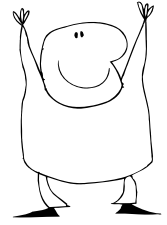


GOOD NEWS



From the West Irondequoit School District for September 2009

- At the end of last school year, Dake Art Club members, under the direction of their advisor, Sarah Guarnera, designed and painted a 4x6 ft. mural and donated it to the **Golisano Children's Hospital** at Strong where it is now displayed to lift patients' spirits. Special thanks to artists Lydia Marchese, Madi Russel, Mandy Lessard, Carla Mueller, Abby Morris, Mandy Freese, and Jenna Dombroski for creating this mural.
- Shannon Putnam wrote a book review for the title *Song of the Sparrow* that was published in the **Our Town** section of the Democrat and Chronicle in August. Shannon is in the seventh grade at Dake Junior High School.
- Members of our custodial staff recently took part in the **Genesee Valley School Boards Institute competition**. The team of Norm Christ (Listwood), Greg Rowe (Dake), Aaron Spellman (Dake) and George Hertweck (Iroquois) were named the Ultimate Facilities Cleaning Team in the inaugural Teamwork Competition placing first in the Garbage Can Slalom and the Team Sweeps Oval. George Hertweck was the winner of the Individual Garbage Can Slalom. They also competed in the Haz Mat Dress-Up Relay and the Vacuum Cleaner Relay.
- IHS juniors Taylor Diem and Bibi Amin have been awarded \$1000 scholarships to cover the cost of attending The **Young Entrepreneurs Academy** at the University of Rochester. For seven months, they will attend the weekly program where they will be mentored in this project based experience. They will develop an idea, write business plans, prepare and pitch their ideas to investors, obtain financial backing, register their businesses, develop marketing plans and materials, prepare for trade shows and sell their products and services.
- One hundred twenty-two students at Irondequoit High School were honored with the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level **Advanced Placement Program (AP)** exams. In May 2009, 426 Irondequoit High School students wrote 845 AP exams, the largest in the school's history. Seventy-five percent earned a 3 or better on the exam, making them eligible for advanced credit.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on student performance on all of the AP exams that they have written. Our students and their achievements are:

National AP Scholar Award (12) – Students must earn an average grade of 4 or higher on a 5 point scale of all exams taken and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. These students are: Patrick Burke, Robert Cigna, Benjamin Detty, Carolyn Gamble, Cristin Juda, Patrick Sherwood, Megan Sinton, Amy Stell, Megan Supple, Karina Vattana, Marisa Vattana and Emily Walsh.

Scholar with Distinction (43) – Students must earn an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. These students are: Joel Allen, Dustin Axman, April Blaise, Keith Bull, Patrick Burke, Joel Carini, Nilson Carroll, Robert Cigna, Ian Colley, Sara D'Ambrosio, Benjamin Detty, Laura Dolan, Julie Eichenlaub, Anthony Frachioni, Carolyn Gamble, Peter Hartz, Matt Hoderlein, Nathaniel Incavo, Cristin Juda, John Keating, Kathryn Kelly, Sampson Kennedy, Jacob Lana, Donielle Leger, Matthew Maley, Jacob Martin, Bobbi Mason, Sarah McAdam, Justin Owen, Luke Perry, Maxwell Rick, Patrick Sherwood, Megan Sinton, Devin Smith, Sarah Spallina, Paul Stack, Peter Steele, Amy Stell, Laura Strojny, Megan Supple, Karina Vattana, Marisa Vattana and Emily Walsh.

AP Scholar with Honor (29) – Students must receive an average grade of 3.25 on all exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are: Kiera Anderson, Molly Bacon, Ryan Carney, Carys Coates Martin, Thomas Davis, Joshua Dean, Russell Dinolfo, Gavin Ernst, James Ford, Karen Goldfine, Maryanne Greenaway, Joseph Guarino, Jacob Halloran, Colleen Knauf, Miles Lawson, Courtney Long, Casey Mazzola, Ian McLaughlin, Jonathan Merritt, Emily Morris, Elizabeth Nettles, Joseph Pecoraro, Susan Schindler, Andrew Schnacky, Devin Williams, Douglas Williams, Hilary Young, Jessica Zon and Whitney Zwitzer.

AP Scholar (50) – Students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP exams with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are: James Allen, Aaron Anderson, Courtney Avangelista, Julia Baldwin, Robertha Barnes, Elizabeth Birch, Kathleen Bringley, Dennis Coast, Tyler Condello, Chelsea Costanzo, Kathleen Criazzo, Peter Dakin, Marcie Dineen, Kristen Dombroski, Alexander Dunn, Katherine Eckelberger, Melanie Falvo, Emily Farr, Brendan Frawley, Jackson Frenzel, Lauren Goewey, Alexandra Guinane, Lisa Kaplan, Michael Keeley, Lynette Kehoe, Rose Kennedy, Claire Kerstein, Hannah Khederian, Laura kraftschik, Jaclyn Kramer, Daniel Kunkel, Kaitlyn O'Brien, Kelsey Odorczyk, Kelly Owen, Kaylee Pagano, Katherine Pino, Catherine Plukas, Jessica Plukas, Jenna Poinan, Caitlin Porter, Mary Rocco, Kaela Schimpf, Joshua Schipper, Peter Schum, Andrea Semrau, Aaron Taddeo, Brianna Vay, Graham Wilcox, Alyssa Wolfe and Kimberly Zazzara.

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