underclassmen Exam Schedules will be emailed to students on Monday, June 5, 2023. Be sure to check your email to find out when your exams are.*

**JUNE 6**

**JUNE 7**

**JUNE 8**



# CREW NEWS

This week we were able to celebrate Crew's Varsity 4x who faced some of the strongest competition on the Schuylkill as well as across the country at Stotesbury and Scholastic Nationals. The quad consisting of Turner Coomes '24, Marco Ciervo '25, Alex Richards '23, and Charlie Miller '23, raced for a solid 2nd place at the Stotesbury Cup, and placed 4th overall at Scholastic Nationals with competition from the Midwest as well as prominent teams both the East and West Coasts! The Quad had their medals blessed by Fr. Bongard this week in the Courtyard!





# MOCK TRIAL

The past couple months have been an amazing experience for the eight students of the Varsity A Mock Trial Team. In mid-March, the team won the city title, the program's tenth in the past eleven years. At the end of March, these guys made Roman history by winning the school's first-ever mock trial state championship.

With that state championship, the team earned the opportunity to compete in the national mock trial championship in Little Rock, Arkansas during the weekend of May 18-19. The national case was released on April 1, and for the next month and a half, these competitors prepared openings, closings, direct and cross exams, and witness characters.

After a virtual scrimmage with the Minnesota team and an amazing send off by the school that recognized their achievements from the year, the team departed for Little Rock. During the competition, the team faced high-caliber teams from Florida, Montana, Indiana, and Texas. Of the 16 possible ballots, the A Team won eleven of them to earn the team's first national ranking. There are over 2,000 high school mock trial teams in the United States. Roman Catholic High School is now ranked 19th among those teams.

With so much talent rising from the program's other teams, the mock trial program looks forward to defending its state title next season and preparing for the world championship in October.



# CONOCE TUS Opciones Escolares

Conoce tus Opciones Escolares, a project of the National School Choice Awareness Foundation, is looking for [student ambassadors to inspire Hispanic Students in K12 Education](#).

We're offering students and recent graduates a one-year leadership program designed to highlight the achievements of successful students, to provide them with a platform to inspire other Hispanic students, and to develop professional skills and networking opportunities.

**Read on to find out how to get your students (past or present) involved!**

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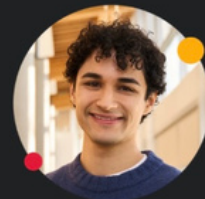


## Requirements

- A GenZ Hispanic student or recent graduate (high school or college)
- Strong commitment to Hispanic advancement causes.
- Interested in speaking publicly about their educational experiences as a Hispanic student.

## Benefits:

- Media relations training
- Networking opportunities
- Priority in paid internships with NSCAF
- A publishing platform for op-ed pieces (optional)
- Travel to cover National school Choice Week events (optional)
- Public speaking opportunities



**APPLY NOW**





# SAT PREP

2023

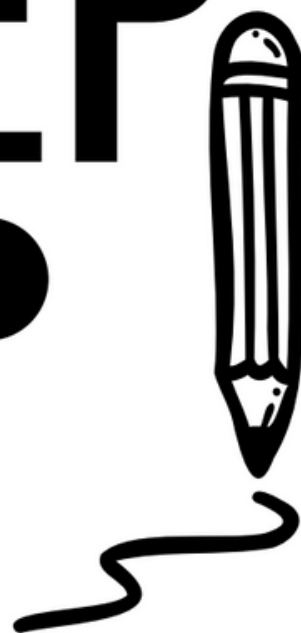
Now Open for Registration

**June 26-30**

Monday- Friday  
10 AM- 12:30 PM

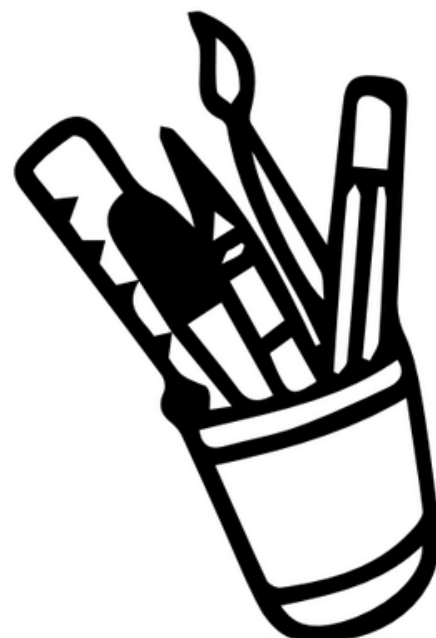
**July 10-14**

Monday- Friday  
10 AM- 12:30 PM

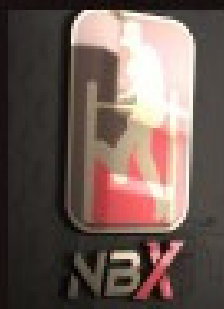


**\$100 PER STUDENT**

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







# Calisthenics Clinic Camp

Admission  
\$500

Optimal opportunity to achieve maximum raw strength from Philadelphia's top calisthenics coach, Evan Harden. This 4-week training includes, but not limited to, learning the following:

- advanced movements and the key elements to defying gravity.
- principals of mastering bodyweight feats through the methods of progressive calisthenics.
- prehab and rehab techniques to increase durability and decrease risk of injury.
- techniques for fundamental movements for increased strength and function.



**June 26-July 20**  
**Monday-Thursday**  
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**Boys aged 14-18**  
**Open to all fitness levels**  
**Roman Catholic High School**  
**Philadelphia, PA**

**For bookings**  
**Contact Mr. Rowan**

[rrowan@romancatholichs.com](mailto:rrowan@romancatholichs.com)

# SUMMER PROGRAMS IN SCIENCE & HEALTHCARE

THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY

Jefferson is now accepting applications for summer programs in science and healthcare! Apply today to explore your passion and prepare for your future.



## REHABILITATION SCIENCES REACH PROGRAM

If helping people is your passion, discover the impact you can have in the rehabilitation sciences (occupational therapy, physical therapy, athletic training, exercise science, and speech language pathology). [Learn more and apply.](#)

**Who:** Rising juniors and seniors

**Dates:** June 31 – August 3, 2023

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** Jefferson - East Falls  
Campus

**Application Deadline:** June 30, 2023



## SUMMERSCIENCE@JEFFERSON

Dive into the vital and expanding field of biomedical sciences with SummerScience@Jefferson, where students build proficiency in real-life research practices with Jefferson students and faculty. [Learn more and apply.](#)

**Who:** Rising sophomores, juniors and seniors

**Dates:** June 26 – July 25, 2023

**Cost:** \$600, scholarships available

**Location:** Online

**Application Deadline:** June 9, 2023;  
participation is limited to 30 students



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Philadelphia University +  
Thomas Jefferson University



# SUMMER PROGRAMS IN ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN & FASHION

THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY

Jefferson is now accepting applications for summer programs in architecture, design, and fashion! Apply today to explore your passion and prepare for your future.



## ARCHITECTURE ACADEMY

Exciting career opportunities abound in architecture and design—explore these fields with Jefferson's College of Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE). [Learn more and apply.](#)

**Who:** Rising sophomores, juniors and seniors

**Dates:** July 17 – 21, 2023 with optional "deep dive" weeks July 24 – August 11

**Cost:** \$275 per week/course  
Scholarships available / \$50 application fee

**Location:** Online

**Application Deadline:** June 23, 2023



## FASHION & DESIGN WORKSHOPS

If a career in fashion is calling your name, the Kanbar College of Design, Engineering & Commerce (KDEC) a workshop for you. These spots go fast, so apply today!

[Learn more and apply.](#)

**Who:** High school students

**Dates:** July 10 - 14, 2023

**Cost:** \$50 reservation fee and \$500 for the 5-day workshop

**Location:** Thomas Jefferson University, East Falls Campus

**Application Deadline:** ASAP





# 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](#)