

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



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Dear Alumni:

The first week of training camp is now complete and as I begin my 18th season as head coach, I look forward once again to introducing you to our coaches and highlight some important dates for upcoming season!

With the unexpected milder temperatures we had this past week, the boys hit the pitch with noticeable energy and enthusiasm. Collectively, from coaches to players, we remain committed to keep Roman Catholic atop the chosen destination high schools for soccer minded student-athletes. We hope you share our excitement for the 2024 season!

Jerry Brindisi is returning for his 15th season as Assistant Head Coach. Jerry is amongst the most respected coaching minds, not only in the Philadelphia Catholic League, but throughout the high school coaching ranks in all of Pennsylvania. More than that, he is an amazing mentor to our players both on and off the pitch.

As always, we surround the players in our program with an experienced staff of assistants and volunteers, who are capable and experienced in every aspect of coaching young players in sport and in life. Coach **Tom Crossett** also returns for what will be his 7th year as a Varsity Assistant. Tom's even keeled demeanor is respected throughout the program and our league as well. Tom is again joined by our JV Staff, **Mike Primavera** as Head JV Coach now in his 5th year, and JV Assistant, **Mike Rector** back for his 17th season.

We are very excited to welcome to Roman Catholic and back to the sidelines of the PCL, as our new Freshman Head Coach, **Dennis "Denny" Drumm**. Bringing with him a wealth of playing and coaching experience from club, high school and the collegiate level, our incoming 9th graders will immediately step into a next level training and development program. We couldn't be more fortunate to have Denny aboard.

Looking ahead to the season itself, you'll see in the enclosed schedule all the exciting Catholic rivalry matches for you to circle. Friday nights under the lights at Lighthouse SC ... there's nothing like it! Make it a tailgate! Call your classmates, friends and family and come display some #PurplePride. Why not join us on the road? #CahilliteCountry - we travel well and our opponents know it! We see you and hear you from across the pitch... be our 12th man and help us negate the opposition's home field advantage!

Our 2024 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 PSC. The date this year is Thursday, August 22nd 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, August 30, 7:00 vs Life Center Academy**. Then after a quick turnaround, we tap off again: **Sunday, September 1, 6:00pm vs Haverford**.

Senior Night - Saturday, September 28, 2024, 7pm vs Northeast Public HS at Lighthouse Soccer Club.

FUNdraising Halloween – 50/50 Wheel on October 31, 2024 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 November 2, 2024, at Shissler Recreation Center (Newt's). 2pm 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!

Once, again this year we are going to honor 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 2024 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.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,



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