



**ROMEO
COMMUNITY
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GOOD NEWS ACROSS 'R' DISTRICT

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Romeo High School 2023-2024 Student Council Officers, clockwise from top left, Rhianna Arkan, President; Julia Schneider, Vice President; Ashley Hamilton, Secretary; Addison Rienas, Treasurer; and Chloe Allen, Publicist.

Charity Week Preview

Along with homecoming, Charity Week is one of the Student Council's biggest events of the year, according to Student Council President Rhianna Arkan. Planning started weeks ago, but the event is set for the week of January 22 to 26.



The beneficiary this year is [Maggie's Wigs 4 Kids](#), a local grassroots non-profit organization that provides wigs and support services at no charge to children and young adults experiencing hair loss due to cancer, alopecia, trichotillomania, burns and other disorders. It was founded by licensed cosmetologist Maggie Varney.

"At our meeting we had a couple of options and Wigs 4 Kids stood out for us," Rhianna explained. "Our other charity options were very private so when we found Wigs 4 Kids online, I gave Maggie a call and we decided we wanted to sponsor them because they were so nice and it's really easy to work with them. And it's for a good cause."

Charity Week is a long-standing tradition at Romeo High School. It is organized under the leadership of the Student Council, but involves the entire student body through Spirit Days, special assemblies, and fundraising opportunities.

The week kicks off with Academy Color Day. Students in the 9th Grade Academy wear white; students in the Academy of Health, Human and Public Service (HHP) wear blue; students in the Academy of Business, Entrepreneurship and Innovation (BEI) wear red; and students in the Academy of Design, Engineering and Manufacturing (DEM) wear black.

This is followed by Rhyme Without Reason Day on Tuesday. Students pair up and dress as words that randomly rhyme, such as "bee" and "sea" and "napper" and "rapper."

Wednesday is Generations Day. 9GA students dress as babies, 10th graders as college students, 11th graders as parents/adults, and 12th graders as senior citizens. Teachers are challenged to dress as students.

On Throwback Thursday, students and staff choose a favorite decade to represent in their dress. Thursday also features the popular dodgeball tournament, with student teams and a staff team competing. The price of admission for this fundraiser is \$10.



Finally, Friday is Charity Week Shirt Day. This year's T-shirt was designed by Rhianna and produced by marketing students. Shirts will be available for sale all week in The Dawg House – RHS's student-run school store – for \$20. Students wearing the Charity Week T-shirt may attend any home game that week for free. Parents also may purchase the shirt to support Wigs 4 Kids.

For \$25, students may purchase both the T-shirt and a ticket for the dodgeball tournament – a savings of \$5.

The Student Council is hosting a number of other fundraisers in addition to the dodgeball tournament, including bake sales at home games and Miracle Minutes, during which as much money as possible is collected from the crowd during halftime in 60 seconds. Another fun event is Coin Wars, in which students at each grade level at each Academy compete to raise the most money from coins.

Finally, students, staff, parents and other family and community members can contribute to a [SchoolPay](#) fundraiser, choosing to donate to a specific Academy and grade level at the high school. A final tally from the SchoolPay fundraiser and the total coin value from Coin Wars will be calculated and the group that raises the most money will earn an early release on Friday, February 16, the day before mid-winter break.

The week concludes with a pep assembly on Friday, January 26, featuring a recognition of winter sports teams, cheer and dance performances, and a special appearance by representatives of Wigs 4 Kids, who will be presented with a ceremonial check.

The goal is to raise \$10,000 while bringing awareness to an important cause – and having a lot of fun along the way.

Charity Week Athletic Events

Tuesday, January 23

- Bowling vs. Port Huron Northern
- Girls' basketball vs. Port Huron Northern (JV B, JV and Varsity)

Wednesday, January 24

- Boys' basketball vs. Grosse Pointe North (9th, JV and Varsity)

Thursday, January 25

- Boys' swim meet vs. L'Anse Creuse North
- Wrestling meet vs. Anchor Bay

Friday, January 26

- Girls' basketball vs. Ford High School
- Hockey vs. Chippewa Valley (at Suburban Ice Macomb)

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