



The Good News

November 2023

- Seniors Marin Penner, who plays flute and piccolo, Ellery McClenathan, who plays double bass, and Ella Belculfina, who plays horn, were selected for the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra. It's the highest-level youth orchestra in the Hochstein School's four-tier youth program! Students compete annually for these spots.
- Junior Jack Debes won the Outstanding Delegate Award at Hilton's Model United Nations Conference, and sophomore Gabby Marshall successfully chaired her first Conference Committee with the "Press Corps."
- In Sports:
 - The IHS girls volleyball team won the Section V Class AA1 championship for the second straight year and 10th time in coach Marc Callari's 29 seasons.
 - Brenna Scott won the Section V Class B championship in diving. Brenna is just a sophomore. As a team, IHS placed 5th.
 - Senior Serah Hall was named the Section Class A Co-Defensive Player of the Year in football. Serah was a linebacker.
 - Junior Aubrey Smith finished 45th in a field of 454 runners and 25th in Class A at the state cross country championships. In addition, for the first time since the mid-1980s, the IHS girls team will run in this weekend's state Federation Meet.
 - Four lacrosse players signed national letters of intent to play at college. Ella Brenna signed with Jacksonville, Maddie Thore with Canisius, Ali Baumgartner with UMass and Jonah Carrier with NCAA power, Maryland. Congratulations to all!
- IHS Physics teacher Mike Powlin took 30 Optics students to Optifab, an international optics industry professional conference that was held at the Rochester Convention Center. Students were able to interact with Optics professionals from all over the world.
- The IHS Interact Club helped out at the Irondequoit Rotary's annual Pasta Dinner that annually serves more than 1,500 meals. Also, as part of the Rotary's Trail Project at Durand Park, several Interact members helped build a wooden walkaway so people can hike or stroll in that area year-round.
- The annual Post High School Planning Night was held November 8th with dozens of families from IHS attending. Students, parents and guardians learned about financial aid, admissions and other college options as well as potential careers in service industries such as electrical, carpentry, heating and cooling and more.