



LTS -ICE SHAVINGS



March 2010

Can you believe it; we are in the homestretch of our LTS program. What started out in September with around 40 kids registered has blossomed into almost 180 throughout the last 8 months.

Many of our graduates are now playing on teams within our Association and I recently went into to Rink 3 after our sessions and saw so many happy faces in their that it is hard to put into words how proud I am to see them progress to be tomorrows STARS.

I would be remiss if I failed to mention my on ice assistants without whose help the task would be too great to accomplish by myself. At the risk of overlooking anyone I will apologize now and please realize, I really appreciate your help and guidance during this season. The kids are the benefactors with your gracious time and energy that you have dedicated each week.

MY ON ICE COACHES

Larry Cloutier- Johanne Murphy-David Rougeot-Denny Petrov-Frank Calvanese-Chris Camerlin-Mike Chiz-Tom Day-Chris Dwyer-Gary Grout-Mike Hall-Rich Hickling-Kevin Lee-Chris Haluch-Rich Kendra -Rick Martin-Rob Martin-Bryon Lewis
Also, many other moms, dads, siblings, aunts, uncles, grandparents who lend their helping hand each and every week.-THANK YOU

I'd also like to acknowledge some of our Bantams and Midget players for helping us during the year-Will George-Ryan Coderre-Teddy Kidwell all helped us tremendously by being there each week.

Notable dates in March :

**Holy Name Winter Carnival –
Saturday March 27th Noon – 4pm
Coaches Game –Family Skate –Moms Game
(More details to follow)**

**Sunday March 28th-LTS Award recognition day
after our on ice sessions –Upstairs at the Olympia**

LTS – What makes it successful?

As I sit here and type the last newsletter of the year, I reflect back and recall where we started, how many kids had not skated at all, how many were not sure if they remembered what they learned last year etc etc.

I can honestly say these kids have learned to skate, gained self-esteem, and have shown a true passion for showing up every Sunday.

Although we as instructors get the majority of the credit for this progression, I would like to deflect some of that credit to you- the parents. Why? Let me tell you why.

As a parent of a former LTS pupil, I can attest it is not easy to get your child out bed, make sure they eat something, look out the window and assess the weather, get their gear, pack them into the vehicle and make the trek over to the Olympia every week. This task is usually overlooked in the grand scheme of things, but I want you to know -
WE APPRECIATE YOUR COMMITMENT!

To see those smiling faces..... (some with more teeth than others) looking up thru their helmets and face-shields waiting to hit the ice is to say the least, humbling. Each of you should be commended on your perseverance to make it a priority to show up each week. I completely understand if you chose not to, as I stated in the beginning of the year, let them attend on their terms and not yours. You have obviously listened.

LTS – What makes it successful?-YOU DO-for without your children , there would not be a Learn to Skate program!

I think I speak for my entire staff of on ice instructors, as well as the board of Directors when I say, thank you for choosing Holy Name Hockey as your Learn to Skate home. We truly hope you enjoyed the experience and will tell your friends and neighbors about us.

Until the fall, I hope you have a wonderful spring and summer and I look forward to seeing you again- around the rink as your child develops his or her skills at this great sport.

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