

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



August 22, 2022

Dear Alumni:

As summer begins to wind down and I begin my 16th season as head coach, I am excited to announce that training camp for the 2022 season is underway. On behalf of all our many dedicated coaches, who constantly work hard to ensure Roman Catholic remains atop the local high school soccer world, I hope you're as excited for the upcoming season as we all are.

Hopefully we have put a couple pandemic plagued seasons behind us and we collectively as a program and league can get back to the exciting, hard nose soccer the Philadelphia Catholic League has built its foundation on. With that said, my Primary Assistant Coach, **Jerry Brindisi** is back with us for his 13th season. Not only is Jerry a trusted friend but an exceptional soccer mind and an amazing mentor to our young student-athletes.

As always, we run deep with an experienced staff of assistants and volunteers, each with impressive skill sets built to help our athletes succeed in the classroom, on the pitch and stay socially adjusted online, in the press or in life itself. Chief amongst them, Coach **Tom Crossett**, who is returning for what will be his 5th year as a Varsity Assistant. Additionally, in his 3rd year, **Mike Primavera** returns as Head JV Coach Along with assistants, program veterans, **Mike Biddle** and **Mike Rector**.

I'm very pleased to announce the return of a freshmen team to Roman Catholic. We had a strong incoming class of rising 8th graders and our freshmen team looks to be very competitive as we look towards their future development within our program. We welcome as their Head Coach, **Damian Schweizer**, who brings an impressive collegiate and professional playing career and club coaching (Huntingdon Valley) resume to Broad & Vine!

Looking ahead to the 2022 season, you'll see on the enclosed schedule all the exciting Catholic rivalry matches for you to circle. There's nothing like Friday night lights at Lighthouse SC and yes, the new snack bar will be open for business! We travel well too... join us on the road and become part of #CahilliteCountry! Students, faculty, administrators, former players, family and friends and of course, alumni, #FindAReason to get out and "paint the night purple!" Let us see and hear you there!

Our 2022 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 Friday, August 26th with the first match tapping off at 9am.

Labor Day Weekend Season Openers - Sun! Sand! Soccer! Two great matches over the weekend to kick off the season in summer style at **Crest Memorial School in Wildwood Crest, NJ. Friday, September 2, 5:00 vs William Tennent**. Then after a quick turnaround, we tap off again: **Sunday, September 4, 5:00pm vs HOLY GHOST PREP**.

Senior Night - Saturday, October 1, 2022, 7pm vs NORTHEAST at Lighthouse Soccer Club.

FUNdraising Halloween – 50/50 Wheel on October 31, 2022 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 5, 2022 join us at 1pm 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

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 DeStefano". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'R' at the beginning.

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