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ST. EDMUND HOCKEY ACADEMY



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Written By: Mr. Fiorillo

ONE MONTH COMPLETE!!

The Hockey Academy would like to thank all families for their patience and support during the first six weeks of the school year. This includes the completion of all the permission and health forms and the patience in waiting for the new hockey bags to arrive.

The main source for information such as newsletters, schedules and upcoming events can be located on the Hockey Academy website at: www.stedmundhockey.com. Any further questions, can be forwarded to Academy staff via phone or email. All Academy staff email addresses can be found in this newsletter or on our website.



PICK UP TIMES AND LOCATIONS

The two City of Edmonton arenas that will be used hopefully for the entire school year will be Castle Downs Arena or Grand Trunk arena. Dismissal times for on-ice and off-ice days is 2:42 unless otherwise specified. The Academy schedule for on ice days is detailed at the bottom of this page. Each ice time is one hour and fifteen minutes. Start times for ice sessions vary due to delays in loading time for equipment and traffic. There will be teacher supervision until every student-athlete is picked up. It is asked that all players be picked up as close to dismissal time as possible or by 3:00 at the latest. If this is unable to happen, car pooling with other families is a great alternative to share the driving. The lead teachers need to get back to the school to fulfill other responsibilities within the school, such as coaching school teams and lesson preparation. The Hockey Academy would like to thank all parents for their cooperation and support.



ON ICE DAY SCHEDULE

12:30 – Register at School [Attendance]
12:35 – Load the bus
12:55 - Arrive at Castle Downs Arena
1:25 - 2:40 - On Ice session
2:42 -- Dismissal time from Arena / Pick-up

**Any questions, feel free
to contact Mr. Fiorillo
in the
Hockey Academy Office**



**STUDENTS MUST BE
PICKED UP AT THE RINK
BY 3:00 PM.**

THANK YOU PARENTS FOR YOUR COOPEARTION AND SUPPORT!



GUIDED STUDY & APPROACHES TO LEARNING



At the start of the school year, each parent/guardian received a package outlining numerous interventions that we, at St. Edmund, have implemented in order to assist our students with their academics. Guided study is a practice that incorporates IB philosophy and academic success for our students and as such, attendance in the guided study sessions is mandatory and monitored. Guided Study sessions begin at 12:25 pm and end at 12:48 pm. It is our hope that these sessions will provide your child with the assistance that he/she needs in order to have a successful school year. Should your child continue to struggle with his/her studies, we encourage you to call the school and arrange a parent/teacher/student conference to explore further strategies.

The Approaches to Learning Center is mandatory each lunch hour at 12:25pm for any junior high or elementary student who has failed to complete their homework for that day. This will offer the student an opportunity to complete their missed homework assignment or study for upcoming exams or quizzes.

Hockey Academy student - athletes will report to Guided Study on off-ice days only. They will not miss ice sessions, unless they purposefully miss guided study on off-ice days. If homework completion continues to be a concern, participation in the Hockey Academy will be evaluated and withdrawal from the program for a length of time will be discussed. If you have any questions, feel free to email or contact Mr. Fiorillo.

HOCKEY ACADEMY STAFF



The Hockey Academy would like to acknowledge Academy staff who are coaching in the upcoming season. **Mr. Fiorillo** and **Mr. Parrotta** are coaching the Bantam AAA St. Albert Raiders Hockey Team. **Sandro Pisani**, one of our Head Hockey instructors is coaching Midget AAA for the St. Albert Raiders Hockey Club. **Blaine Russell**, Head Goaltending instructor, is the goaltending coach for the Edmonton Oil Kings of the Western Hockey League. **Mr. Morrisette** is in the process of opening the **Your Hockey Training Center** in St. Albert. We wish everyone much luck in their seasons with their respective hockey teams.



SR. BOYS VOLLEYBALL

The Hockey Academy would like to congratulate four Hockey Academy Student - Athletes for getting selected to be on the Senior Boys Volleyball Team for the 2008 season. Congratulations and keep up the hard work! .

- Dexter McLeod** [Grade 7]
- Adam Wilson** [Grade 7]
- Marco Caputo** [Grade 7]
- Mark Zvonkovic** [Grade 8]



SR. BOYS SOCCER

The Hockey Academy would like to congratulate **TRAVIS RACIC**, a grade seven Hockey Academy Student-Athlete for getting selected to play on the Senior Boys Soccer Team. Congratulations and keep up the hard work! .





Academy Apparel

Email any questions about
apparel to
Mr. Fiorillo
fiorillou@ecsd.net

ACADEMY APPAREL

The annual Hockey Academy Apparel order form is attached to the end of this newsletter. The purchase of additional Academy clothing is strictly voluntary for all student-athletes. There have been a ton of requests into the Academy office for the opportunity to purchase additional apparel. All of the items available would be allowed to be worn for Academy off-ice activity for the dress code. Unfortunately, the stock at RBK is very limited at this point in the season. The grey RBK shirts and hoodies will not be made available for order. If you would like another RBK hoody, please email Mr. Fiorillo because they is some hoodies still available from the start of the year.

Academy Apparel Order Deadline: Friday October 24, 2008

* Apparel Order sheet is attached to the back of this newsletter. Please detach and hand in with payment to the Hockey Academy Office. Payment must be received before order will be placed.



2008-2009

HOCKEY BAG PROGRAM

Each new student-athlete in the Academy for the 2008-2009 school year was required to purchase a St. Edmund Hockey Academy equipment bag. This bags needs to be used for on-ice session days by each student-athlete within the program. The bags have arrived and been distributed to all the new students in the Academy. The straps are long for some of the students, but some of the students have shortened the straps to make it easier to carry.

Any returning students that would like or need to purchase a new hockey bag, can contact **Mr. Fiorillo** in the Hockey Academy Office.

The cost of the bag is \$80 [including tax]. Methods of payment include cheque or cash. Cheques can be made out to *St Edmund Hockey Academy*.

Any questions regarding the hockey bags can be forwarded to Mr. Fiorillo.



PLAYERS OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER

Grade 4 & 5 - Alix Wilcockson

Grade 8 - Brett Zarowny

Grade 6 - Aidan Alfaro

Grade 9 - Tyler Palmer

Grade 7 - Taylor Paniccia

All award recipients received an official St. Edmund Hockey Academy Player of the Month Toque.

Hockey Scheduling System



Each month the specific group hockey schedules will be posted on the Academy website for parents and/or students to print off. (www.stedmundhockey.com). The schedules are grade specific and indicates pick-up locations for all the groups at the top of each day on the schedule underlined. Alternative environments will be used throughout the month, but the students will be bussed to the activity and will return for 2:42 dismissal. The dismissal time for on-ice days is 2:45.

The students will depart from the school at 12:30pm for on-ice days and 12:48 for off-ice days. This system will allow our student athletes to play on school teams, join school clubs after school and allows our four lead teachers the opportunity to coach athletic teams within the school and return back to the school to complete responsibilities for the next school day. Flexibility is left in the schedule to deal with missing school days for holidays, long weekends, and school events. There will be

periods throughout the year, where a break from the ice will be implemented into the schedule. Those dates will be communicated in future newsletters.



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Front Doors

In order to assure student safety, the school doors will be locked until 8:00 am every morning. At this time we will have a teacher on supervision, whereby student safety can be appropriately addressed. If students are arriving early to participate in an activity, the coordinator of that activity will be responsible to open the front doors for these students and to supervise them. In addition, it is important to note that there is no staff member on supervision outside before 8:00 am. Please do contact the office if you have any questions or concerns.

S. Saporito
Principal
St. Edmund School

If any Academy of Hockey families have any concerns regarding the hours for drop-off in the mornings, please contact Mr. Morrisette or Mr. Fiorillo in the Hockey Office to discuss alternative arrangements.



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BLADZ SKATE SHOP

SKATE SHARPENING PROGRAM IS IN FULL SWING!!

The Hockey Academy and Terry from *Bladz Skate Shop* offer a **free pick-up & drop off service** for all of our student-athletes. The service is completely voluntary for all families to participate in. The responsibility of the parent is to purchase a sharpening punch card from Bladz and Terry will pick up and sharpen all skates and drop them off at the school prior to Hockey Academy that afternoon. The responsibility of the student is in the equipment storage area, there is a labeled hockey bag where the student needs to place their skates in the morning if they would like them sharpened that day. Students will pick up their skates prior to loading hockey bag on bus. The pick-up days for the 2008-2009 school year is on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays**. If you have not tried a skate sharpening from *Bladz* as of yet, drop in and let Terry know you are from St. Edmund's. If you are happy, you can purchase a skate card and get door to door service. Punch cards can be purchased directly at the shop or by dropping off a cheque addressed to *Bladz Skate Shop* to Mr. Fiorillo in the Hockey Academy Office. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Fiorillo.

Bladz Skate Shop

Northside
13710-104 St.
Edmonton, AB
T5E 6L6
Phone (780)
456-3321

SHARPENING CARD PRICES:

5 Sharpening = \$32.00

15 Sharpening = \$90.00

Please note that skates need to be equipped with skate guards on prior to placement in the skate sharpening bag. This will help keep the new sharpening and protect the other skates in the bag. Thank you very much!



INTERESTING HOCKEY FACTS

All players who play in the WHL are eligible to receive full WHL academic scholarships. For every season a player plays in the WHL, they receive a full year guaranteed WHL scholarship, including tuition, textbooks and compulsory fees, to a post-secondary institution of their choice. In addition, while playing in the WHL, players receive financial assistance for education expenses such as high school fees and tutoring or fees for post-secondary courses, to ensure players reach their academic potential.

WHL Scholarships 2008-2009

Canadian Universities, Western Canada - 152

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Canadian Colleges - 50

U.S. Colleges, Universities - 7

Total - WHL Scholarships - 246

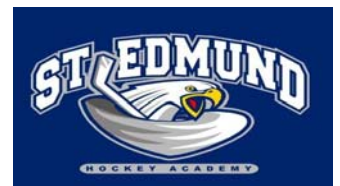
Source: WHL Media Release

QUOTE OF THE MONTH



“Success is a peace of mind which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you made the effort to become the best of which you are capable.”

John Wooden, Head Coach UCLA



LARRY RANKIN SILVER STICK AWARD

MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT-ATHLETE

The Larry Rankin Silver Stick Award is an annual year end award given to the most outstanding student-athlete within the Hockey Academy. The Silver Stick is a tribute to Larry Rankin, former Principal of St. Edmund School and responsible for the establishment of the Hockey Academy. Mr. Rankin embodies all of the characteristics that we strive to achieve with all of our student athletes within the Hockey Academy.

Larry Rankin Silver Stick Award Criteria:

1. High academic standing in all subject areas
2. Integrity and honesty with teachers and peers
3. Excellent skill and work ethic on & off the ice
4. Leadership & confidence in all aspects of the Academy
5. Exceptional passion to pursue excellence in the sport of hockey

The winner is presented with the *Silver Stick* which stays in the trophy case in the main hallway of the school. The student-athlete also has the option of having their jersey in the awards cabinet for the entire year with the Silver Stick. An engraved hockey player statue is a keep sake for each Silver Stick Award recipient.



2007-2008 Larry Rankin Silver Stick Award Winner

GIO BOMBINI

Attended St. Edmund Hockey Academy Grades 4-9

2007-2008 HOCKEY ACADEMY AWARDS

At the end of each school year, the Hockey Academy acknowledges one student in each hockey group as the "Most Outstanding Student-Athlete". These awards acknowledge excellence both in the classroom and on the ice. The Hockey Academy staff identifies students that consistently exhibit the essential core values that we instill in each of our student-athletes through on and off ice activities. At this time, the Hockey Academy would like to acknowledge the award recipients from the 2007-2008 school year:



BEN MCLEOD—GRADE 5



COREY GOESON - Grade 7



KYLE SMART—GRADE 9



HEATHER KASHMAN—GRADE 9