



**Roman Catholic High School**  
**Parent Newsletter—April 11, 2019**  
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**Important Reminders**

The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the school year began on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage your sons to stay committed to their coursework until the last day of school.

**Schedule Reminders**

- Friday, April 12—Faculty Retreat—No Classes Held
- Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>—Special Schedule; Dismissal at 1:30pm; Easter Holiday begins at the close of school.
- Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>—Holy Thursday—No Classes Held
- Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>—Good Friday—No Classes Held
- Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>—Easter Monday—No Classes Held
- Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>—Classes Resume

**Romauction Reminder**



This Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> is our annual Romauction. The theme of this year's auction is *Roman in Bloom* and there is still time to

register for this wonderful event!!

If you would like to purchase tickets, please visit [Romancatholics.com/romauction](http://Romancatholics.com/romauction)

Also, our Digital Video students created a segment to promote this year's auction which can be found using the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AX1-O3cRIfo&feature=youtu.be>

**Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week—Student Opportunity**



Attached to this edition of the Parent Newsletter, is information for this year's Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week program. PFEW is "a unique and challenging program that provides a hands-on opportunity to learn about our free enterprise system. This program opens doors for high school sophomores and juniors to learn what it takes to succeed in our fast paced world filled with endless changes and challenges. You will receive practical tools and knowledge that will help you determine your career path while making life-long connections and friendships.

Since 1979, this internationally acclaimed program has taught students what it takes to make our private enterprise system work." If you or your son have any questions regarding this program, please contact Mrs. Desmond in the Guidance Office. Mrs. Desmond's email is [mdesmond@romancatholics.com](mailto:mdesmond@romancatholics.com)

**Fathers Club 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Night at the Phillies**



The Fathers Club's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Night at the Phillies is scheduled for Monday June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:05 P.M. Come enjoy the end of the school year and watch Bryce Harper & the Phillies take on the New York Mets. The cost is \$20 per ticket for seats in the 300 level. Bring the whole family and friends! This event is open to the entire Roman Catholic High School Family, including the incoming Class of 2023. The event flyer and order form is attached to this edition of the Parent Newsletter.



### Mothers Club Designer Bag Bingo



Spend a fun Sunday afternoon on April 28, 2019 at the Mothers' Club Designer Bag Bingo. The doors open at 1 pm and the games will start at 2 pm. The Mothers' Club will provide coffee, tea, soda and water, but feel free to bring your own snacks. There will be baskets raffled off, door prizes and cash rounds. The cost is \$25 per person. Additional information can be found by clicking on the following link: <https://squareup.com/store/roman-catholic-mothers-club> If you have any specific questions, please email [mothersclub@romancatholicchs.com](mailto:mothersclub@romancatholicchs.com) A flyer for the event has been attached to this edition of the newsletter.

### Class of 2019 College Acceptances and Scholarships Update



As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, members of the Class of 2019 have been accepted to **94 colleges and universities** and have earned **\$13,224,832** in scholarship money.

If your son is a senior, please remind him to bring acceptance and scholarship letters to Sr. Jane in the Guidance Office. This information is utilized to create the



graduation booklet.

Also, remind your sons that they receive candy bars for each letter of acceptance and scholarship submitted!

### Catholic University Summer Business Institute

**The Summer Business Institute (SBI)** is a pre-college summer program for rising high school juniors and seniors interested in business, entrepreneurship, and leadership. The week-long program will take place from *Sunday, June 23 - Friday, June 28, 2019*. Participants will have the opportunity to learn from Catholic University's Busch School of Business faculty, business leaders and entrepreneurs and dive hands-on into business principles, applications, and competitions through the lens of Catholic Social Doctrine. Students will also experience a taste of college life and explore Washington, D.C.



The total program cost is **\$500** which includes tuition, housing, meals, and excursions. Regular Decision deadline for applications is **May 1**. Students can find more information and the application by visiting the following website: <https://business.catholic.edu/academics/pre-college/index.html>

### Important Family Maintenance Form—ACTION ITEM

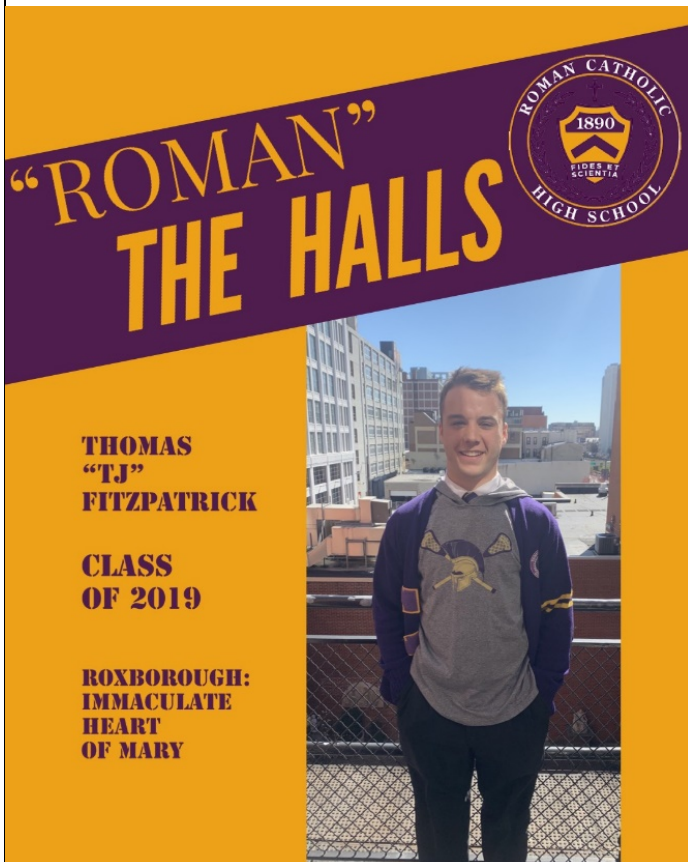


The move to PowerSchool and the subsequent data migration from our previous system has necessitated that we reach out to parents to confirm that the information we have for your son is accurate and up-to-date. Please take a moment to fill out the "Family Maintenance Form" by clicking the following link:

[Family Maintenance Form](#)

**At this time, 268 families have filled out this document!** Thank you for your assistance and cooperation with this very important request.

## Roman the Halls Segment



1. **Where are you from?** Roxborough/ Immaculate Heart of Mary

2. **Activities at Roman Catholic:** Captain of the football and lacrosse team, Jr AOH, Ambassador, Big Brother.

3. **Favorite Class at Roman Catholic:** Honors Medical Business Spanish

4. **If you could do something new at Roman Catholic, what would it be?** I would start a Spirit Week instead of a Spirit Day. Students and Faculty would participate in activities for points, and the team with the most points at the end of the week would win a prize.

5. **What made you choose Roman Catholic?**

I chose Roman because of the high praise it was given from my family and also the neighborhood kids. I felt that it would be a good fit for me, based on the experiences that my friends and family shared with me.

6. **What are your plans for your future after Roman Catholic?**

I plan on attending a four-year college (West Chester) and pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice. After college, I hope to work for the FBI. #RCHS

## SADD Students Attend Contest Celebration at Franklin Institute

Back in February, SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) along with Mr. Buck's Digital Video class worked very hard on a public service announcement (PSA) about Distracted Driving. The students entered their video into a contest sponsored by NJM Insurance Company. This was a challenge because the PSA could not be any longer than 30 seconds! The SADD students' hard work paid off and SADD received \$500 as a reward for their efforts. Last Friday, along with 19 other high schools throughout PA, 20 SADD attended the PSA Video Contest Celebration at The Franklin Institute. The students were very excited to see their work as part of a PSA Montage. Although Roman did not win (this year!), SADD realizes the importance of continuing their work to spread the word on safe driving. In other words, JUST DRIVE!!!





### **Roman Students Attend Simulated Trial**



On March 27th, members of the Mock Trial Program, the Jr. AOH , and Business Law students, accompanied by Mr. Patrick Shanahan and Mrs. Maureen Brown participated in a courtroom drama. It simulated a trial that centered around the Great Hunger (An Gorta Mor) in Ireland during 1846-47. The trial was presided over by The Honorable Judge Patrick Dugan in his courtroom at City Hall. Philadelphia lawyers even volunteered their time to act as defense attorneys and prosecutors. Everyone in attendance

played a role. Most of the Roman participants were casted as Irish Tenant Farmers and a few were picked to serve as jury members. The Irish Tenant Framers were found innocent of any crimes! It did not fare as well for the British Landlords, the British Government and The Anglican Church. It was a great learning experience for Roman students. It told the story of a very terrible time in Ireland's past. Also, the students witnessed how a courtroom operates during a trial. Our school have been invited back to participate again next year and the students are looking forward to it!

### **Trumark Financial Speaks to Entrepreneurship Students**



On Friday April 5th, Trumark Financial Credit Union visited Mr. Shanahan's Entrepreneurship classes to teach budgeting concepts. Senior Matt Bolden will be this year's Roman contestant in the Annual Financial Jeopardy Game later this spring. Mr. Shanahan as well as his fellow Business Department Members schedule guest speakers into their classes in order to provide students with a well-rounded curriculum.

### **Junior Retreat at St. Charles Seminary**

On Thursday, April 4th, the entire 11th grade class attended the Junior Retreat at St. Charles Seminary. Accompanied by our Director of School Ministry, Mr. Beaver as well as members of the Roman Faculty, our young men experienced a day of prayer as well as presentations on the importance of vocations.





### Roman Students Recognized at Art Future Reception

On Monday, April 8, 2019, Mrs. Gallagher's Art Students were recognized for this year's project entitled, "The Decorated Self: Identity, Embroidery, and Textile Printing."



### Community Service Opportunity—River Field Clean-Up

Our annual River Field Spring Clean-Up will take place Saturday, April 27, 2019. If your son is interested, the permission form to participate in the event is attached to this edition of the newsletter.

**Saturday April 27, 2019**

**9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**



**River Field  
Spring Clean-Up**

#### **River Field**

400-442 North 24<sup>th</sup> Street  
Southwest Corner of Eakins Oval  
Philadelphia, PA 19130

**\*Service Hours will be provided to Student Attendees\***

*Sign-up for this event and pick up permission forms in the  
Student Affairs Office or the Student Services Office*

### Archdiocesan Art Exhibit at La Salle University



Throughout the last two weeks, artwork created by Roman students has been on display at La Salle University. Our school community is very proud of their commitment to their craft and we thank them for sharing their gift at the Archdiocesan exhibit. A special thank you to Mrs. Gallagher for her commitment to her students!! Pictured: Edward McKeown (Class of 2019), Joseph Nacchio (Class of 2020), and John Gentile (Class of 2020)



Also, the following link will give you access to a wonderful article on Roman's Art Program from the most recent edition of Ignite Magazine: <https://joom.ag/pyKa/p10>

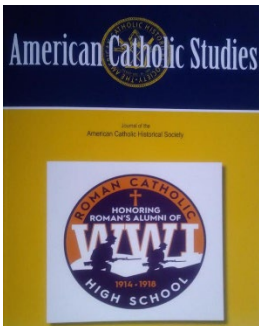
### Scholarship Opportunity— Michael Kubiak and Sean Francis McCloskey Scholarship Essay Contest



This scholarship is open to all incoming freshmen (accepted for the 2019-2020 school year), current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors currently enrolled in Roman Catholic High School, Mercy Career & Technical High School and Sts. John Neumann and Maria Goretti High School. This is a one-time, \$2,500 scholarship paid directly to the school in the recipient's name, to be used for tuition costs only. If interested in this opportunity, please see the scholarship attachment provided with this edition of the newsletter.

### Drexel Rising Starters Competition—Local Winners!

Last week, over 20 Roman students competed in this year's Drexel University Rising Starters Program through our local competition. During this competition, students partnered up to pitch entrepreneurial ideas to our panel of judges with the goal of representing Catholic High in the Archdiocesan level competition. After conducting the internal competition, we would like to congratulate Sean Hamilton '20 and Andrew Castro '20 for being named the winners of the local contest. Sean and Andrew will now move on to the Archdiocesan competition where they will face-off against representatives from 16 other high schools.



### In Search of Roman Catholic High School's "Lost Boys" of World War I by Chris Gibbons '79

In a recent edition of the American Catholic Studies Journal, Roman Alum, Chris Gibbons '79, wrote a wonderful piece on the "Lost Boys" of World War I. These individuals were young men who attended Roman Catholic High School and lost their lives serving our country during the first world war. Here is a link to Chris' work: <http://chrisgibbonsstories.com/?author=1>

