



## SAINT IGNATIUS HOCKEY CLUB

Greetings,

Thank you for your interest in the Saint Ignatius Ice Hockey Club which is proudly entering its tenth year. We are looking forward to an exciting year.

The annual “Spring Skate” and other recruiting efforts resulted in a very strong freshman class. An open skate for any interested players is planned for October at our home rink, Johnny’s West Ice House, located in Chicago. More details will be posted as they become available. All are welcome.

Our club hired professional coaches three years ago and these coaches have been instrumental in the growth and improvement of the SICP Hockey Program. They are Head Coach Joseph Gotfryd and Assistant Coaches Steve Smart and Larry Sterczak. We invite you to learn more about them by reviewing the coaches’ biographies on our website. Coach Gotfryd can be contacted at [jrg2525@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jrg2525@sbcglobal.net)

To continue to elevate the high school hockey experience for Ignatius athletes, families and fans, two years ago we joined the elite Varsity Chicago Catholic Hockey League, one of the most prestigious and competitive leagues in the state. We also play in the Chicago Catholic Junior Varsity League at Southwest Ice Arena. Our varsity home games and all practices are at the brand new Johnny’s West located close to the SICP campus. We have arranged for a shuttle bus to and from practices for the convenience of the players.

The school is very supportive of our club’s efforts and, as you can see, our website is now linked to the official school site. Hockey Club news is broadcast over the PA system and listed on the homeroom announcements page for each game. Posters featuring club schedules/events are posted in the school and we are planning a spirit night at one of our home games. We thank our Principal and Athletic Director for their support, allowing Hockey Club athletes to receive both school and peer recognition including Varsity and Junior Varsity letters.

We have a number of upcoming dates of which you should be aware. Shadow visits at the school will start early this fall. You are welcome to set up a date online at the Saint Ignatius website. Be sure to request to shadow one of our players. Please let us know the day you are shadowing and, if we have a practice, you would be welcome to visit. In addition, Open House is scheduled at the school on December 5, 2010 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Coach Gotfryd and team members will be present. Please let us know if you wish to remain on our mailing list by sending an email to the Athletic Director, Jim Prunty, at [jim.prunty@ignatius.org](mailto:jim.prunty@ignatius.org) or me at [Pat.S.Layng@USDOJ.gov](mailto:Pat.S.Layng@USDOJ.gov). Finally, the entrance exam is Saturday, January 8, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. at the school.

We look forward to seeing you in the stands at Johnny's Ice House and at the school at one of our events. Best wishes to our Saint Ignatius Hockey Club scholar athletes both on the ice and in the classroom. Please email us with any questions or to request a student player name to set up your shadow date. Thank you.

Go Wolfpack!

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President – Saint Ignatius Hockey Club