



The Good News

October 2020

- A wonderful and intricate piece of artwork created by Dake Junior High School students in Ms. Courtney Cox's class was put on display near the school's main office to honor Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg after her passing. The trailblazing judge died last month at the age of 87.
- Music teacher Rob Line's creative poem and T-shirt that he made for colleagues to help inspire them was featured as a "Bright Spot" on WHAM-TV Channel 13 by veteran anchor Don Alhart.
- Irondequoit High School Cook Manager Betty Doyle donated five cases of fruit bowls that she won from a national School Food Service contest back to IHS. The contest was sponsored by Dole Foods. Mrs. Doyle won for her "Peachy Salad."
- Helmer Nature Center reformatted its fall programming to make sure its social distancing aligned with current state and CDC safety guidelines. That meant a few changes, but residents and the school community are still enjoying our "outdoor classroom." There is a Spooky Storybook Walk for children on Friday, two events for amateur birders on Saturday and the always popular Owl Prowl is now spread out over two weekends!
- Spirit Week was held September 27th through October 2nd throughout the district. At the high school, the Senior class rallied to edge the Juniors in the chase for the coveted Golden Eagle. The Freshmen were third and Sophomores fourth.
- We bid farewell and good luck to longtime teacher and administrator, Miss Kathleen Bush, on September 29th. Miss Bush spent 24 years with our District and received many well-wishes before departing. Mrs. Brenna Farrell is serving as Interim Principal of Briarwood and Colebrook elementary schools.
- Our sports teams swung back into action on October 9th with boys soccer and field hockey hosting games on the IHS turf. Spectators are limited to two per player on the roster. Fans can watch live streams of soccer and field hockey on Varsity Media's YouTube channel and girls swimming on the District YouTube Channel, which now has more than 1,100 subscribers.
- A handful of IHS art students painted a giant mural at I-Square last weekend to encourage people to vote. The work was a collaborative effort with the West Irondequoit community group, E.R.A.S.E.