



Roman Catholic High School Boys Soccer
301 N. Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19107

August 23, 2016

Dear Alumni:

On behalf of the Roman Catholic Soccer Program, I hope you and your family have had a wonderful summer! As we conclude our first week of the 2016 training camp, you'll be excited to know that despite this record breaking heat wave, our boys have put in a lot of hard work and enter camp enthusiastically ready to defend the title of Catholic League Champions. As you know, we have started our past seasons off by participating in the annual SEPA High School Tournament at Parkwood Youth Organization. The date this year is Saturday, August 27th with the first match tapping off at 9am.

I remain excited to return as the Head Soccer Coach for my tenth season and it's always a great honor to work side by side with Assistant Coach, **Jerry Brindisi**, now in his seventh season. Together, with our very talented staff of assistants and volunteers, we are extremely confident in our abilities to be 100% efficient in every aspect of the sport, from scouting to film study to player-coach-parent liaisons. We are always so very fortunate to remain stable and consistent across the board and program wide, as Coach **Mike Biddle** returns to the sidelines with our JV squad. Mike's continued focus is that of developing players who are ready to compete at the varsity level. In addition, Mike will oversee our freshman team and work closely with Coaches **Mike Rector**, **Zachary Elwell** and Strength & Conditioning Coach, **Sean Dugan** to prepare our young talent on every level and ready them for the challenges and commitments of soccer at the high school level.

In a championship season such as 2015, it's easy to see the outpouring of love and purple pride when the ball is rolling in your direction. But, we always welcome a strong alumni and faculty presence at any and all of our matches. Players always know who's in attendance and when they look to the sidelines and see their school, community and alumni represented, the power of purple becomes most prominent. We encourage our past captains from years gone by to gather up their teammates and make it a tailgating or mini-reunion opportunity to get out and cheer the Cahillites. Back to school autumn nights, some under stadium lights, is there any reason not to get excited?

I have enclosed our 2016 schedule for your review. Please note below however that we now utilize several locations for our home field(s):

***Philadelphia Soccer Club, PSC **Lighthouse Soccer Club, Roosevelt Boulevard & Southampton Rd. (primary)
***United German Hungarian (UGH) Club in Oakford, Pennsylvania.**

IMPORTANT DATES TO CONSIDER

Labor Day Weekend Season Opener – Sun, sand and soccer as the Cahillites battle Camden Catholic (non-league) down the shore Saturday, September 3rd at 10am at Wildwood's Maxwell Field. Show your purple and gold!

Senior Night - Saturday, September 24, 2016 - Cahillites vs Downingtown East, 7pm at Lighthouse SC.

Roman Catholic vs Father Judge - Thursday, September 22nd triple header at UGH! All three teams in action.

Beef and Bowl - FUNdraising event on October 8, 2016 at Thunderbird Lanes. An outstanding evening consisting of fabulous food, prizes and spent with parents and friends of our program. If you can't attend, all donations are welcomed. Please keep in mind, this is our biggest fundraiser of the year but, we need **YOU** to make it happen!

Alumni Game - (odd vs even years) at Shissler Recreation Center (Newt's). Saturday, November 5, 2016 at 2pm. Our post game huddle will be at the Post Office Café, Bridesburg, just a few short blocks away. It's always a great time to strap on your shinnies, lace up your boots, relive the glory days and establish new friendships along the way!

For further information:

To learn more about our program or what's going on at *Roman Catholic HS*, visit: www.romancatholichs.com

To access *Roman Catholic Soccer Program* directly, visit us at www.romancatholicsoccer.com

For *Roman Catholic Soccer Alumni* news and information (events, game results and standings) via email, please send me an email expressing your interest at: soccer@temple.edu

Thank you in advance for your support. We look forward to seeing you this fall and **GO ROMAN!**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raymond DeStephanis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and 'D'.

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