

Roman Catholic High School Boy's Soccer  
301 N. Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19107



September 7, 2021

Dear Alumni:

We. Are. Back!

As I begin my 15th season as head coach, I am excited to announce that training camp for the 2021 season is underway. On behalf of all our coaches, many who spend countless hours all year long, and especially last year through the height of the pandemic, working hard to ensure Roman Catholic remains atop the local high school soccer world, I trust that you and your family have had a relaxing summer thus far!

Even though last year was difficult on so many fronts, for all of us, both personally and professionally, our boys and staff collectively rose to the challenges presented to them in trying to formulate a season. While it wasn't the type of normal soccer season we have become accustomed to, we applaud our athletes and their parents for not only allowing it to happen, but persevering through a never ending schedule of starts, stops and changes galore. So here we are, a new season filled with hope and optimism!

As always, it's great to have my friend and Primary Assistant Coach, **Jerry Brindisi** back with us for his 12th season. Not only is Jerry an exceptional soccer mind but such an amazing influence on the young student-athlete. Additionally our experienced staff of assistants and volunteers run deep, each bringing to the program varied talents to help our athletes stay focused in class and on the pitch, while staying socially healthy online, in the press and in life itself. Among them, Coach **Tom Crossett** will return for his 4th year as a Varsity Assistant and in his 2nd year, **Mike Primavera** as Head JV Coach. Mike joins with coaching veterans **Mike Biddle** and **Mike Rector** to keep our JV boys at the ready for their call to the varsity squad.

As we look too ahead to the 2021 season, you'll see on the enclosed schedule that all the Catholic League Soccer rivalries are scheduled as in seasons past. Friday night lights are back at Lighthouse SC and we are very excited to look across the field to see all of you out there lining the field while "painting the night purple". Students, faculty, administrators, former players, family and friends... and of course, our alumni! Additionally, we have a 2021 High School All American Watch player, Senior Captain, Joey Lodise in which to show our Purple Pride! But of course... we need YOU to make it happen! With that said, load up the SUV's, plaster yourself in purple and let us see you at one of our matches or events below... it has been way too long!

Our 2021 schedule is enclosed for your review:

**IMPORTANT DATES TO CONSIDER**

As you know, we have started off our past seasons by participating in the annual SEPA High School Tournament at Parkwood. The date this year is Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> with the first match tapping off at 9am.

**Labor Day Weekend Season Openers** - Sun! Sand! Soccer! Now two matches over the weekend to kick off the season in grand style at **Bill Henfy Park in North Wildwood, NJ. Friday, September 3, 4:30 vs William Tennent.** Then after a quick turnaround, we tap off again: **Sunday, September 6, 4:30pm vs HOLY GHOST PREP.**

**Roman Catholic vs Father Judge** - Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at Ryan HS!

**Senior Night** - Saturday, October 2, 2021, 7pm vs DOWNINGTON EAST at Lighthouse Soccer Club.

**FUNdraising Halloween** – 50/50 Wheel on October 31, 2021 on the Roman Soccer Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/297379580400855/?ref=share>

Any and all donations are welcomed. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year!

**Alumni Game** - On November 6, 2021 join us at 2pm at the Ukies Club, on N. 7th Street between Poplar and Brown Streets for our annual awards and alumni game featuring the odd vs the even years. It's always a great time to slip in your shinnies, lace up your boots, and relive the glory days and establish new Cahillite 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](http://www.romancatholichs.com)

To access *Roman Catholic Soccer Program* directly, visit us at [www.romancatholicsoccer.com](http://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](mailto: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 DeStefano". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'R' and 'D'.

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