

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



August 22, 2023

Dear Alumni:

Summer is winding down and as I begin my 17th season as head coach, I am excited to announce that 2023 training camp is well underway, and the boys have been working hard every day in the August heat. On behalf of all our many dedicated coaches, who constantly work hard to ensure Roman Catholic remains a top destination for student-athletes, I hope you're just as excited to kick off the upcoming season as we all are.

Again, it's an honor to have my friend and confidant, **Jerry Brindisi** back with us for his 14th season as Assistant Head Coach. Jerry possesses an exceptional soccer mind and is an amazing mentor to our players both on and off the pitch.

Along with Jerry, we surround the players in our program with an experienced staff of assistants and volunteers, each with impressive skill sets built to help our athletes succeed not only on the field of play, but in the classroom, and most importantly, in life itself. Coach **Tom Crossett**, who is returning for what will be his 6th year as a Varsity Assistant, plays an extraordinary role in that effort. Tom is joined by our JV Staff, **Mike Primavera** returning as Head JV Coach for his 4th year, and JV Assistants, **Mike Biddle, Mike Rector and Damian Schweizer**.

It's always wonderful to announce an incoming freshmen team to the Roman Catholic family. For the second consecutive year, we've had a strong incoming class of rising 8th graders! Our freshmen team members have been enthusiastic and rounding into team form a little more every day in camp. We welcome back to Roman, as their Head Coach, **Jarett Nast!**

Looking ahead to the 2023 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 the repeated trips to the snack bar to get us all through those amazing Friday nights!! We travel well too... so definitely don't miss out! Join us on the road and become part of #CahilliteCountry! Students, faculty, administrators, former players, family, and friends and of course, alumni... there is zero excuses not to get out and "paint the night purple!" Let us see and hear you out there! As the boys say, "it's a vibe!"

Our 2023 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 Pre-Season Tournament at Parkwood. The date this year is Thursday, August 24th 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 **Maxwell Field in Wildwood, NJ. Friday, September 1, 7:00 vs Life Center Academy**. Then after a quick turnaround, we tap off again: **Sunday, September 3, 6:00pm vs Haverford**.

Senior Night - Friday, September 22, 2023, 7pm vs **Cardinal O'Hara at Lighthouse Soccer Club**.

FUNdraising Halloween – 50/50 Wheel on October 31, 2023 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 – please join us on October 14, 2023, at 3:30pm check-in, 4:00pm kick off on the upper field at Lighthouse Soccer Club, before the Freshman 5pm, JV 5pm & Varsity 7pm games, 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!

This year we are going to honor someone very special to the program who recently passed away, Jacque Flanagan. For those of you who did not know Jacque, she was the President of the Parent's Soccer board from 2013 – 2017. She is the mother of two of our own alums: Michael, Class of 2013 and Matthew, Class of 2017 and the sister to one of our coaches, Billy Gardner. During her time on the sidelines and behind the scenes, Jackie was a huge supporter of the Purple and Gold, she cheered for all the boys and treated them like her own. She welcomed everyone to the Roman Soccer Family with open arms and she did it all with her signature laugh & snort. If you ever got to spend a Friday night at Lighthouse with Jacque, you know it was a great time.

We hope to see many of our soccer alumni come out to support the 2023 teams and join in on the annual alumni game. We really hope to see those players who played during the years Jacque was on the sidelines supporting the program.

For further information:

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



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