• Sophomore Emma Jane Chalone performed with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra over the holiday. She is also a member of the IHS Chorale, Jazz Choir and Sweet 16.

• Approximately 2,000 trees were chipped at the annual Trees for Trails event to help fortify trails at Helmer Nature Center. Special thanks to High Falls Tree Service and Irondequoit Lawn & Landscape for donating their time and equipment.

• The IHS hockey team recently collected more than $800 dollars and many non-perishable items for the Irondequoit Community Cupboard. This week the Eagles also played a regular-season game at Blue Cross Arena!

• Debbie Lane, a food service worker at Dake Jr. High School for the past six years, was featured this week in a story by WXXI News about the value of employees with disabilities. Lane, Cook Manager Lourdes (pronounced Lord-S) Santana and School Lunch Director, Betsy LoGiudice, were all interviewed.

• Students, teachers and the community have donated more than 300 pairs of used sneakers and cleats to help the Senior Class raise money through a unique fundraiser with the “Got Sneakers?” organization. Each pair earns a minimum of 25 cents a pair.

• Girls volleyball setter Laney Flynn was named first-team All-Greater Rochester by the Democrat and Chronicle. Second-team selections from IHS went to Maeve Steckley in girls soccer, McKenna Callari in volleyball and Ryan DeJohn and Liam McCammon in boys volleyball. Steckley was also named fifth-team all-state.

• IHS boys and girls cross country, volleyball and soccer teams along with field hockey, girls swimming and girls tennis – nine squads in all – were named Fall Scholar-Athlete teams by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. At least 75% of the team must have an average of 90 or better to achieve that.

• Elementary librarian Juli Westrich was featured on Channel 8 and Channel 13 for being selected the “Teacher on the Trail” for the 2023 Iditarod sled dog race. She heads to Alaska in late February for 29 days, working the entirety of the race.

• The newly renamed Irwin Center for the Performing Arts was near capacity on Jan. 10 for the dedication of the space to Diane and Chuck Irwin, the longtime costume designer and technical director. It was a wonderful program and evening.