



The Good News

September 2020

- West Irondequoit faculty and staff donated more than 250 hours of their time over the summer to support laptop collection and deployment so students would be well-positioned with updated computers this fall.
- Our district and specifically IHS received a national and state honor from Special Olympics. We were selected Special Olympics Unified Champion School. West Irondequoit was just one of nine in the state to earn that honor. Unified Champion schools have demonstrated a commitment to inclusion by meeting 10 standards of excellence!
- Mr. Joe Jackson was recently appointed West Irondequoit's new Supervisor of Counseling, Student Equity and Wellness. He'll start later this month in this new role. Mr. Scott Steinberg is also our new COVID-19 Counselor. He will support all students with unique needs related to the pandemic, such as anxiety, trauma and necessary life adjustments.
- Fox Rochester Channel 31, WHEC-TV Channel 10 and WROC-TV Channel 8, along with the *Democrat and Chronicle*, all covered our reopening with various reports.
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced it would continue its free meals program for schools until further notice, and it comes at no cost to local taxpayers. Meals are being served in our buildings and to remote learners for free. Since all students learn remotely on Wednesdays, it's literally a free-for-ALL.
- The New York State Public High School Athletic Association has set Monday, Sept. 28th as the start date for Fall Sports. The following sports will be eligible to play: Field Hockey, Girls and Boys Soccer, Girls Swimming, Girls Tennis and Boys and Girls Cross Country. Good luck, Eagles!
- To boost morale among our talented music faculty, teacher Rob Line designed and distributed 16 T-shirts to his colleagues with a Dr. Seuss-like poem he wrote himself. Here is that poem:

*We will teach music on a cart.
We will teach music spread apart!
We'll teach it with masks on our face.
In classrooms, homes, or ANY place!
We'll use it to help students cope.
To time how long to wash with soap!
We'll teach and follow protocol.
So no one spreads their aerosol!
This year our classes may feel new.
But we'll help EVERY student through!
We will teach music to excite
ALL KIDS in
WEST IRONDEQUOIT!*