

OPRF HUSKIES HOCKEY

# YEARBOOK

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## 2020-21 OPRF HUSKIES HOCKEY

Dear OPRF Huskies Hockey Community-

We hope you enjoy our 2020-2021 OPRF Huskies Hockey Club Yearbook. This project was a collaborative effort requiring the support from our players, their families and the community at large. This year has obviously presented many challenges, both on and off the ice. We should be proud of how our student athletes have responded to the adversity brought on by the global pandemic.

We would like to thank our club volunteers who continue to support our players, coaches and community partners. Our club, being a volunteer-run organization, relies on membership participation to make the OPRFHC a success. Thank you for your time commitment and dedication!

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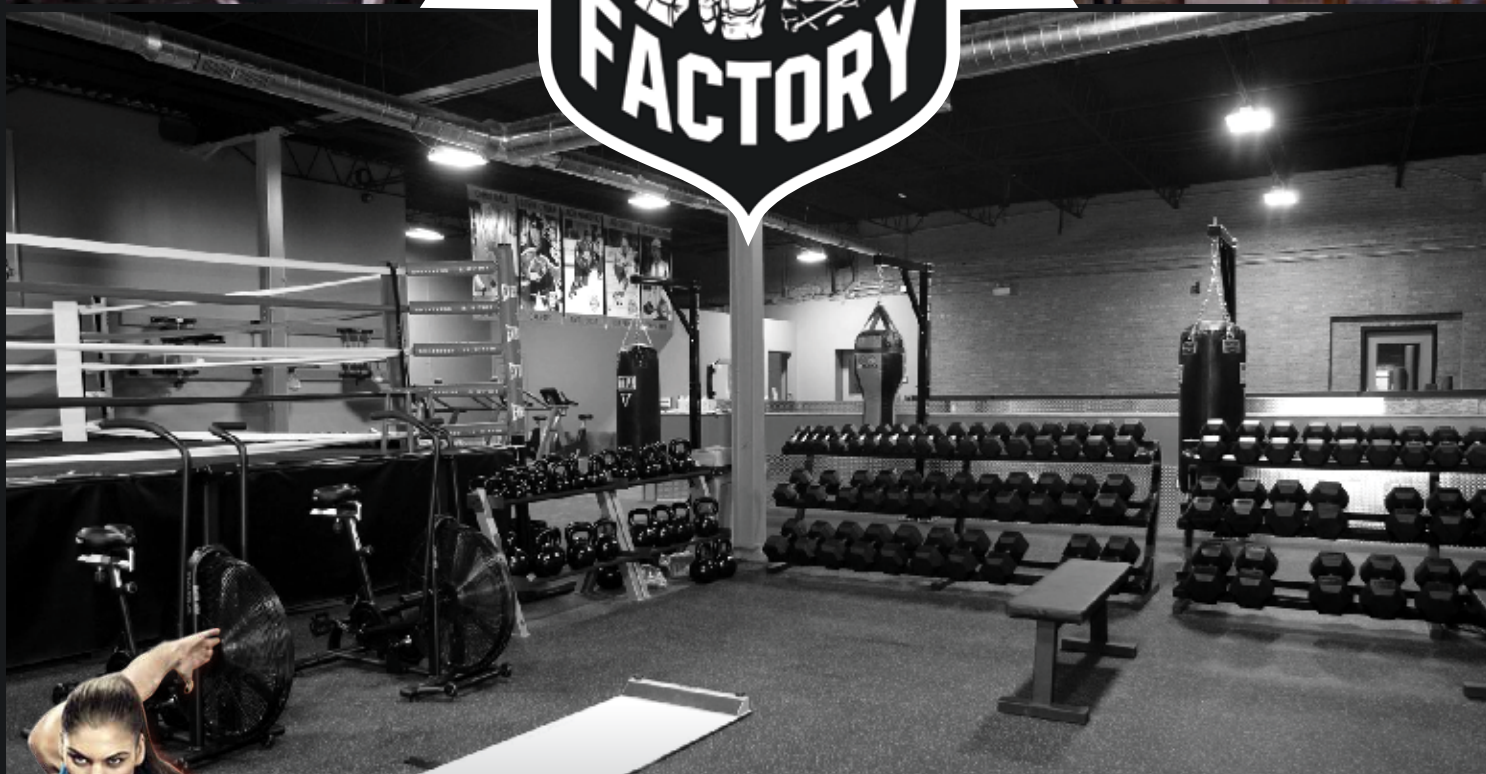
While this year has presented challenges for the board, players and families, it has also presented challenges for our coaching staff who remain dedicated to instilling the values of hard work, team play, sportsmanship and accountability. We would like to thank them for their efforts and we all look forward to being back on the ice.

Finally, a special thank you to Jason Clary and Magda Piper for their work in creating this yearbook. It will be a keepsake for our players, their families and especially our seniors, for a year we would all rather forget! We look forward to the future when we can watch our OPRF Huskies on the ice and cheer from the stands.

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**Brett Johnson – Class of 2020**  
Bolin-Cooper Scholarship Recipient  
pictured with Pat Bolin.

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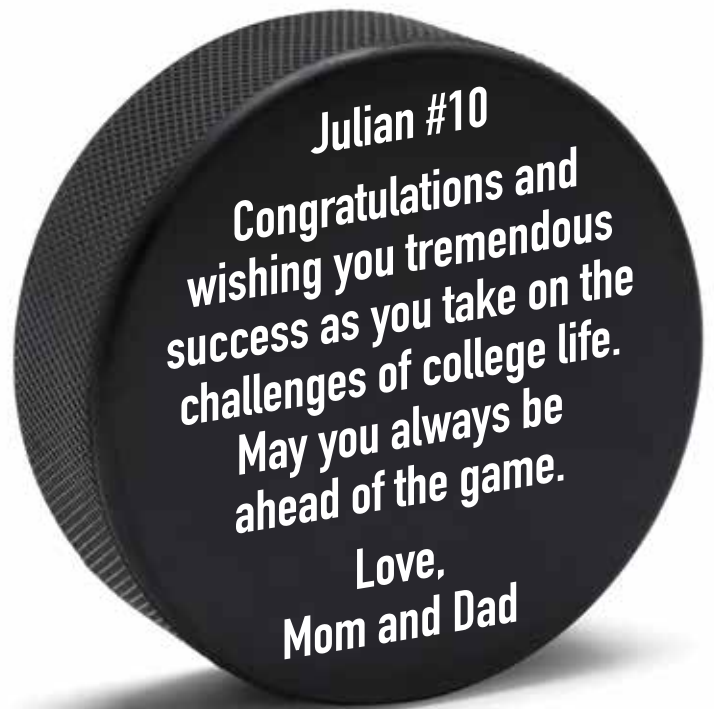


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## Varsity Coaching Staff



**Coach Patrick O'Rourke**  
Varsity Head Coach



Coach Pat O'Rourke has been coaching and playing hockey in Illinois for over 25 years and this is his inaugural season as Varsity Head Coach for Huskies Hockey.

**"As a coach, leader, and role model I hold myself to the highest standards of operating with integrity and respect at all times. I share my expectations with players and parents that we will remain focused on playing the game with respect, learning from our mistakes, and with a healthy level of competition."**

As a player, Pat grew up playing hockey in south suburbs of Chicago playing for travel programs at the AA level. In high school, Pat competed in the Central States Development Hockey League (CSDHL) where he was awarded the CSDHL Scholarship for outstanding performance on the ice and excellent academic standing. Pat also served as a captain for the Lincoln-Way East High School team where he set the Illinois State record for most points scored in a season (121 points).

Pat's passion for coaching began as volunteer junior coach helping teach learn to skate lessons and helping run skill development clinics at Mite/Squirt/Pee Wee levels throughout high school. Pat officially joined the coaching ranks after graduating high school and through the years he has led private lessons, high school varsity and AAA hockey teams. Pat has achieved his level 4 USA Hockey certification.



**Coach Michael O'Rourke**  
Varsity Coach



Coach Mike O'Rourke has been coaching and playing hockey in Illinois for over 20 years and this is his inaugural season as Varsity Assistant Coach for Huskies Hockey.

Mike grew up playing hockey in the south suburbs of Chicago playing for travel programs at the AA and AAA levels. As a player, Mike was a key contributor that led the Downers Grove Huskies to win the State and Regional Championships at the Pee Wee AA level. Mike's competitive nature and leadership skills resulted in him being named varsity captain for Lincoln-Way East High School where he was selected to the SHICA League All-Star team.

**"The game of hockey is one of teamwork amongst players, parents and coaches all striving towards the same goals. As a coach, I hold myself accountable to empower players with the knowledge, skill, and belief that they can accomplish their goals in service of growth."**

Mike's passion for the game has led him into coaching. Mike began coaching 3 years ago and has been heavily involved with supporting the local Oak Park Ice Bears community through private lessons and coaching a variety of NWHL teams.

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# 22 BEN BLISS

CAPTAIN



FORWARD

2020 - 2021





2020-21



VARSITY





VARSITY

#98



David Andolina  
JUNIOR | FORWARD



#36



Jamie Bell  
SENIOR | FORWARD



#22



Benjamin Bliss  
SENIOR | FORWARD



#74



Grey Burton  
SENIOR | DEFENSE





# MAARTEN IEMPIA

ALTERNATE

17

DEFENSE





36

# JAMIE BELL

2020-2021



FORWARD

PAUL HRUBY ICE ARENA



VARSITY

#95



Miles Clary  
SOPHOMORE | FORWARD



#6



Michael Decaro  
JUNIOR | DEFENSE



#35



Callum Dickel  
JUNIOR | GOALIE



#86



Noah Friesen  
JUNIOR | FORWARD



Varsity

#64



Zachary Heyer  
SENIOR | FORWARD



#57



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JUNIOR | FORWARD



#17



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SENIOR | DEFENSE



#53



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JUNIOR | DEFENSE

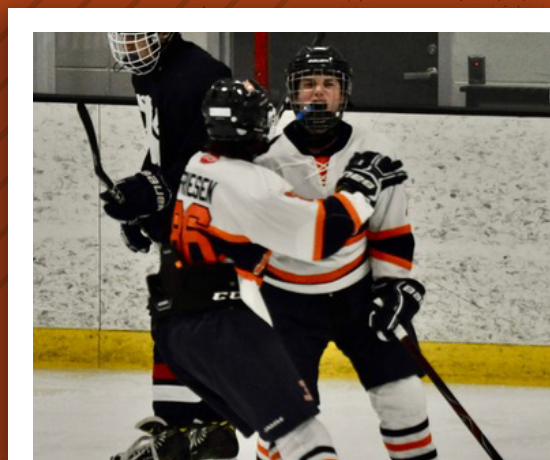




# ZACK HEYER

2020-2021

64



FORWARD



# GREY BURTON

2020-2021

74

DEFENSE





VARSITY

#14



Maks Piper  
JUNIOR | FORWARD



#28



Brendan Roy  
JUNIOR | GOALIE



#13



Zane Schellhase  
JUNIOR | FORWARD



#33



Reese Simkowski  
JUNIOR | DEFENSE



VARSITY

#23



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#10



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2020-2021

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## OPRF HUSKIES HOCKEY CLUB HAS HEART

We are not just a team building our hockey skills and playing games, we are learning how to take an active role in our community to make a difference. A big part of our culture is giving back to our community in a way that we are active participants.

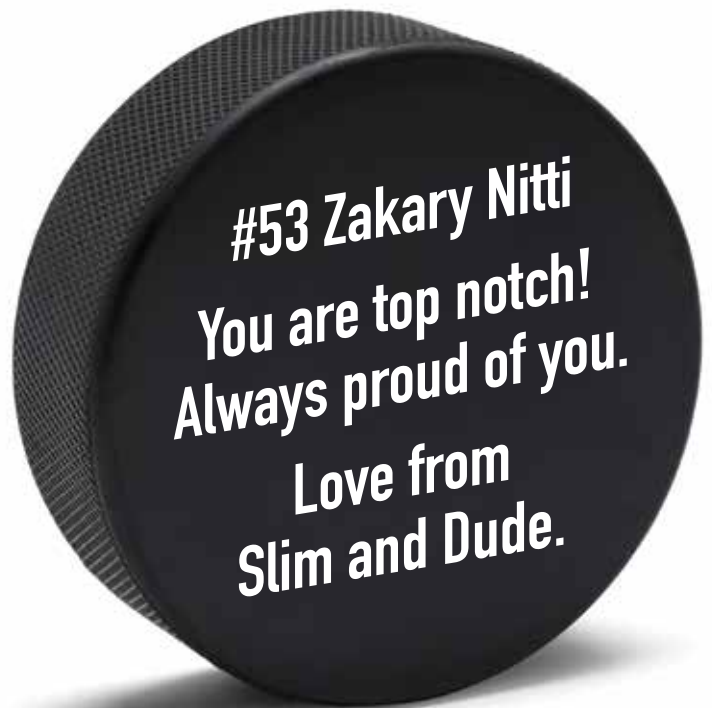
For the past seven years the Oak Park River Forest High School Hockey Club (Huskies) and the Park District of Oak Park's Ice Bears Hockey have been joining together to collect donations for the Beyond Hunger in an effort to help fight hunger in the Oak Park and River Forest communities.

This past summer, due to the pandemic, OPRF Hockey wasn't sure they were going to be able to pull off their annual food drive. Instead, Huskies players and families were challenged to a Summer Fitness Challenge, which included completing a 5K and 100 each pushups, squats and crunches. On May 16th, because of social-distancing protocols, the Huskies players coaches, and a few family members completed this challenge individually and raised over \$16,000 for Beyond Hunger.

The food drive isn't a one and done for the Huskies. The JV and Varsity volunteer on a weekly basis (even during Covid) to continue their volunteer efforts throughout the season. As a club, in 2020, they put in close to 50 hours.

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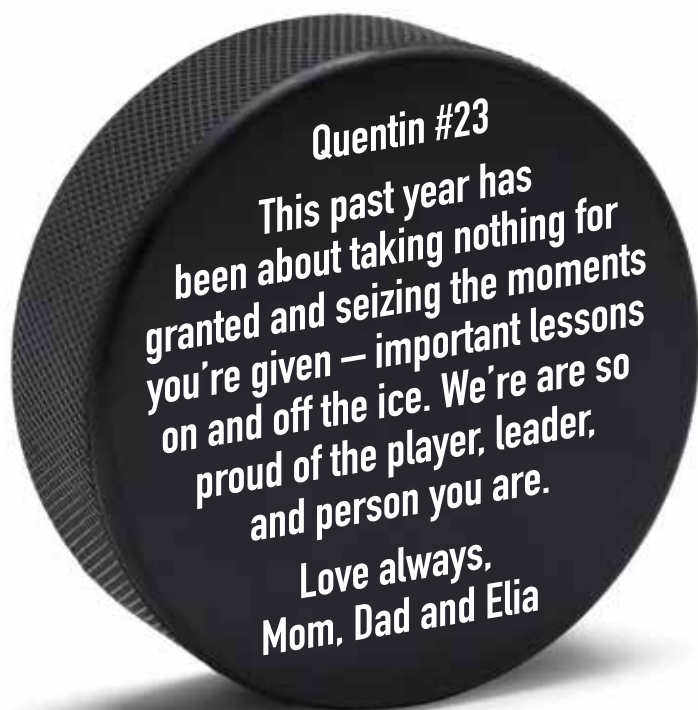


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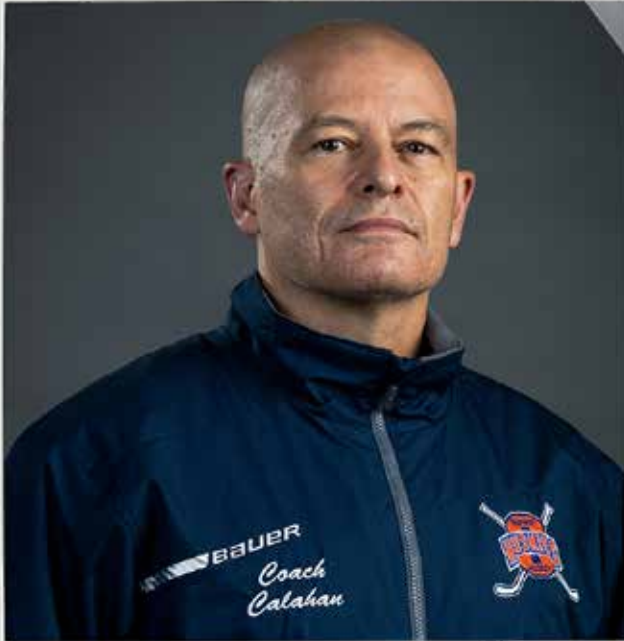


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## JV COACHING STAFF



**Coach Mark Calahan**  
JV HEAD COACH



Coach Calahan brings more than 25 years of coaching experience beginning when his son was playing as a Mite. His wide range of experience (from Mites through High School/Midgets) includes several years with the Oak Park Ice Bears. He has also coached Midget AA in the Northern Illinois Hockey League for Evanston, Skokie and Notre Dame High School (Niles).

Calahan is excited and honored to be a part of the OPRF coaching staff in their quest to become a more competitive organization in an elite high school league.



**Coach Mark Walsh**  
ASSISTANT JV COACH



Coach Walsh started his youth hockey career playing for Niles Park District and later played AA Gold in Evanston (Bantam through Midget Minor) and CSDHL for Skokie (Bantam).

Coach Walsh's coaching experience started in 2006 as instructor for Wildkit Summer Skills and Drills for the Evanston Youth Hockey Program. Later that year and again in 2007 he was assistant coach for the Lakeshore Thunder Midget AA Summer Showcase teams in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

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JUNIOR VARSITY

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FRESHMAN | DEFENSE



#21



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#18



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SOPHOMORE | FORWARD



#3



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JUNIOR VARSITY

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#90



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JUNIOR | DEFENSE



#51



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#91



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#14



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#50



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#11



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#80



David Peel  
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#27



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FRESHMAN | FORWARD



#70



Simon Ruff  
SOPHOMORE | GOALIE





JUNIOR VARSITY

#55



Benjamin Sirota  
FRESHMAN | FORWARD



#92



Cooper Smith  
FRESHMAN | GOALIE



#38



Elias Wallich  
SOPHOMORE | DEFENSE



#60



Walker Wood  
SOPHOMORE | FORWARD





# Our Mission

The OPRF Hockey Club is organized for fielding competitive ice hockey teams at the Illinois high school varsity and junior varsity levels. The OPRFHC Mission is to:

1.

Provide an athletic environment for high school athletes that adheres to and exemplifies the values of the OPRF community.

2.

Build upon and improve the character, fitness, and athletic leadership skills of high school athletes through dedication and training.

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