

## The Good News

## December 2023

- More than 120 Irondequoit High School business students competed in the DECA Regionals at RIT and went on to earn regional finalist honors in 19 events. They were among 750-plus students from area schools who competed.
- The IHS girls cross country team finished 12th among 30 teams and tops among Section 5 squads in the New York State Federation Championships.
- Dozens of students from multiple clubs have been very active this holiday season giving back to the community. Among them, the Rogers/Southlawn Builders' Club. The club donated 867 items to the Irondequoit Community Cupboard. Students stayed after school to sort, count and box up the items.
- IHS business teachers Lou DiCesare, Jeanine Lent and LaVon Bucciarelli were each named Gold Star Teacher Award winners. And, for the 15th straight year, IHS has been named a Blue-Star High School for Student Financial Literacy. The honors are from W!SE, which stands for Working In Support of Education. Congrats to our faculty and students!
- Colebrook first-grader Mia DeCamilla served as the Honorary Captain for a Rochester Americans hockey game last month. She was part of a Golisano Children's Hospital program. Mia has battled cancer in recent years but is in remission.
- Six fall athletes earned first-team All-Greater Rochester honors from the Democrat and Chronicle. They are: football players Cam Freeman and Serah Hall, cross country runners Aubrey Smith and Lizzy Tytler and volleyball players Ryan DeJohn and Laney Flynn. Boys soccer player Carson Keller and football's Isaiah Ballard were second-team picks. Serah was also named the Section V Class A Co-Defensive Player of the Year.
- Sixty-eight IHS students were inducted into the National Honor Society and 35 more inducted into the National Technical Honor Society.
- Among the amazing musical performances in our district in a month full of them, the IHS Chorale sang in the Monroe County Holiday Concert Series at the County Office building. Our singers were under the expert direction of music teacher, Marc Falco.