



2021-22 Year in Review

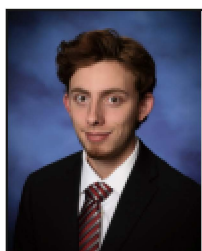


Congratulations Class of 2022!

Romeo Community Schools staff, students and families have endured yet another extremely challenging school year. Navigating the continuing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic along with the impact of the tragic school shooting in the neighboring community of Oxford, our district endured. Amidst all the challenges, we are so proud of all that we have achieved and the dedicated efforts for a return to normalcy shined bright in the final months of this year.

Congratulations to the Class of 2022 who were named the "Trailblazers" in March of 2019 because they would be our first class of students to experience the four year Academies experience. No one could have ever imagined the unique journey they would have to experience to get to graduation. These graduates, along with so many more of our students and staff, have achieved great things this past year. This year-end newsletter aims to share examples of all the great things happening in Romeo Community Schools. Enjoy!

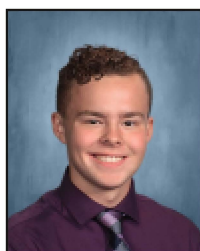
RHS TOP 10



Michael Gleason
4.092 GPA
University of Michigan or Oakland University



Jenna Sabath
4.092 GPA
Wayne State University



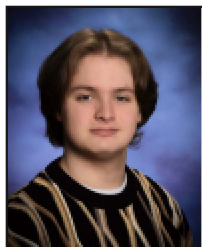
Gabriella Kirsh
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Michigan Technological University



Karoline Lenczewski
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Elise Kemp
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University of Michigan



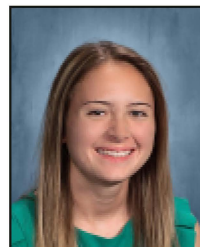
Michael Barham
Valedictorian
4.149 GPA
University of Michigan



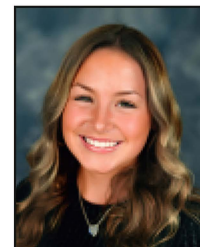
Kendall Brown
Co-Salutatorian
4.1 GPA
Kalamazoo College



Jonathan Klatt
Co-Salutatorian
4.1 GPA
Michigan Technological University



Aldo Tricoli
4.097 GPA
University of Detroit Mercy



Jack Wallace
4.095 GPA
Wayne State University



Update from the Superintendent

Dear RCS Community,

I'm pleased to share with you the 2021-2022 year-end district newsletter. Despite another very challenging year of navigating the COVID-19 pandemic and overwhelming school safety concerns, the past year has seen many amazing accomplishments for our students, staff, and district. Additionally, in the past three months

we have seen significant steps forward in what has felt like a return to normalcy. As we close out the 2021-22 school year I want to congratulate and applaud the efforts of our students for their hard work, patience and resilience. I want to thank our parents, guardians, family members and community partners who have helped to support the efforts of our district throughout this past year. I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to again sincerely thank our teachers, support staff, building administrators and district leaders for all they have accomplished.

Throughout this edition of The Bulldog Bulletin, you will find examples of the amazing accomplishments of our students at all levels. I continue to marvel at the achievements of our students in the classroom, fine arts, on the playing field, in our technical programs, and other activities. There are certainly many more achievements than what you'll read in the following pages but we are very proud of our students at all levels. You will also find examples of our intentional efforts to get back to all the wonderful things that support our students both in and out of the classroom.

A highlight to the 2021-2022 school year was the graduation of the Class of 2022. The "Trailblazers" as we've referred to them are the first cohort of students to experience the full 4 year Academies at RHS. No one could have ever imagined the unique and challenging experience they have had for more than half of their high school journey. We continue to be thankful to our community members for their support of the 2021 Facilities Bond. The 2016 Bond is coming to a close and we are happy to share some updates on the facilities work in this publication.

As we close the door on the 2021-2022 school year, we are full speed ahead in planning for next year to support both our recovery and enhanced programming efforts. We also welcome the opportunity to be leaders in bringing our district and community back together as we all work to move beyond the pandemic. Regardless of the challenges we might face, we all must focus on being the strong *community* that we have been in the past. I believe community is the greatest gift we can give to each other and our children.

Please take a few minutes to enjoy this, "Year in Review" addition of The Bulldog Bulletin.

Go Bulldogs!

Dr. Todd R. Robinson, *Superintendent*



Teachers of the Year

Congratulations to our Romeo Teachers of the Year! Each of these exceptional teachers were honored at a county-wide banquet sponsored by the Macomb Intermediate School District in April.



Our Elementary Teacher of the Year was **Tammy Maloney**, first grade teacher at Hamilton-Parsons.



The Middle School Teacher of the Year was **Tiffany Heikkila**, our Adjusted Studies Program teacher at RMS.



Jennifer Cubitt, 9th grade History teacher, was the Teacher of the Year for the High School.

Congratulations!

2016 Bond Projects

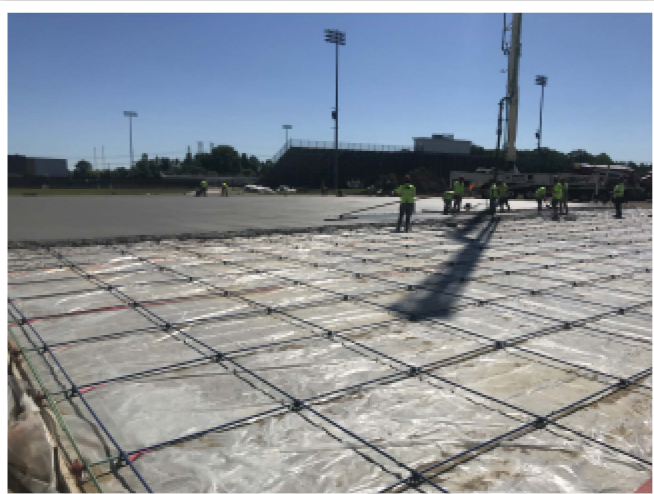
Our 2016 Bond projects will be coming to a close this summer and into next fall with the building of our new transportation facility and construction of the new tennis courts at RHS.



New Transportation Facility

We are getting closer to closing out the 2016 Bond. The collaborative work between Barton Malow, IDS, French and our district staff allowed for us to stretch our funds much further than the original bond application prescribed. Through intentional design work, creative construction scheduling and thorough bid processes we will be able to complete a few additional projects from 2016 Bond funds.

The following projects are being incorporated into the 2021 Bond schedule: RMS student locker and interior door replacements, RMS Cafeteria/Serving area upgrades, enhancement to the Indian Hills addition and adding a new classroom at Hamilton-Parsons due to increased enrollment.



2021 Bond Projects - Group 1

The 2021 Bond Construction Schedule was approved in late winter and the district is well into the design work for the Group 1 projects. The new construction projects in Group 1 include the Crowell Early Childhood Center (new addition and current facility renovations), Hamilton-Parsons addition (STEM, Music, Art and Outdoor classroom

addition) and Indian Hills Elementary addition (STEM, Music and Outdoor classroom addition). Group 1 will also include renovations to Memorial Field facility and the RMS projects noted above.

Thanks again for your continued support of Romeo Community Schools and investing in our facilities that will benefit our students both now and well into the future.



Hamilton-Parsons Elementary



Crowell Early Childhood Center



Indian Hills Elementary

Byting Bulldogs Season Wrap Up

Romeo High School's Robotics Team, the Byting Bulldogs, competed against thousands of teams from around the world in this year's first robotics competition game "Rapid React". The game was released January 8th and students were tasked with designing, building, and programming a 150 lb robot to compete in a 3 vs 3 style competition. The objective was to collect 9 inch tennis balls and shoot them into a scoring hub 8 feet 8 inches off the ground. The robots also had to climb a set of ascending monkey bars at the end of the match with the highest being 7 feet 7 inches off the ground. For the first 15 seconds of each match the robot is completely preprogrammed with the remaining 2:15 being student controlled. The robot was built primarily out of aluminum, polycarbonate, and 3D printed material designed and fabricated by the students.

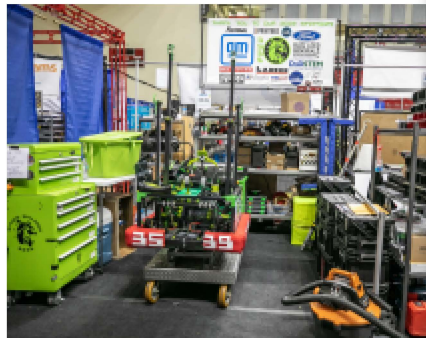
The team did fantastic finishing as finalists in our first ever district event and were awarded the Judges Award for our overall team accomplishments. In between competitions, our team helped a special needs school finish building and programming their robot before their first competition. Next up, the Byting Bulldogs traveled to the Greater Pittsburgh Regional area where we went undefeated and won the event; also earning the Quality Award for our robot's robustness. At the Macomb District event, the team reached the quarter finals and were awarded the Creativity Award for our use of sensors and cameras on our robot, and earned enough points to qualify for the Michigan State



Championships. We won our division and the Innovation in Control Award for our autonomous routines. The Byting Bulldogs ended up losing in the four alliance state finals. The following week, the team traveled to Houston, Texas for the World Championships competing against hundreds of teams from all over the

world. We ended our season as finalists for the Roebing division.

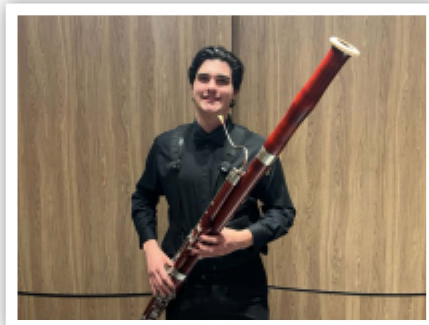
Romeo's Byting Bulldogs are currently looking for sponsors for next year. Interested parties should contact coach@bytingbulldogs.com or michael.savage@romeok12.org.



RCS Bands

It has been a great year for the RCS bands. The students were able to get back to performing live for audiences and the students have done an amazing job. All three of the RHS bands earned a First-Division rating at MSBOA band festival in March. This is the highest possible mark from the judging panel.

During the second semester we had two students at our State Solo and Ensemble Festival get recognized as "Outstanding Performers for the State of Michigan."



Joey Sarver, sophomore bassoonist, was recognized as an outstanding soloist for his solo performance.

The RHS Woodwind

Chamber Ensemble was recognized for its work as a small ensemble. These performances were hand-picked by adjudicators as exemplary work.

In April, the high school band students had the opportunity to travel to Chicago for our Band tour.

Students performed at the University of Illinois Chicago and worked with Dr. Carlson of the UIC music department. They also took in the sights, attended the Chicago Symphony, and saw a Broadway show.



Romeo Middle School had six students selected to represent our district in the MSBOA District XVI Honors Band in April. Pictured are members of the

8th Grade Symphony Band. These students were nominated and selected for outstanding dedication and hard work. They performed as part of an "all-star" group at Lakeview High School in April.

Over the course of the year, our instruments from the last bond began showing up. Pictured below are some of the students



modeling the new instruments. We want to say thank you to the RCS Board of Education for helping to invest in our band program and the arts in Romeo Community Schools!



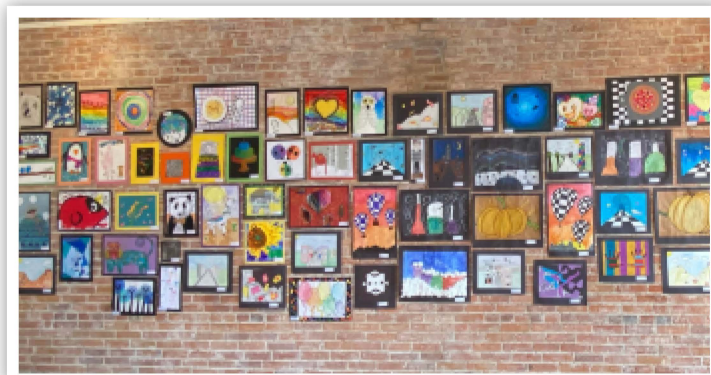
Scan the QR code to follow the Romeo Theater Company on Facebook!



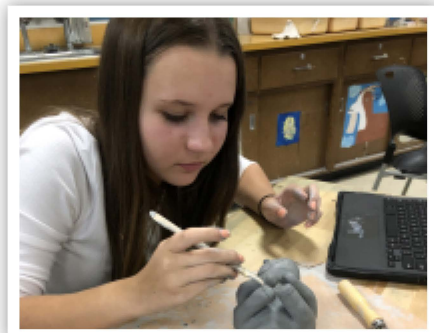
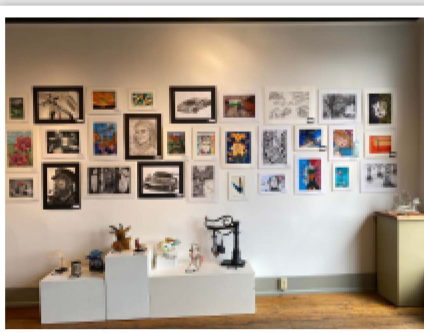
Art

It was another great year for the Fine Arts department at Romeo High School. Each year the RHS fine arts department participates in numerous art competitions and shows. This year at the Regional Scholastics Art & Writing competition, our students did exceptionally well. Mack Klatt received Best in Show for his entire art portfolio. We earned 6 Gold Key awards, 5 Silver Key awards and 4 Honorable Mentions. Students also participated in the Macomb County Annual Secondary Student Show at the Anton Art Center. Emma Ridings received honors for her Senior

Portfolio, and Best of Grade was awarded to Mack Klatt, London McCann and Special Honors were given to Kayla Pokorski, Alana Miller and Aaliyah Reno. In April, Roxanne McWilliams won first place for her artwork in the Regional Patriotic Art Competition, and in May we sent our students AP Art & Design portfolios for adjudication. We also celebrated



Youth Art Month district wide at the Starkweather Arts Center in Downtown Romeo. Over 250 students were recognized (K-12) in the annual exhibition showcasing the work of our RCS students.



Romeo Virtual Academy

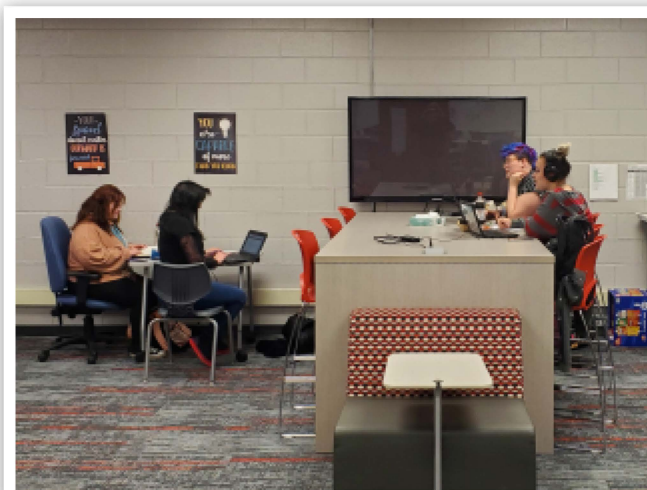
The Romeo Virtual Academy "RVA" has wrapped up a successful second year as part of the Romeo Community Schools options for student learning. The program is available for students in grades 6-12 and allows for students to learn independently with support from RVA mentors.

The RVA has had a great deal of success in its first two years. Last year, all seniors enrolled in the program earned a high school diploma. During the first semester of the current school year, students passed 85% of the classes they were enrolled in. We are expecting 88% of the current

seniors to complete their courses in time for this year's graduation ceremony. In addition, a few students will be able to finish their requirements over the summer and earn their 2022 diploma. These numbers are well above the state and national averages for students successfully completing online courses.

School of Choice students are welcome to join the Romeo Virtual Academy. Applications are now available. For more information about enrollment, please email enrollment@romeok12.org.

Additional information is available on the Romeo Community Schools Website: www.romeok12.org



Athletics

Some special athletic memories were made during this 2021-22 school year including five **MAC Division Championships**. These were the Football team, Boys and Girls Cross Country Team won the MAC Red Championship and Boys Tennis and Boys Basketball won the MAC White Championship!

With two seasons completed we have won one **District Championship** from the Wrestling team. The Hockey team, the Boys Cross Country Teams and the Boys Track team also brought home a **Regional Championship!** Our Dance team finished in 9th place at **Nationals!** We had eight teams (Boys and Girls Cross Country, Boys and Girls Wrestling, Girls Tennis, Boys and Girls Track and Boys Golf) represented in the **State Finals**.

Mishell Rebisch won an Individual State Championship in Women's Wrestling!

Five of our coaches were recognized by their peers as Macomb Area Conference **Coach of the Year**. These coaches were Curt Rienas – Football, Mike Buslepp – Boys and Girls Cross Country, Matt Burr – Boys Tennis, Derek Grace – Hockey and Marvin Cushingberry – Boys Basketball.



This year Romeo was well represented at the **State Finals** in seven sports!

The Cross Country Teams both attended the State Finals. The Girls finished in 6th place which was made up of Madison Clor, Rachel Felstow, Emily Felstow, Amanda Felstow, Sarah Greb, Violet Hrabovsky, and Brianna Wiegand. The Boys Cross Country Team finished in 5th place. This team consisted of Jack Kelke, Owen Sharnas, Jack Wallace, Connor Clor, Bryce Goodsell, Brendan Wiegand and Darrian Kumfer.

Eight of our Boys and Girls Wrestlers competed in the State Finals. James Rivers finished in 6th place, Caleb Youngblood, Brayden Mirjavadi, Amarisa Manuel all came in 2nd place and Mishell Rebisch won the State Championship. Owen Youngblood, Marcus Donovan, Alex Angelo were the other wrestlers who competed in the state finals.

The Boys and Girls Track team were both represented at the State Finals.

Dominic DeLaura and Matthew Himmelsbaugh advanced to the State Finals for the Boys Golf Team.

Romeo Girls Tennis scored 9 points at the State Finals earning them 12th place.



All-State Awards

All-State Awards were handed out to the following individuals:

Brayden Mirjavadi, Wrestling
Caleb Youngblood, Wrestling
James Rivers, Wrestling

Amarisa Manuel, Wrestling
Mishell Rebisch, Wrestling
Madison Clor, Cross Country
Jack Kelke, Cross Country
Owen Sharnas, Cross Country

Joey Kostrubiec, Football
Madison Clor, Track
Rachel Felstow, Track
Violet Hrabovsky, Track
Brianna Wiegand, Track

After High School

The following Seniors will be continuing their athletic careers at the next level:

Jack Kelke, Track & Cross Country, University of Michigan

Jack Wallace, Track & Cross Country, Wayne State University

Rachel Felstow, Track & Cross Country, Wayne State University

Owen Sharnas, Track & Cross Country, The Citadel

Sarah Greb, Track & Cross Country, Wayne State University

Brendan Wiegand, Track & Cross Country, Purdue Northwest

Brianna Wiegand, Track & Cross Country, Wayne State University

Tessa Holman, Tennis, Calvin College

Darion Amico, Baseball, Rochester University

Reese Carmody, Soccer, Ferris State University

Alyssa Pressel, Soccer, Ferris State University

Samantha Springer, Soccer, Rochester University

Olivia Howes, Soccer, Rochester University

Bella Burke, Soccer, Trine University

Hailey Dawson, Soccer, St. Clair Community College

Mallory Dawson, Soccer Muskegon Community College

Sophia Baumann, Soccer, Eastern Michigan University

Ally Blomquist, Rowing, University of Michigan

Jack Brass, Track and Field, Lawrence Tech University

Ashley Meyers, Softball, Adrian College

Olivia Malcolm, Softball, Northwood

Gabe Peraino, Tennis & ESports, Albion College

Seth Vonhiltmayer, Lacrosse, Florida Southern College



Middle School Athletics

We were very excited to have the Romeo Middle School teams back in full swing this year. Romeo Middle School offered their students 11 different sports and 23 different teams within those sports to participate! We are very proud that Romeo Middle School had over 575 students participating on our teams. That's an amazing feat! There were some ups and some downs, some undefeated seasons and some championships won, but at the end of the day all of our Bulldogs had fun!



CTE Competition Season!

Students in the Architectural Design, Mechanical Design and Engineering, Machine Tool Technology and Construction Trades have been putting their skills to the test with year-end competitions.

asbe Foundation Competition



Mechanical Design students Trey Holman, Carsyn Boggio and Nick Lentz who placed in the asbe Competition.

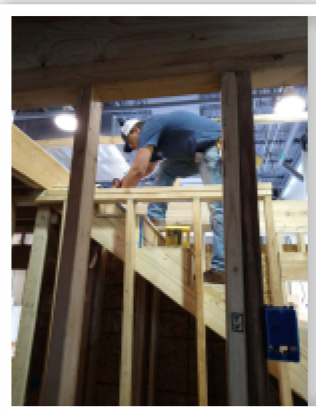
Students in the Mechanical Design and Engineering class recently competed in the asbe (American Society of Body Engineers) Foundation Competition, putting their design and drafting skills to the test. Students were given the Engineering Design Challenge to design the rear spoiler for a sport's vehicle or the Design Concept Challenge to design an arm rest console for the rear passenger seat of a vehicle. Students were given math data to start with and had to design the part within certain design constraints and meet specific requirements. In the Design Concept category, Nick Lentz placed third and Trey Holman placed fifth. In the Engineering Design category, Carsyn Boggio placed third.

Michigan Industrial Technology Education Society (MITES) Competition

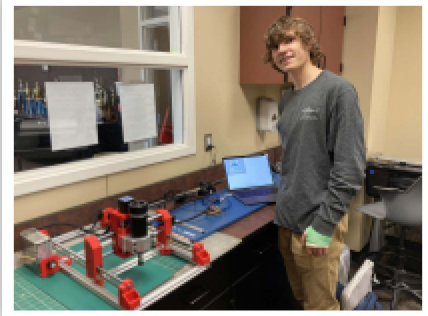
Students in the Architectural Design, Mechanical Design and Engineering, Machine Tool Technology and Construction Trades are applying their hands-on skills at the regional and state, Michigan Industrial Technology Education Society (MITES) Competition. Students competed at Dakota High School May 6th and those who qualified are moved on to States in Lansing May 11th-14th. Students used what they learned in the classroom to create work that was then placed in competition against schools all over Michigan and then showcased for the public to view.



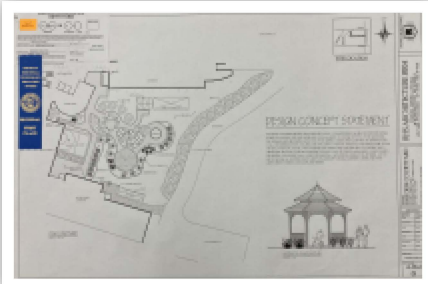
Machine Tool Technology student, Matthew Kern and his Deadblow hammer for the MITES Competition.



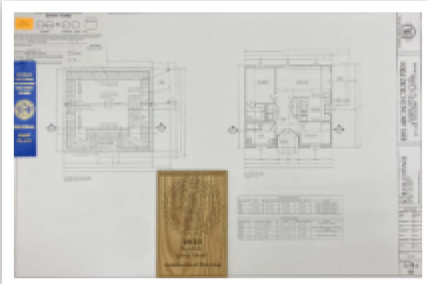
Construction Trades students, Daniel Rich, Adam Nyquist and Blake Owings practice skills used in the MITES competition.



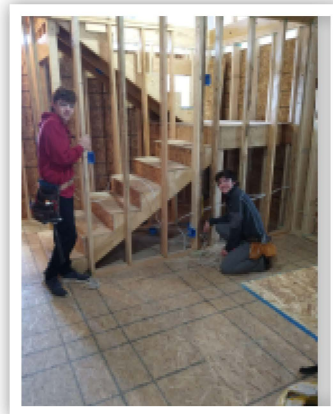
Mechanical Design and Engineering student, David Guaresimo and his 3D printed and built CNC Machine for the MITES Competition. He won 1st and a Grand Award at Regionals.



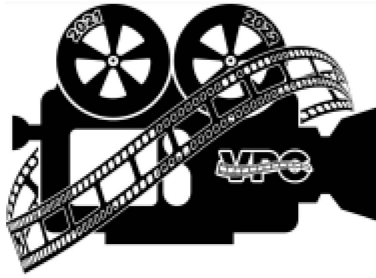
Architectural Design student, Amanda Felstow entered her DEM Courtyard Landscape Design for the MITES Competition.



Architectural Design student, Zachary Utz entered his Cottage Design in the MITES Competition and took the Grand Award in the Architectural division.



Video Production Students Win in the 7th Annual Meemic Masterpieces Art & Video Contest



Congratulations to the Video Production program and students. Lillian Termini (2022), Ethan Odren (2023), Ty Miller (2024), and Brianna Edwards (2024) have been named winners of the 7th Annual Meemic Masterpieces Art & Video Contest. Each wrote, filmed,

edited, and produced public service announcements on safe driving. With the win, the Video Program will have access to up to \$600 to use online at Office Depot for the program.

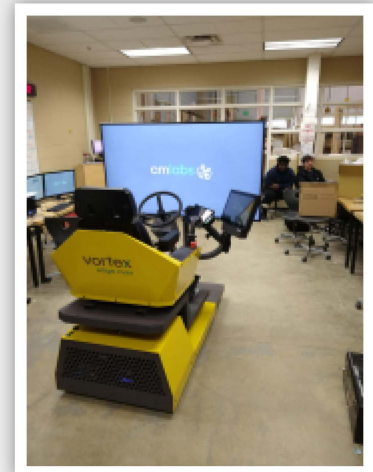
Each of the winning student artists will receive the following:

1. An HP Chromebook
2. A framed Personalized Certificate of Appreciation
3. Their creative submissions will be featured in a virtual art gallery that will be featured later this year (August date to be announced soon). Their creation will also be featured on the Meemic website!

The Video Production program also entered over 100 student video projects into the Courageous Persuaders PSA, Eyerus, New Optics, Project Yellow Light, Suburban Collection Focus on the Road, and DAFT student film festivals.

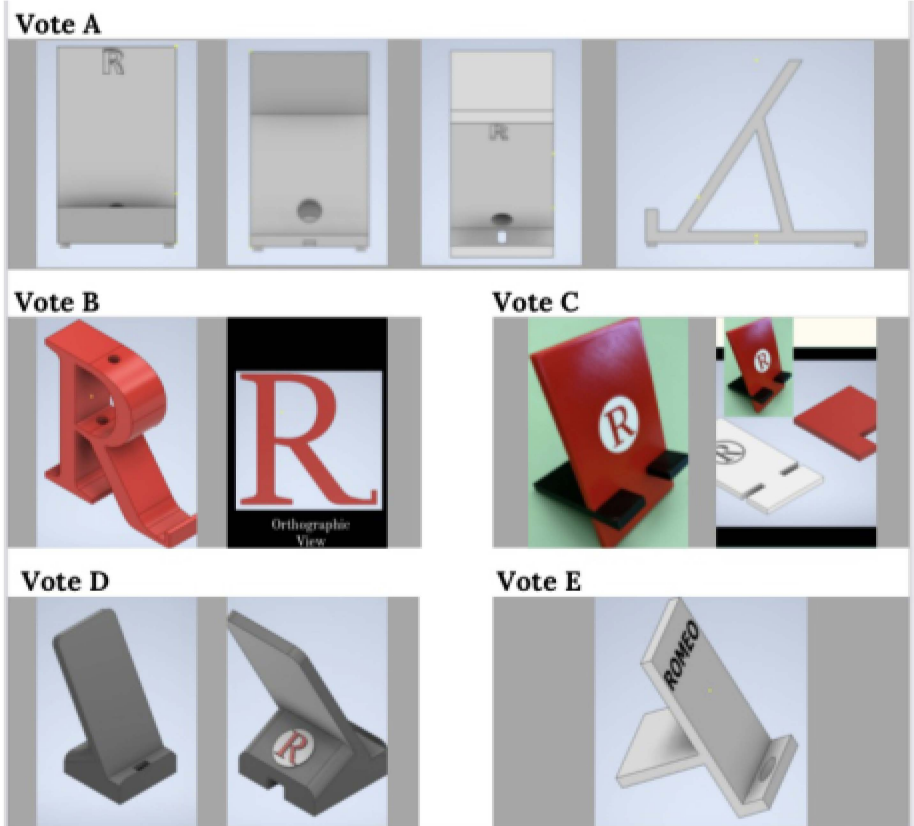
Construction Trades Class Setting Students Up For Jobs Today

A new heavy equipment simulator acquired by the Construction Trades class will allow students to seamlessly step into apprenticeships and jobs during and after high school.



Plastic Injection Molded Phone Stand

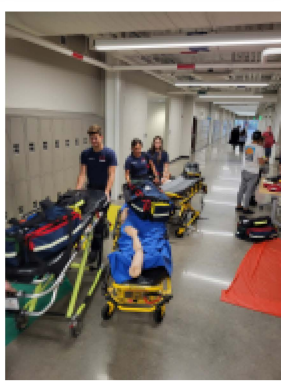
Students in the Drafting and Engineering class, along with their business partner TK Mold, have been working on designing cell phone stands that could be plastic injection molded. After each student developed their schematic design, TK Mold's entire company reviewed each student's design and ranked it from design to feasibility and manufacturability. Five student's designs were selected by the company and the vote is now open to the RHS student body on which cell phone stand they would like to have manufactured for them. Once the design is selected, Mechanical Design and Engineering students will further refine the 3D CAD model and Machine Tool Technology students will assist in machining the mold for the plastic injection molding production.



Designs created by Drafting and Engineering students, Joshua Holloway, Alyssa Bahri, Vincent Guaresimo, Jack Shiner and Connor Phipps.

EMT Highlights

Our RHS EMT students participated in a simulated Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) on April 26th with the help of our Emergency Medical Responder students that served as patients. Once given the scenario of an “explosion” they were quick to assemble into teams and leadership roles to properly assess, triage, treat, and transport their patients. Their quick and seamless transition from one phase of the incident to another demonstrated their keen ability to communicate, remain calm, and to make tough decisions to “do the most good for the most people.” A MCI is an event that no EMS provider hopes to find themselves in, but is an important situation to train on regularly to remain prepared for the



worst case scenario. These students did a phenomenal job at handling this situation and deserve some kudos for all their hard work this year. Their hard work will pay off soon as they prepare for their National Registry Exam to become a certified EMT.

Additionally, on May 12th the EMT students applied their knowledge of establishing a field landing zone as they welcomed MedStar’s LifeFlight helicopter to RHS. This was an exciting day as students were able to tour the helicopter and the equipment they carry,

as well as converse with the flight crew to gain excellent insight as to the types of patients they commonly treat and how they found themselves as a flight medic/nurse.

Helping the Community Through Architectural Design

Architectural Design students met with Washington Township to review the scope of a possible future natural park in Washington Township. Students visited and walked the site and spoke to the Township Supervisor Sam Previti to begin the process. Students are now working as a large team to create one comprehensive proposed presentation giving their

recommendations and ideas to the Township. The student’s service will include a site analysis, CAD site plan, a 3D computer modeled site plan, Photoshop rendering and physical model build. Students are leading this project and accountable for the end product as they know their community is interested in what they have to propose.



Students visiting the site and learning about the scope of a possible future natural park

Law Practice & Public Safety

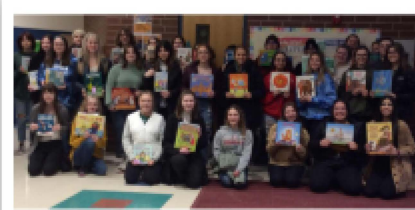


Congrats to Law/Public Safety student Naomi Tepes for being sworn in and starting her paid internship at the Washington Township Clerk’s office.



A successful Alum of ROMEO HS supporting our Street Law Classes classroom!!! 2007 grad Dan Stebbins shared his experiences as a Lawyer and Insurance Agent to support our Street Law student’s in their current Tort Liability Unit activities.

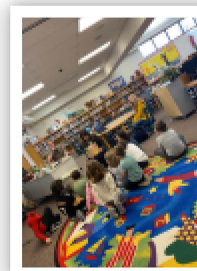
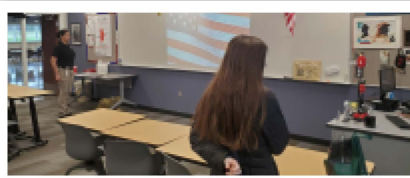
Education Pathway Students Work in the Field



The 10th grade Education Pathway students have been working hard all year learning about child development and the education field. One of their favorite activities was their trip to Hevel Elementary to spend time reading to some of the students.



Law Practice students thank Staff Sgt Elizabeth DeHoyos of the Michigan Army National Guard for being May 3rd’s TUESDAY TALK SPEAKER. She concluded the Emergency Management Unit by explaining the ANG role in emergency response. She also was here for our daily Pledge of Allegiance.

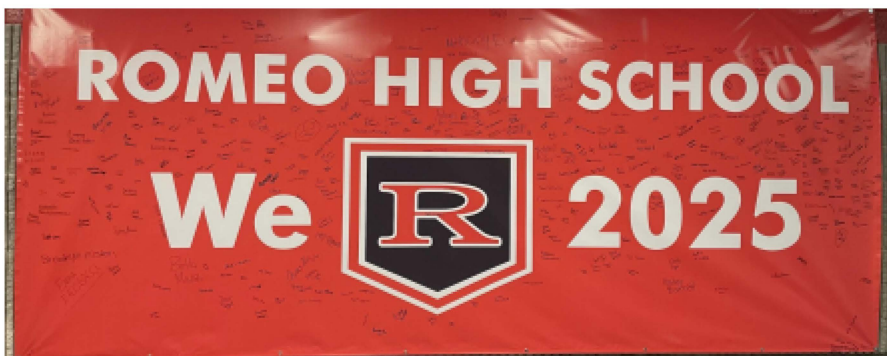
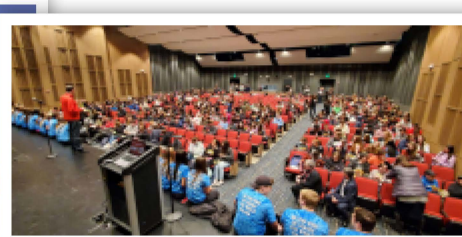




Ninth-Grade Academy

We are extremely proud of the class of 2025 and all they have accomplished this school year. It is difficult to capture all of the accomplishments, but here are the highlights from our 2021-22 journey together.

- Commitment to Graduate Ceremony - All 9th graders signed a banner committing to graduate in four years.
- Watchdog football game - The 9th graders were able to come together for the first big football game and raise over 1000 dollars for the cause!
- Tour of the Academies at the 10-12th grade building - all students were able to explore the pathway options to aid in their final decision on what pathway they will explore in 10th grade.
- Pathway Reveal Ceremony - This was one of the most exciting days of the year! Students were able to meet their new Academy Principal and Counselor for next school year.
- Visiting Lawrence Technological University - Every 9th grader visited LTU for the day giving the opportunity to see and feel what it is like to go to a university.





Final group shot of our 8th graders as they head to the 9GA.

Romeo Middle School Year in Review

At Romeo Middle School, we wrapped up the school year with celebrations and recognition. Mid-May, we invited our incoming 6th graders to tour the building and get excited about entering middle school. Our 8th grade leadership class planned, organized, and facilitated activities to introduce these students to middle school. This was a great day spent welcoming our incoming students.

We recognized our current 6th, 7th, and 8th graders with our “R Awards” by hosting team celebrations during the school day. Students are nominated by their team of teachers for the following awards based on our school-wide expectations:

- We “R” Accepting - Students who exhibit inclusiveness with their peers and classmates. They regularly help

others to ensure a welcoming and safe environment.

- We “R” Responsible - Students who consistently meet the mark. They show up prepared, ready to learn, and have an excellent attitude about learning whether in-person or online.

- We “R” Engaged - Students who actively participate in class discussions, activities, and learning games. They reliably stay responsive and on-task during class.

- We “R” Romeo - These students embody the core beliefs of being a Romeo student. They are responsible, engaged, and accepting role models for their peers and leaders in their communities.

- The Heart of a Bulldog - These students have shown substantial

improvement by maintaining a positive, growth mindset throughout the school year. With their continued efforts, they are certain to have a bright future.

The last week of school, 6th and 7th grade students participated in activity days while we hosted “The Last Blast” for our 8th graders. This allowed students to end the school year with some fun and socialization while participating in a variety of activities from kickball games, ice cream socials, Minute to Win It games, and much more. 8th graders and retiring staff members were also celebrated one final time with a “clap out” on our last day of school.

RMS wishes everyone a happy and safe summer vacation! See you in the fall!



Our leadership students and the bulldog welcomed 5th graders for their visit!



5th graders participating in activities during their visit to RMS.



Leadership Team getting ready to welcome our 5th graders!



8th graders playing cornhole and socializing during their Last Blast!

Science Olympiad



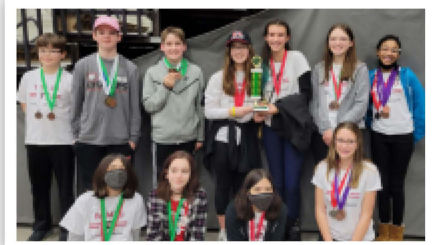
Congratulations to the Romeo Middle School Science Olympiad team who competed in the State Tournament held at MSU on Saturday, April 30. The following RMS Students finished in the top third in the state in their events: Alice Haverland, Elaine Lary, Kendra Lary, Landon LaValley, Simone Cross, Skyler Swanson, and Trey LaValley. The team earned Top-10 finishes in four events, and one medal, won by Trey LaValley for Food Science.



An invitation to the state tournament was secured for the team by finishing 3rd in our region in March, at the Macomb & St. Clair Tournament, where Romeo students won medals in 17 out of 23 events. The team's competition season also included the Great Lakes Invitational and the University of Michigan Invitational where Romeo faced strong competition and placed in 6 events and earned 5 medals, respectively. The overall success this year is due to the hard work of each of the team members who have been studying their events since November.

Team members are: Simone Cross, Reid Denis, Hannah Eichler, Alice Haverland, Isobel Higgins, Elaine Lary, Kendra Lary, Landon LaValley, Trey LaValley, Isabella Ritchie, Jessica Ritchie, Erick Smith, Skyler Swanson, Cam Trumble, and Logan White

The Science Olympiad team also wishes to gratefully acknowledge the dedicated parents who have volunteered hours each week to coach the students.



America and Me Essay Contest



Each year, Romeo Middle School competes with other 8th graders from across the state in a contest called America and Me Essay Contest.

Each student writes about his/her own Michigan hero. Out of the 440 students who participated at RMS, the contest judges narrowed down their three favorites from our school.

Those finalists were:

- 1st Place: **Trey LeValley**
- 2nd Place: **Ella Goodsell**
- 3rd Place: **Eden Eyeson**

From there, Trey's essay about his grandfather moved on to the statewide contest where Trey's piece received 4th place out of all other entries in the state. Thousands of 8th-grade students from nearly 200 Michigan schools participated in this year's contest!



As a top ten winner of the 53rd annual contest, Trey received a plaque, medallion, and a cash award of \$1,000.

Additionally, RMS received \$1,000. Trey was also recognized at a special ceremony in Lansing in May along with the other top 10 finalists.

Congratulations to our top three in the school, including Trey, who put Romeo on the map as a finalist.

Elementary STEM

The 2021-2022 school year allowed students and staff at the elementary level to dive into our new elementary science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programming. Building on computer science skills that have been taught in the past, STEM class provides an opportunity for students to spend an hour a week learning through collaboration, design thinking, problem solving, and critical thinking.

Indian Hills principal Lisa Wujczyk noticed early on that students enjoyed STEM:

"Students love they get to collaborate and create something in every class session. They love the challenges and are so proud of themselves and their team when they accomplish something they didn't think was possible."

Romeo Community Schools has invested significant capital and also secured a renewable grant from L&L Products to lift STEM off the ground. Across the

kindergarten through fifth grade spectrum, students will have the opportunity to code robots, wire simple circuits, design video games, and use tools to build with cardboard among, other things.

We could not be prouder of the design and implementation of STEM programming this year and look forward to seeing the impact that it has on our students as they continue on the K-12 continuum of learning.

Hands-On Learning at the Elementary

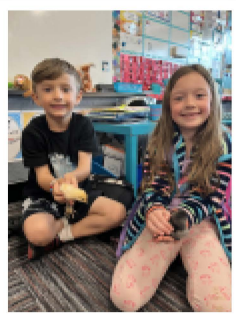
The 2021-22 school year offered many hands-on learning opportunities for our elementary students.

The Naturalists from Seven Ponds Nature Center Came out to do special "Schoolyard Science" activities with the young fives and kindergarten students in all of our schools. Our students examined the natural wonders right on our very own playgrounds and got excited about exploring the great outdoors.



Indian Hills students explore the stages of the butterfly life cycle

The students at Indian Hills got to experience amazing animal life cycles up close and personal with a chick hatch in our school. Our kindergartners successfully hatched 22 chicks from an incubator with lots of help from the Fuller Family Farm in Washington Twp.

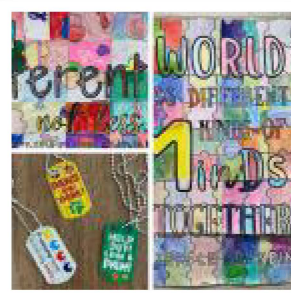


Our schools engaged in community clean-ups to celebrate Earth Day!



Hevel students celebrate Earth Day with a litter clean-up

April was Autism Acceptance Month. Students at Washington worked to bring awareness and acceptance through special building activities aimed at raising money to sponsor a student to attend a Camp for People with Autism this summer. Students at Indian Hills celebrated Autism Acceptance Month by leading read-alouds of the book "Just Ask! Be Different. Be Brave. Be You", which shares the message that "each of us grows in our own way." Each student then got to plant seeds of their choice to grow in the school greenhouse.



Autism Acceptance Month at Washington Elementary



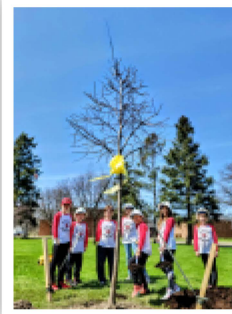
Indian Hills students care for their seedlings.

Amanda Moore Elementary School celebrated Arbor Day in a big way this

year. Thanks to generous donations, a tree was planted in our front lawn to kick off the Village festivities. In addition, each student was given a sapling to plant on their own or gift to someone else.



Amanda Moore parent volunteers preparing to distribute the Arbor Day saplings

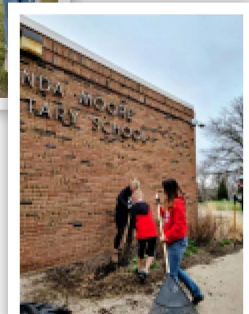


Several Amanda Moore students at the tree dedication ceremony on April, 29th

A large group of dedicated volunteers descended upon Amanda Moore Elementary on Friday, April 22nd to celebrate Earth Day by cleaning up the grounds and gardens.



Amanda Moore parents and students working hard on Earth Day





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2022-2023 District Calendar

(1st Semester)

Monday, August 29

First Day of School - ½ Day All Students
Teacher PD (P.M.)

Friday & Monday, September 2-5

No School - Labor Day

Tuesday & Thursday, October 11 & 13

Middle School Conferences
(Evening Times TBD)

Wednesday & Thursday, October 19-20

High School Conferences
(Evening Times TBD)

Wednesday, November 2

No School (All Students)
Teacher Professional Development

Friday, November 11

½ Day Grades K-8 - Records Day
**End of 1st Trimester*

Wednesday & Thursday, November 16-17

Elementary Conferences
(Evening Times TBD)

Wednesday-Friday, November 23-25

No School - Thanksgiving Break
**School Resumes Monday, November 28th*

December 19-January 2

No School - Winter Break
**School Resumes Tuesday, January 3rd*

Monday, January 16

No School - MLK Day

Thursday & Friday, January 19-20

½ Day Grades 9-12 - HS Exams
**End of 1st Semester*

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