



Roman Catholic High School
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Senior Yearbook Messages

Attention Senior Parents:

A flyer was sent home in October offering an opportunity to purchase senior recognition ads that will appear in the yearbook. There are eighth, quarter, half and full-page options available, each with the option to include photos and a message from parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. The deadline to submit an ad is rapidly approaching. Get your orders in by Wednesday January 16th. Go to www.jostensadservice.com to create your ad. If you have any questions, email the yearbook moderator, Mr. Buck, at cbuck@romancatholichs.com



Romauction—Save the Date!

Attention RCHS families, please save the date of **Saturday, April 13, 2019** to attend RCHS Romauction in the RCHS gym, one of our largest and most important fundraisers. This year's theme is **"Roman in Bloom."** There will be a lavish buffet, open bar and many wonderful items in our live and silent auction. Proceeds benefit all of the sports teams at RCHS and activities too. You won't want to miss this fun night. Details and ticket information coming soon. If you have any unusable gifts or items from the holidays you would like to donate, please send them into the office of Student Affairs indicating it is an auction donation. Gift certificates, Sports events, and theater tickets donations are also most welcome. Anyone interested in helping on our committee can email Kim Petrucci at ckpetrucci@verizon.net. *The next Romauction committee meeting will take place on Monday, January 14th at 7:00 pm in the RCHS cafeteria*

Class of 2019 College Acceptances and Scholarships Update



As of December 28th, members of the Class of 2019 have been accepted to 53 **colleges and universities** and have earned **\$5,910,702** 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!



School Uniform Donation Request

Any parents who would like to donate any school uniform items that your son no longer wears, please feel free to send them to the school's Main Office. Thank you in advance for your assistance!



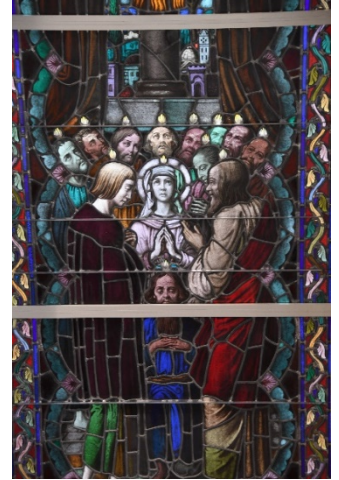
A Message from the School Store Concerning Gym Uniforms:

If your son has gym during the 2nd semester, you have until January 28th to purchase the gym uniform. Gym uniforms are available in the school store & on-line at the-forum-2.myshopify.com

If you have any question please email us at schoolstore@romancatholichs.com

Stained-Glass Window Dedication for Bill Keenan '67

On December 14th, a blessing ceremony was held for the newly installed stained-glass windows dedicated to William "Bill" Keenan '67. Many of Bill's family and friends attended the event at which Roman students served as speakers and provided the music for our guests. These windows are a beautiful addition to our school and will serve as a reminder of the love that Bill Keenan had for his alma mater.



A Message from the Director of School Ministry's Office

Two groups that will meet regularly during the remainder of the school year are the Bereavement Group and R.C.I.A Group. Descriptions of both groups can be found below. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Mr. Beaver at kbeaver@romancatholics.com



Bereavement Group—The bereavement group meets once a week during rotating lunch periods with our Social Worker, Mrs. Hoole. If your son has experienced a loss, he is invited to come to meetings and be surrounded by those going through a similar situation.

R.C.I.A.—Those interested in becoming Catholic and/or learning more about the faith are invited to join this group. The first meeting will be held Tuesday, January 15th immediately after school in the Chapel.

Kairos Reminder: This is a reminder for any Junior or Senior who plans on attending the February Kairos; permission slips are due by Friday, January 25th. Permission slips are available in the Main Office, the Ministry Office, and online.

SADD Organization Hosts Annual Christmas Party



On Sunday, December 9th, the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Organization hosted its annual Families in Need Christmas Party. This year event had over 100 guests and the families received gifts from Santa, participated in fun activities, watched a Christmas Pageant, and enjoyed a meal together. The gifts for this



event were donated by all members of the Roman community and over 50 students took on elf duties to assist at the gathering. A special thanks to Justin Medlock for serving as Santa Claus during this Christmas Celebration. A very special shout out to Ms. Brown who serves as the SADD Moderator and runs this incredible event.





Mock Trial Competes at the University of Pittsburgh

The Mock Trial Program once again competed in the annual University of Pittsburgh Mock Trial Tournament during the weekend of January 5th and 6th. The “A” Team finished with a perfect 4-0 record, but placed second due to a tiebreaker. The “B” Team was awarded third place with a 3-1 record. The “C” and “D” Teams were also 3-1 and only just missed placing. Individual awards were presented to Dan Thompson ‘20 and Nick Hamilton ‘19 for Best Attorney as well as Tim Krapp ‘21, Anthony Pantalone ‘19, and Ed McKeown ‘19 for Best Witness. Overall, the tournament was a success, with all five of Roman’s teams gaining invaluable trial experience for the season ahead.



Mrs. Canavan’s Honors Spanish IV Students Enter the Shark Tank

On January 7th, 8th, and 9th, Ms. Canavan’s Honors Medical and Business Spanish IV class presented their 2nd quarter projects in our new Black Box Theater which is located in the Howard Center for the Arts.

“Shark Tank” has been brought to real life in Ms. Canavan’s Honors Medical/Business class...in Spanish!



The students have been working hard on presenting their business pitches to the “sharks”. Some have been lucky enough to walk away with an offer!

“Shark Tank” ha convertido en vida real en la clase de Miss Canavan de Honors Médico/Negocio...en español! Los estudiantes trabajaron muy duro presentando sus negocio “pitches” a los “sharks”. ¡Algunos

han tenido suerte y tuvieron ofertas!



Tuition

A Note from the Tuition Office:

"Friendly reminder that the **UPPER CLASS**

REGISTRATION charge of \$200 for all 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students is added to the Facts February bill."



PSAT Information Night a Success!

Approximately 85 parents attended this year's PSAT information night on January 10th. The Guidance Staff would like to thank all of those who attended the session and encourage all junior parents to attend the Junior College Night on February 7th at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria.

Mid-Year Assessments Schedule

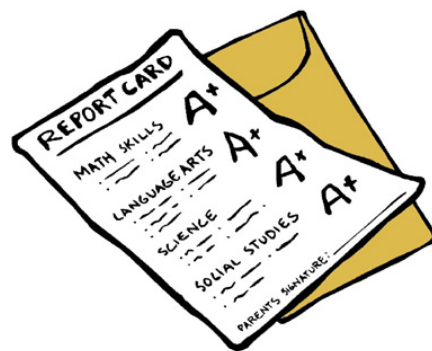
On Wednesday, January 23rd, Thursday, January 24th, and Friday, January 25th, students will be taking their Mid-Year Assessments. This assessment period is very important for students and serves as the final opportunity to positively impact their 2nd Quarter and 1st Semester grades. Please encourage your sons to finish the marking period on a high note by studying for tests and quizzes, completing all homework assignments and projects, and preparing for these assessments.

Assessments by Date:

Wednesday, January 23rd—Science and Social Studies

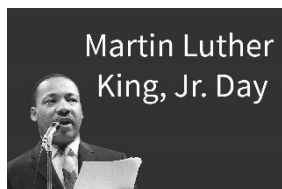
Thursday, January 24th—Theology and English

Friday, January 25th—Business, World Languages, Math



Calendar Change:

In order to give students some extra time to prepare for the Mid-Year Assessments, Tuesday, January 22nd will change from a Bell 2 to a Bell 4 with a 12:57 dismissal. Thank you for your understanding of this calendar adjustment.

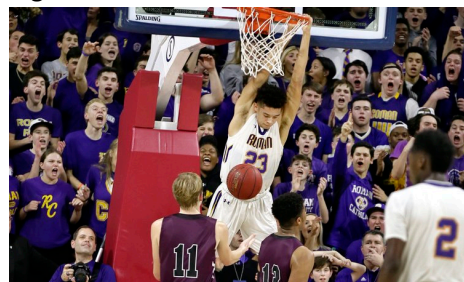


Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Service Opportunity

We are in need of students to take part in a service project for the North 5th Street Revitalization Project on Monday, January 21st from 9AM-1PM. Please sign-up in the Student Affairs Office Community Service Hours will be given.



Anyone who is attending the RCHS vs. Archbishop Wood Basketball game on January 21st at 2:30PM at CCP is encouraged to bring a canned good/non-perishable item. These items will be donated to St. Francis Inn.



Roman Resource Room with Mrs. D.

Does a class feel a little overwhelming? Does your son need help on a project? Is homework stressing your son out? Is an important test on the horizon?

Come to the RESOURCE ROOM with Mrs. D!

Who: Any student who has a free 7th or 8th period

What: All subjects (Mrs. D is a Reading Specialist, so reading and writing are her specialties)

When: Mondays and Fridays during 7th and 8th periods

Where: Outside of the Library (7th); Chapel (8th)

For more information, have you son see Mrs. D or send an email to edelise@romancatholicchs.com



Freshman/Sophomore Dance—Save the Date

The Freshman/Sophomore Date Dance will be held on **Friday, February 22nd from 7 to 10pm.** Permission forms will be available in the Student Affairs Office this upcoming Wednesday (January 16th). Please encourage your son to attend this memorable event! The dance will be held at Roman Catholic High School. All questions can be directed to our dance moderator, Ms. High via email at ahigh@romancatholichs.com



Roman Catholic High School Fathers' Club Presents Winter Social

Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 8:00 PM

Location: Avalon String Band Hall, 1538 S. 2nd Street, Philadelphia, PA

- Enjoy an evening out with friends, food, and music
- Buffet dinner, beer, and soda are also included.
- 50/50 will be sold along with basket raffles
- There will be a limited number of tickets for sale
- Must be over 21 to attend
- Tickets are now available and cost \$25 per person
- Payment by check or cash. Make checks payable to: RCHS Fathers' Club

**Tickets available until Friday, February 2, 2019.
No tickets will be sold at the door.**

If you have any questions please e-mail us at romancatholicfc@gmail.com

Thank you in advance for your support of this event and all of our activities throughout the year.

Ticket Order Form

Name: _____ Student Name/HR: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

of Tickets @ \$25 per person: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____