



Romeo Community Schools

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School Year in Full Swing



15th Annual Watchdog Game

Romeo High School students got into the school spirit early this year. On September 13, the varsity football team hosted Eisenhower for its 15th annual Watchdog game. This is a night when the players, cheerleaders, dance team and band honor someone who has been impacted by cancer. Over the years, the event has raised more than \$850,000 for cancer research benefiting children and adolescents. (Read more on page 5.)



Homecoming 2024

Following closely on the heels of the Watchdog game was the Homecoming game on September 20. Homecoming festivities included the parade in The Village of Romeo on September 18 and the annual pep rally at the high school the afternoon prior to the game.



Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Parents, Families and Community Members,

It has been an amazing start to this school year and this fall has seen great achievements in the classroom, throughout our extracurricular programs and in the community. As you receive this edition of the *Bulldog Bulletin* we are moving into the heart of the holiday season. Please enjoy some highlights from the fall and other important updates.

Our students at all levels are amazing and a great deal of credit goes to our staff who support them every day. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our two-time State Champion RHS Girls' Cross Country team who earned back-to-back Division 1 state titles. Congratulations to Coach Buslepp and his staff. This exceptional group of young ladies will go down as one of the best teams in state history. A special thank you to all of the parents and family members who supported their success.

We are coming to the end of the second year of implementation on our 2023 RCS Strategic Plan. As we move into year three we will be auditing the plan as some of our original strategies and goals have been achieved. We will work with our District Leadership Team to realign the plan as we move into year three of our work. Romeo Middle School has launched year one of implementation of the Academies at RMS transformation. We are working with Ford Next Generation Learning to hopefully receive full designation later this year. Following in the footsteps of the Academies at Romeo High School in 2018, our middle school will be the first officially designated middle school in the state and one of only a handful across the country.

We are currently working on a special update publication on the progress of the 2021 Facilities Bond. We are so grateful for the support of our voters who allow us the resources to provide the best facilities we can for our students and staff. In the coming weeks, students and staff at Amanda Moore and Washington Elementaries will be moving into their new specialty classrooms for art, music and STEM classes. Our new STEM and Robotics Center on the campus of RMS will have its grand opening in January. Our outdoor athletic facility upgrades at both the high school and middle school will be opened this spring. As 2024 comes to a close, we are officially completing the renovation and new addition project at the Crowell Early Childhood Center.

Throughout next semester we will gather input from our staff, parents and community in planning for a continuation of our current facilities bond millage. This will bring us to the final phase of our long-range plan that began with the passage of the 2016 Facilities Bond and the construction of the new Romeo High School. We look forward to our continued partnership.

In closing, we continue to embrace this year's annual theme of PURPOSE. As we give thanks this holiday season, let's be purposeful about spending time with family and friends. Let's also do what we can for those who are less fortunate. I remain both humbled and honored to serve as your Superintendent.

Have a wonderful holiday season and thanks for your continued support.

Go Bulldogs!

Dr. Todd R. Robinson
Superintendent



2024-2025 District Calendar

Wednesday-Friday, November 27-29

No School - Thanksgiving Break
*School resumes Monday,
December 2*

December 23-January 3

No School - Winter Break
School resumes Monday, January 6

Monday, January 20

No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Thursday & Friday, January 23-24

Half Day (grades 9-12) - HS Exams
End of 1st Semester

Wednesday, February 5

Middle School Conferences*

Monday & Tuesday, February 17-18

No School - Mid-Winter Break

Wednesday, March 5

No School (All Students)
Teacher Professional Development

Friday, March 7

½ Day Grades K-8 - Records Day
End of 2nd Trimester

Tuesday, March 11

High School Conferences*

Wednesday, March 12

Elementary Conferences*

March 24-28

No School - Spring Break
School resumes Monday, March 31

*Evening Times TBD



Meet Our New Safety and Security Director



Our district has made a continued investment in safety and security. This includes a partnership with Secure Environment Consultants (SEC). SHIELD is SEC's school security staffing division that has provided security staffing at our three secondary buildings.

This past spring, the Board of Education approved expanding our contract with SHIELD to create a new director of safety and security position.

After undergoing a thorough hiring process in August, Mr. Mike Thomas accepted the position.

Mike has spent the bulk of his career in law enforcement. He graduated from Ball State University in 1991 with a degree in criminal justice. After serving two years with the Ball State Police Officer Reserve he got a full-time position at Ball State, where he remained for over a quarter of a century.

In 1998, he moved to Michigan and was hired by the Auburn Police Department. After two years, he was promoted to the detective bureau and assumed a role in a new department, now known as the Special Victims Unit, that specializes in juvenile crime and crime prevention, child physical and sexual abuse, vulnerable adult abuse and elder abuse.

While protecting the most vulnerable was where his heart was, Mike says it also wore on him.

"By 2017, I was pretty burned out," he admitted. "We had a new detective I knew I could trust. I trained her and handed it off."

Mike spent the next two years handling fraud cases. In 2019, he reached the age of full retirement and left the detective bureau. He then accepted a position as director of risk management for Havenwyck Hospital, the largest psychological hospital in Michigan. His focus was on helping the hospital implement advanced crisis prevention and intervention, bring clarity to their policies, and create better emergency response plans.

Mike had agreed to take the job on for six months to help the hospital get on track, but then the pandemic hit. Suddenly he found himself working 60 to 80 hour work weeks. While it was hard work, he is proud of the hospital's success in surviving the pandemic without losing a single patient to COVID.

His next post was as investigator for the Oakland County prosecutor.



Mike with his K-9, Amber, when he worked for the Ball State Police Department.

When this position "came calling," the pandemic was over and Mike jumped at the opportunity.

"If you're a detective in Oakland County, it's the ultimate retirement job," Mike said. "And you don't get that job unless you've proven yourself over many years. It's a badge of honor."

He was assigned to the juvenile division. Among his duties, he delivered subpoenas, helped prepare cases for court and, as a certified forensic interviewer and trainer, interviewed children before court to ensure proper protocol was followed.

He would have happily continued in this role, but everything changed after tragedy struck at Oxford High School. Mike was asked to join the investigation team, with his primary focus on analyzing the electronic evidence.

This turned into an immense and time-consuming challenge, but Mike learned so much from the process about the pathway to violence that he participated in a presentation in Washington, D.C. with the goal of educating school counselors, teachers and administrators about how to identify common denominators and red flags.



Mike pictured with his wife, Sue, and four children.

By the time the investigation concluded, Mike had seen enough tragedy for a lifetime and was ready to shift to the prevention side.

"I have this body of knowledge now and to me the most logical place to apply it is schools," he said.

"I've known this school district and its reputation for years. When the opening came up for a safety and security director, I thought maybe this is where I'm supposed to be."

Mike also knew Superintendent Dr. Todd Robinson when he was an SVU detective at Auburn Hills and Dr. Robinson was a middle school principal in the Avondale School District.

"Knowing Todd and knowing the reputation and pride of Romeo, I haven't had a second of wondering whether I made the right move," Mike said. "The school district is in such great shape. Everything else I've ever been handed I have felt I needed to step up and fix it. This is the first thing I've ever been handed that I don't need to fix; I just need to make it better."

Mike's day-to-day duties include supervising and managing the district's security team. This includes both the day-to-day business, training and monitoring of the services they provide. Mike works directly with our school resource officers, building administrators and district administration.

"Having a dedicated director position allows the district to take on special projects and implement new initiatives that will enhance the safety of our school facilities," Dr. Robinson said. "Mike's experience and background are directly connected to some of the most relevant work we need to do."

A Commitment to Graduate



As is tradition, freshmen at the 9th Grade Academy made a commitment to graduate. On September 13, after discussing in class what this means, each student signed a Class of 2028 banner, which will be displayed during their graduation in four years.

The students then assembled in the stands at Barnabo Field for the reciting of the pledge to graduate, led by RHS Principal Bernie Osebold.

Let the games begin!

Divided into sections according to what team they are assigned to for the year – Discovery, Expedition or Quest – the 9th graders competed in a number of team-building activities to earn points.

Total points will be tallied at the end of the year and the team that wins the most will have their team name and year engraved on the coveted Bulldog trophy.

Manufacturing Week

Manufacturing Day was created to help showcase the reality of modern manufacturing careers by encouraging companies and educational institutions nationwide to open their doors to students, parents, teachers, and community leaders. On October 1, Lanzen, Inc. hosted 20 10th grade students from Romeo High School, offering them a firsthand look at the industry. Students toured the facility, interacted with professionals, and gained hands-on exposure to the various aspects of the manufacturing process, from advanced machinery to product development.



“We want to inspire the next generation of skilled workers and highlight the critical role manufacturing plays in both the local and national sector,” said Anne Nicolazzo, Vice President of Human Resources and Community Outreach. Ms. Nicolazzo’s leadership is instrumental in organizing this event, which has become an essential part of Lanzen’s commitment to supporting the local community and workforce development.

A visit to KUKA kicked off with a tour of the facility, where students saw robotics in action and witnessed live demos from the company’s application engineers. They even got to try out some of the robots themselves!

They were also introduced to KUKA College, where they learned about the classes offered. This was followed by a Lunch & Learn with employees from diverse roles such as engineering, sales, customer service and more, who shared their career journeys.

Manufacturing Day has become a key event that bridges education and industry, fostering interest in skilled trades and addressing the growing skills gap in the field.



MI Career Quest SE

All 9th graders attended the Michigan Career Quest Southeast at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi on November 19. The region’s largest career exploration event, MICareerQuest offered a vast array of hands-on activities to introduce high school students to hundreds of in-demand jobs in technology, health services, advanced manufacturing and construction.

Watchdog Game Honors Cancer Survivors



Fifteen years ago, Romeo football coaches Curt Rienas and Mike Lee went to The Children's Hospital in Detroit to visit a Romeo player who was undergoing cancer treatment.

"I felt like I had left the saddest place on earth," Coach Lee recalled. "It didn't take me long to realize those glass and concrete buildings aren't built on sadness. They're built on hope. They're built on the belief that the people there are going to have a healthier future with as many miracles as they can rein down on them from those facilities throughout the world."



This realization helped inspire the first Watchdog game, held against Fraser High School. It has grown into an annual event in which the players raise money for cancer research, awareness and support. The tradition has grown and many other fall sports teams host their own Watchdog games.

The signature event is the varsity football game, held this year on September 13. Prior to the game there was a tailgate for survivors and their families, followed by a survivor's tunnel in which the honorees were escorted by a member of the JV football team. At the conclusion of the night, band members, players, the special guests and others gathered on the field to form a ribbon, which is a symbol of cancer awareness.

Over the years, the event has raised more than \$850,000. This year, the \$30,000 raised was donated to The Cassie Hines Shoes Foundation, The Rainbow Connection, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Each organization received a ceremonial check for \$10,000 at the homecoming pep rally on September 18 to support their work on behalf of children and adolescents.

Receiving ceremonial checks at the homecoming pep assembly held the afternoon prior to the Watchdog game were Karen and Christopher Hines from The Cassie Hines Shoes Foundation, Ingrid Todt, Executive Director of The Rainbow Connection, and a representative from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



Career Day at Romeo High School

More than 60 businesses filled the gymnasium during Romeo High School's annual Career Day, sharing their expertise with students as they explored



potential career paths. Doors opened first for 9th graders, who had free rein of the gym to ask the professionals questions about their career, education and experience as part of Seminar class. All students had the opportunity to "dress for success" and earn a raffle ticket for a host of prizes generously donated by many of the participating businesses. Video production students were on hand to take "step and repeat" photos on the Bulldog red carpet.





In **9th grade 2D Art Foundations** with Tatum Lorway, students explore the element of texture by merging the natural forms of animals with unexpected objects of their choice. Through detailed line work, shading, and inventive textural techniques, they transform their sketches into imaginative hybrids, blending fur, feathers, or scales with everyday items. Each piece invites viewers to experience a new, tactile dimension where ordinary objects take on an animal's essence. This project encourages students to think creatively about how textures can redefine familiar shapes in fresh, surprising ways.



Sherri Stough's **Painting with Design** students transitioned to creating realistic fall-themed acrylic paintings, focusing on capturing autumn's rich colors and textures. The centerpiece of their project was a vibrant pumpkin or two, emphasized with deep orange hues and lifelike shadowing. Students learned to blend shades and create a textured background that mimicked realism. The pumpkin's form was skillfully layered with light and shadow, giving it a nearly three-dimensional appearance and enhancing the seasonal vibe of each painting.

The **Advanced Drawing** classes taught by Lewis Page are currently creating portraits using charcoal pencils. They often choose to use family members or other people they admire as their subject. For most of the students using charcoal as a drawing medium is very new, so they usually opt to use a "grid" drawing approach to help them accurately reproduce the face of their chosen subjects. The charcoal provides high levels of contrasts and allows them to easily blend lights and shadows together.



Lisa Joseph's **Advanced Pottery** classes received a grant from Romeo Kiwanis to purchase supplies to sell student artwork at the Romeo Band Boosters craft show. They also worked with the Botany and Zoology students, who provided and transplanted plants for ceramic planters that the art students made. This project not only fosters their creativity, but also teaches important entrepreneurial skills, such as customer interaction, presentation, pricing and marketing their work. Through this experience, students gain insights into the business side of art.

Second Graders Sing Fight Song



Elaine Ojala Hoekwater saw a video on Facebook last year of Romeo second graders across the district singing the Romeo Fight Song, accompanied by the RHS marching band.

“Those second graders did an awesome job!” she said. “It warms my heart because my father wrote this over 70 some years ago. This makes me so proud that the song has continued through all these years. Thank you to Romeo Schools and the music director for keeping this alive.”

Continuing what is now a tradition, this year’s second graders performed the Fight Song during the varsity football team’s final home game of the season on October 11.

Elaine had more history to provide about what inspired her father to write the Romeo Fight Song. She also shared other fond memories of her father’s days as a music teacher and time she spent with him in the band room, located then in the attic of the old junior high school on Prospect Street.

His name was Elmer Carl Herman but he went by the nickname of Buck. He arrived in Romeo in 1938. During his tenure he taught music to all grades, instructed the junior high school band and later was the high school band director. He also taught choir.

“He never missed a day of teaching,” his daughter said. “I don’t ever remember him being sick or not going to school.”

This was in spite of working two other jobs to support his four children. He worked at Pontiac Motors during the afternoons and also served as a bus driver.

According to Elaine, her father wrote the Romeo Fight Song because he wanted Romeo students to have an original song of their own rather than borrow a university’s alma mater.

Mr. Ojala retired in 1983.



The Play That Goes Wrong

What could go wrong? Everything, apparently! In this play within a play presented by the Romeo Theatre Company, a number of cast mishaps, set issues, and lighting and sound issues led to some disastrous – and even flammable – results. But the show must go on, and go on it did, with performances on November 14 to 17.

The play was directed by newcomer Lane Worth, who joined Romeo High School this year to teach English and theater and direct the Romeo Theatre Company.

Mr. Werth said he knew when he interviewed for the position that this was the theater program he wanted to run – and after this first experience, he was not disappointed.

“Our students put everything into this show,” he wrote in his Director’s Note for the playbill. “They show up every day eager to learn and have fun.”

This is true of the ensemble cast of Alec Nolf, Matthew Stenton, Ellery Trudeau, Sawyer Lackowski, Tierney Tocco, Petra Kelly, Jax (Cayla) Goddeeris and Zane Rowe as well as the production crew responsible for all aspects of putting on the show, from stage management and construction to costuming, lighting, sound, props, and hair and makeup. Mr. Werth paid special tribute to the construction crew for building a set that was meant to fall apart – and surmounting all the challenges that entailed.



The Academies at Romeo Middle School

At Romeo Community Schools, we reimagined a new way of doing high school. Now, we are imagining a new way to support our middle school students. We are furthering our partnership with Ford Next Generation Learning (NGL) by incorporating a comprehensive community initiative that brings together educators, parents, students, and representatives from community based organizations and nonprofits to transform the middle school experience for every student.



As part of its tactical work, the Romeo Middle School Transformation Team is working on the Profile of a Middle School Scholar and planning a Nonprofit Exploration Fair on February 26, 2025. The goal is to submit a Master Plan for approval to Ford NGL and be designated as The Academies at Romeo Middle School in March 2025.

The mission of the Academies at Romeo Middle School is to create small learning communities where each student has an advocate, can explore their interests, engage with our community, and be empowered to make a change.

Created with Care



Students from Team 8A at Romeo Middle School came together on Nov. 7 to spread joy and warmth to those who need it most. As part of a community service project, the eighth graders wrote heartfelt cards for patients in local hospitals and rehabilitation centers.

The initiative aimed to brighten the days of individuals recovering from illness or injury, many of whom may be feeling isolated during their time in care. Each student wrote personal messages of

encouragement, wishing the recipients strength, good health, and hope for brighter days ahead.

The cards will be delivered to nearby hospitals and rehab centers, where they are sure to bring some much-needed cheer to those facing difficult circumstances. The project not only demonstrated Team 8A's compassion, but also highlighted the power of small acts of kindness in making a big impact on someone's day.

By coming together to share kindness and positivity, the students of Team 8A exemplified the spirit of community and the difference we can make when we reach out to others in need.

Students Produce Mini-Shows

Students in Patrick Salembier's drama classes put the skills they learned in class into action on Nov. 11 and 12. Their end of the trimester final summative was to take a story from the page to the stage in a short period of time. They performed in front of a live audience made up of students, teachers and family members. Sixth graders put on "School Matters," seventh graders performed "The News Done Spread," and eighth graders presented "Super Villains Anonymous."

Students were the actors, created their own costumes, and ran the lights and sound.

"The purpose of this bare minimum theater experience is to give the students the experience of putting on a live production as well as to build a fun memory," Mr. Salembier said.

Operation Shoebox



Students collected 254 pounds of candy as part of their 'R' Time (formerly known as Advisory) to donate to the troops as part of Operation Shoebox. The mission of Operation Shoebox is to provide hands-on support for troops deployed overseas. Care packages are filled with essentials like coffee, socks, toothpaste and – especially popular this time of year following Halloween – candy.

Shipping costs for all 254 pounds were paid for by the Robert J. Aul II Memorial Foundation (RJA II), formerly known as the Romeo Foundation.

From top, eighth graders Milena Thompson, Lily Haefner, Briley Mathie; seventh grader Logan DeKubber; and advisory coaches Allison Stein, Danielle Roeser and Rachel Sape with RMS Academy Coach Jen Raicevich (second from left).

Dog Den Days



Pictured, from left, are Valentina Ondra and third grader Hayleigh Wakely.

Students at Indian Hills Elementary enjoyed their first Dog Den of the year on November 15. Dog Dens are small groups of kindergarten through 5th grade students led by a staff member. In keeping with November's theme of goal setting, students learned what a growth mindset is through fun, engaging activities, such as writing or illustrating a goal for the year inside a medal. Students then decorated and cut out the medals to display on their Wildly Important Goal (WIG) board.

The groups remain together throughout the year, creating connections and a greater sense of community. Next year, while the fifth graders will depart for middle school, new kindergarteners – along with any other new students – will join the pack.

We Are One Team' Kick-off with Basketball Jones



Hevel Elementary School kicked off the year with a visit from Parker Basketball Jones, who delivered positive messages about being kind and looking out for one another.

"We are one team with one vision to be our best together," the motivational speaker reminded the students.

In addition to delivering these messages that reinforced the school's motto of "We are one team, with one mission, to be our best, together!" Basketball Jones incorporated fun basketball activities and sayings to inspire the students.

Parker Jones and his father, Jim Basketball Jones, visited a combined 800 schools last year.

"We went all over the country and tried to make a difference," he said. "We believe in what we're doing and we have really cool principals like Paul who believe in us."

Over the 29 years the senior Jones has been involved, the program has impacted 10,000 schools.

Hevel stands out in Parker Jones' eyes. "I travel all over the country and there is something about Hevel that is special," he said. "There's a happiness and abundance of joy to this place that is nowhere else in the country."

Capturing Kids' Hearts

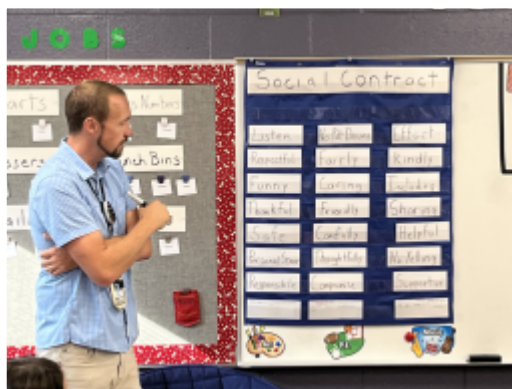
Hamilton-Parsons Elementary and Romeo Middle School welcomed a special guest on October 3. Vern Hazard, Senior Vice President of Solutions for Capturing Kids' Hearts, visited both schools to observe the new character education program in action. He was accompanied by his daughter, Alexandria Hazard, who also works for the nonprofit organization.

The guests had an opportunity to stop in several classrooms and observe students sharing "one good thing" at the start of class and following the social contract they created at the start of the school year to help build a positive classroom culture.

"Is it important for you to hear good things from one another?" Vern asked students in Katie Venglar's 8th grade leadership class.

"It helps us get to know each other better," one student replied.

"It helps us work together," said another.



Ham-Par teacher Tony Gillespie goes over the class's social contract with his fourth grade students.



Pictured during a tour of Romeo Middle School are Alexandria and Vern Hazard from Capturing Kids' Hearts, RMS Academy Coach Jen Raicevich, RMS Principal Brad Martz, and Ham-Par Principal Rita vanStaveren.

Honoring Our Veterans

Amanda Moore and Indian Hills students invited some special guests to their schools in honor of Veterans Day.

At **Indian Hills**, the veterans enjoyed a breakfast before their student hosts introduced them during the Bulldog Roundup, led by the Student Lighthouse Team.

Following the breakfast, the Student Lighthouse Team, pictured with advisor and STEM teacher Amanda Rocha, led its first Bulldog Roundup, introducing the monthly focus on teamwork and sportsmanship.

At **Amanda Moore**, the fifth grade team planned a breakfast for their special guests. Fifth graders had the opportunity to invite a parent, grandparent, neighbor or family friend. The 20 veterans in attendance represented the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

The students interviewed the veterans about what branch of the military they served in, what places their service took them, and other interesting facts about their guests.

"It's my favorite day of the year," said fifth grade teacher Kelly Rauh. "The level of student engagement during this event is amazing. I love that the students have the opportunity to learn history from real-life heroes."



Pictured, from left, are Lilliana Jetts with her great grandfather, Army veteran Dennis Stookey; Air Force Sergeant First Class Robert Cole with his granddaughters, Madison and Sheridan Cole; and Henry and Ella Rice with their grandfather, Army Sergeant Allan Sliva.



Pictured is fifth grader Anna Montgomery with her uncle, Tim Lyons, who retired from the military after 18 years of service. He was a staff sergeant in the Marine Corps and Army National Guard and served in Okinawa, North Carolina and Guantanamo Bay prison in Cuba.

CKLA Celebration

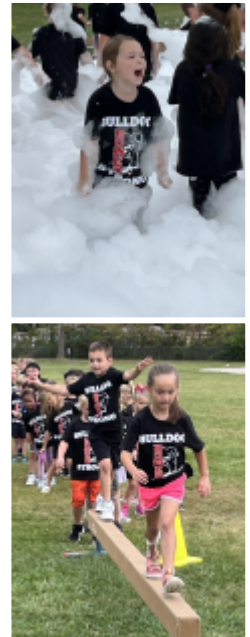


First graders at Washington Elementary School celebrated the end of their Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) unit on the Human Body by making a body system, learning how the lungs tie into the circulatory system, and creating a healthy plate made up of four food groups.

The students began the year with a unit on Fables and Stories. Next up they will learn about Different Lands, Similar Stories.

Foam Fun at Amanda Moore

Amanda Moore Elementary School held its annual Fun Run, hosted by the PTO, on October 4. In addition to raising funds, this event promotes physical fitness, school pride, confidence, teamwork and more as students tackle an obstacle course in addition to enjoying fun in the foam.



Music to Their Ears



The RHS marching band paid a special visit to elementary schools across the district on November 11 to demonstrate the different instruments and the important roles they play. It was particularly important to fifth graders to see this demonstration before they decide what instrument they may want to play next year when they join Romeo Middle School.

During the marching band's visit to Hamilton-Parsons Elementary School, music teacher Adam Busuttill joined the drumline during the band's finale – a performance of the Romeo Fight Song. Many second graders, fresh off their October 11 performance at Barnabo Field, joined in singing the familiar tune.



Our fall sports season concluded with many teams advancing far in their hunt for MAC championships and more.

The **Boys Soccer** team finished the season 15-5-2, which earned them second place in the MAC Red. The players defeated Anchor Bay and Dakota in the District round of playoffs to win a District Championship. The team went on to beat Lakeview in the Regional Semifinals before losing to Rochester Adams 1-0 in the Regional Finals.

The **Girls Golf** team had an outstanding season, going undefeated in league play 10-0 and winning the MAC White Division and MAC Division Meet. The team finished in 3rd place at Regionals, advancing them to state finals! Freshman Tula Puzzuoli finished 2nd place overall at the state level.

The **Football** team made a strong push after finishing with the second best record in the MAC Red to get into the playoffs. The Bulldogs traveled to Eisenhower for the opening round of the tournament before falling to the Eagles.

The **Girls Swim** team continues to rule the waves. The team finished in second place in the MAC White. Qualifying for the state finals so far is our 200 yard Medley Relay team of Alyssa Chambers, Giselle Stone, Izzy Greco and Harper Savage. Alyssa Chambers will also be competing in the 50-yard Freestyle and the 100 yard Freestyle at the state finals.

The **Boys Tennis** team finished with a 11-5-1 record and in second place in the MAC Red. The team just missed out on advancing to the state finals for a second straight year.

The **Varsity Volleyball** team finished the season with a 24-17-1 record. After finishing in the middle of the pack in the MAC Red, they went on to beat three Red rivals in the district tournament, including a win over Dakota to seal their third-straight district championship. They ultimately lost to Eisenhower in the regional championship in a 5-set match.

The **Boys and Girls Cross Country** teams hit the ground running this season. The girls team won the Regional Championship and the boys finished in third place. Both teams competed at the state finals at Michigan International Speedway. The boys team placed 24th and the girls won the state championship!





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Vision

Forging pathways through academic exploration guided by...

- Passions of our students
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**CTE Advisory Board
Dinner and Meeting**

Industry experts representing the range of Academy pathways enjoyed a dinner prepared by our culinary students to celebrate the successes of The Academies at Romeo High School. The annual CTE Advisory Board event was held on Thursday, November 7.

Breakout sessions followed the dinner, providing an opportunity for these industry professionals to provide invaluable feedback and insights.



Congratulations to New Board Members

Romeo Community Schools welcomes three new members to the Board of Education. Allyson Bowman, Aaron Boyer and Brielle Cichocki will be sworn in and seated by the January 2025 organizational meeting.

Congratulations to all three new trustees!