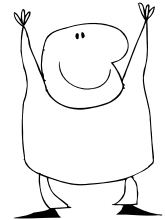


# GOOD NEWS



## From the West Irondequoit School District for November 2009

- The IHS **Math League** team won their October 15th meet competing against ten other schools from western Monroe County. They scored 73 total points, with the next highest scoring school at 58 points. Team members were Elijah Bigsby, Elizabeth Caceci, Samantha Cobb, Tanisorn "Petch" Janvuttarunggul, Sarah Kozak, Jake Martin, Justin Owen, Andres Rivas, Kim Roth, and Alex Walts.
- Mary Cushman was honored as the **Channel 10 Scholar Athlete of the Week** on October 20 and was the topic of a feature article in *Home Team Sports*, a Section V publication.
- Dake **PEACE Day** was an overwhelming success in terms of teaching acceptance and an understanding of perspectives/differences in young adolescents. Lisa Guido, Kristy Pincelli, and Chris Quinlan organized the full day teaching event.
- Teachers Matt Schrage and Julie Maginn represented West Irondequoit and Dake Junior High School by presenting at the **NY State Middle School Association** annual session in Watkins Glenn. Their presentation was centered on how structural innovations within a school support instructional innovation which ultimately contributes to outstanding student performance.
- The IHS newspaper *Rodequoit* and its staff brought home honors from the **Empire State School Press Association (ESSPA)** meeting at Syracuse University.
  - Gold Award for "All New York Newspaper" – Rodequoit staff
  - Bronze Award for Editorial Page Design – Shannon Swenson & Aaron Taddeo
  - Bronze Award for Feature Story – Aaron Taddeo for *Teens, School and Religion*
- WITA remains committed to raising money to fight breast cancer. WITA Members, their families, and WITA retirees marched in the **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Event** and raised \$1081 for the American Cancer Society. Members also participated in Lee National Denim Day and raised \$937 for the Entertainment Industry Foundation's Women's Cancer Programs.
- Dake Junior High School science teachers Kristy Pincelli and Ben Cross, along with 7-12 Science Curriculum Supervisor Mike Liener, presented at the **2009 Science Teachers of New York State Conference**. Miss Pincelli and Dr. Liener taught a workshop titled *Science is Everywhere Photo Project* and Mr. Cross and Dr. Liener's presentation was *Supporting Scientific Literacy through Writing Instruction*. Dr. Liener also presented *Improving Your Science Program through Curriculum Review*.
- Three IHS seniors have signed **letters of intent**.
  - Tohnnie Smock will attend St. Bonaventure University where she will play lacrosse.
  - Mary Cushman will attend University of Maryland where she will play volleyball.
  - Ian Brooks will attend Mercyhurst College where he will play lacrosse.

- Foreign language awards were presented to Irondequoit High School students at a continental breakfast on November 5. **Awards of Distinction for Excellence in Foreign Language** were given to Level 4 students who have maintained an average of 93% or greater through all of their high school foreign language classes. Honorees were:

Adrienne Aldridge-Kiner	Justina Garcia	Brooklynn Ruggieri
Nicole Alexandrovich	Chassity Gibson	Amanda Russi
Elliott Altland	Danielle Greenaway	Teigan Ruster
Samantha Bailey	Megan Greenly	Aleni Sammler
Shannon Bamann	Julia Gruspier	John Saxby
Cory Barber	Blake Harriman	Victoria Seeley
Max Blaise	Johanna Henretta	Anna Shahin
Gina Blocchi	Louis Hills	Mahelet Shumuye
Sarah Burgett	Lydia Hoderlein	Emily Singleton
Kelly Burke	Justin Iannuzo	Hanna Sinton
Michael Burkhardt	Joseph Izzo	Keri Soppe
Ali Carpenter	Roemer Johansson	Claire Stack
Margaret Casler	Sarah Kochanek	Danielle Steadman
Elizabeth Chow	Sarah Kozak	Megan Suter
Emma Colley	Erika Krasz	Shannon Swenson
Christina Das	Carly Kreitzberg	Amy Thompson
John DeMarco	Alena Leger	Natalia Torres
Taylor Diem	Desarae Maldonado	Carrie Trojanczyk
Brianna Doran	Taylor Melidona	Elizabeth Valente
Robert Dowd	Yahida Moore	Dana Vernetti
Sarah Duchano	Leni Mundt	Alexander Walts
Rachel Eckert	William Ornelas	Kaitlyn Warner
Skye Ernst	Jamie Plukas	Matthew Wolfe
Erin Fleischer	Megan Rawcliffe	Jennifer Wunsch
Emily Frawley	Sarah Rocco	Melissa Zorij
Shannon Gallagher		

Awards for **Exceptional Performance of Advanced Foreign Language Studies** were given to students in Level 5 and Advanced Placement courses who have maintained an average of 93% or better through all of their high school foreign language classes.

Seyda Arslancil	Elena Fischer	Jennifer Napier
Courtney Avangelista	Emily Freese	Kelsey Odorczyk
Molly Bacon	Lauren Goewey	Katherine Pino
Erin Bassegio	Maryanne Greenaway	Jenna Poinan
Emily Beattie	James Incavo	Kimberly Roth
Barbara Bianchi	Samantha Jebbett	Jamie Ruddy
Joel Carini	Rachel Lada	Kaela Schimpf
Ryan Carney	Jay Lambrich	J Andrew Schnacky
Carys CoatesMartin	Daniel Lenzi	Andrea Semrau
Kathleen Criazzo	Courtney Long	Jessica Tambe
Bridgett Curran	Samantha MacDonald	Ashley Tate
Kristen Dombroski	Cara Menaldino	Michael Ward
Christina Dzielski	Michael Moroni	Alyssa Wolfe
Melanie Falvo	Reiner Mundt	Hilary Young

- IHS athletes earned spots in **sectional finals** and semi-finals. Congratulations to the following teams: Boys Soccer, Field Hockey, Girls Volleyball, Girls Swimming, Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country and Girls Soccer.

- IHS business students participated in the **North Atlantic Region Leadership Conference** held in Buffalo. The event features a series of workshops and activities to help students develop leadership and career skills and participate in actual competitive event challenges.
  - Taylor Diem and Natasha Dorsey earned top test scores in the marketing test
  - The teams of Natasha Dorsey & Rachel Scudder and Taylor Diem & Alaina Grasta earned best in section. This was based on their combined performance of role-play and test score.
- The student Council at IHS was nominated for the **Outstanding Youth Volunteer Fundraiser Award** by the Association of Fundraising, Professionals, Genesee Valley Chapter. Students have raised over \$3,000 over the past year, and made donations to the Irondequoit Community Cupboard and Gilda's Club through the United Way. The group was honored at a luncheon on National Philanthropy Day, November 13.

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