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Dear OPRF Huskies Hockey Community -

We hope you enjoy our 2018-19 OPRF Huskies Hockey Year Book. This project is a collaborative effort involving the support of our players, their families and the community at large. We are proud to share another exciting hockey season with our Oak Park and River Forest High School Hockey community.

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The OPRF Huskies Hockey Club is dedicated to the development of its players both on and off the ice. Our coaching staff focuses on hard work, team play, sportsmanship, and responsibility. As a club, we also value our players' strong commitment to academic excellence and community service. We are proud that many of our players are regularly on the OPRF Honor Roll. In addition to sports and academics, OPRF Hockey Club players volunteer with community organizations, including work with the Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry, the Hornets Sled Hockey Team, and other charitable events as you'll see in these pages.

Our Varsity and Junior Varsity teams are enjoying a great season of competitive play. We hope that you will have the opportunity to catch an upcoming game. This Year Book is filled with information about our teams, including player photos, coaches information, schedules and annual events.

Finally, a special thank you to our club parents for supporting their young athletes, the club, and our community. Your volunteer time and long hours in the cold are well appreciated.

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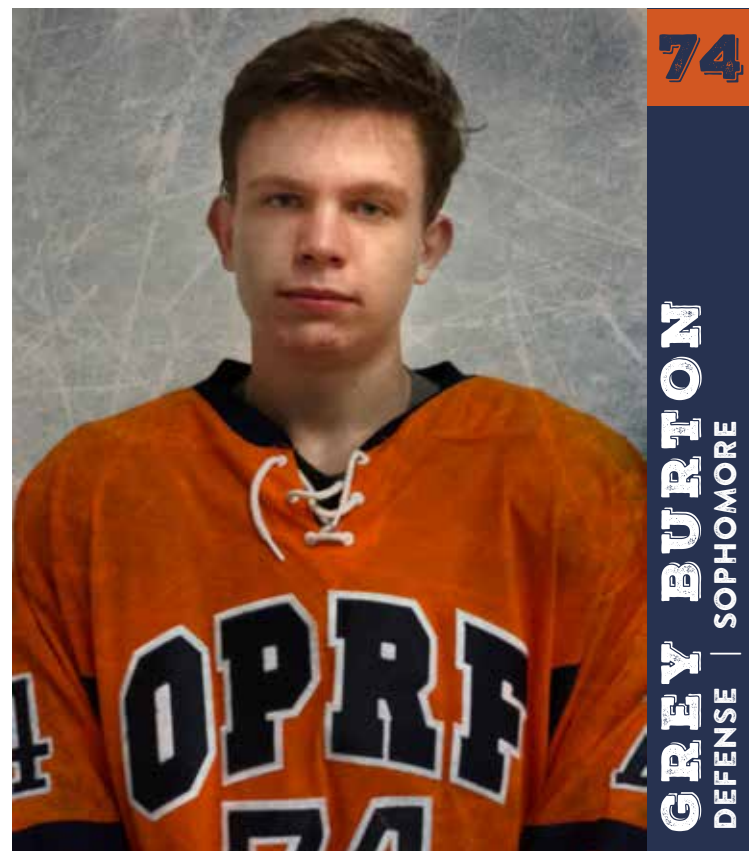


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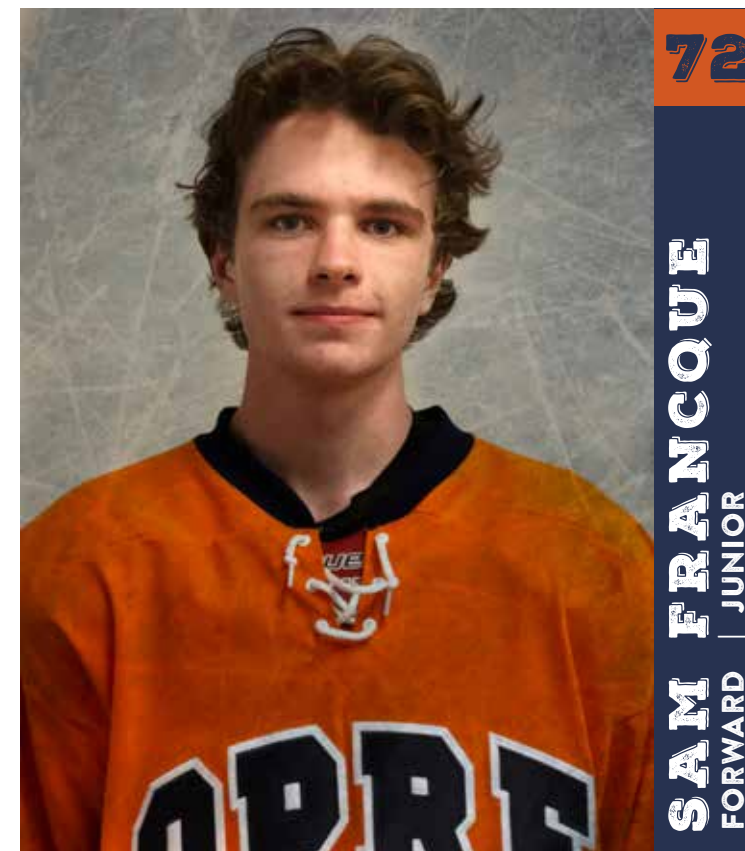
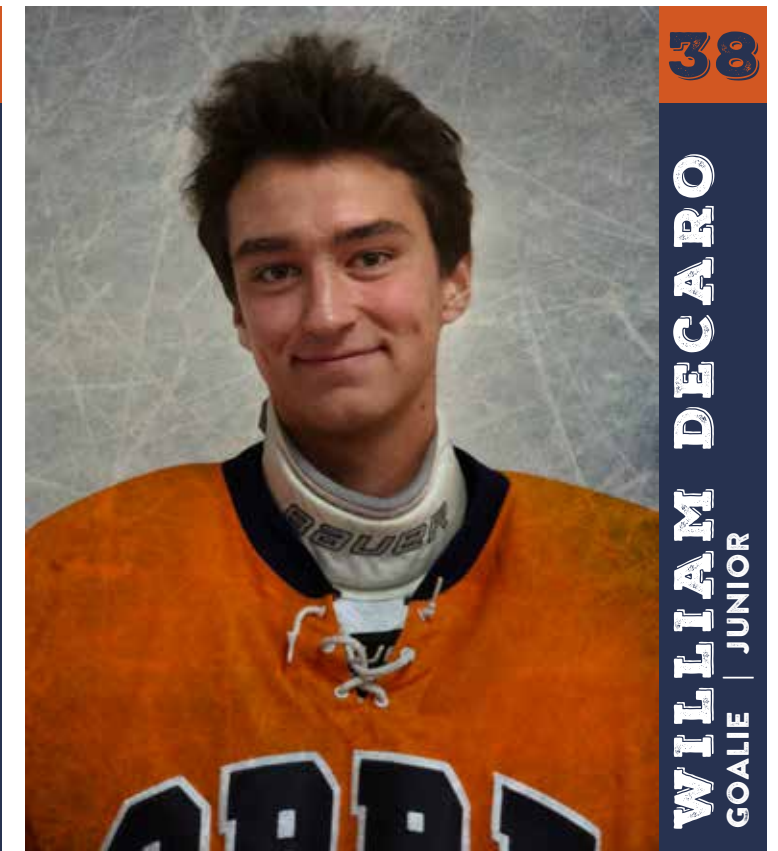
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JR VARSITY COACHES



Coach Christopher Marzec

Coach Marzec is in his second year as Junior Varsity Coach. A native of the Chicago area, Coach Marzec grew up competing for and against many of the same clubs that Huskie players come from today. Marzec brings a wide range of coaching experience with him that extends from Mite House through the High School Varsity Level.

Coach Marzec is best known for his work reviving the Lane Tech High School Program after an approximate 20 year hiatus. Marzec served as the President, Hockey Director and Varsity Head Coach for three seasons before stepping down to pursue other career opportunities. In his time with the program, Coach Marzec's successes included the 2014 Illinois High School Hockey League Burton Cup Championship, advancing to the Elite 8 of the 2014 Illinois High School State Tournament's respective division, selection to the Illinois High School Hockey League Hayes Division 2015 Varsity All Star Coaching Staff and advancing several players to the College / Junior hockey level.



Coach Anthony Petersen

Coach Petersen is in his second year as Junior Varsity Coach. A teacher by trade, Coach Petersen brings his vast teaching and coaching experiences to the OPRF Huskies JV team. After playing hockey for most of his life, Coach Petersen will begin his first year with the Huskies after coaching for over ten years. He has coached several youth teams and jumped over to high school hockey in 2009 to coach Guerin/ Nazareth's hockey club JV & Varsity teams.

After bringing Hinsdale Central's JV team to the Blackhawk Cup Championship game, Petersen moved on to coach the Dupage Stars Junior Varsity team for three years which included a runner-up place in the Junior Varsity ISHL championship in 2017.

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Back Row (left to right): Owen Hess, Caleb Hennis, Casey Locke, Maarten Lempia, Reese Simkowski, Jackson Gienza, Ben Bliss, Richard Campbell, Eric Bezaire, Zakary Nitti, Ben Cuilliot, Jamie Bell.
Front Row (left to right): Callum Dickel, Nicholas Haas, Henry Griffin, Kegan Jones, Maks Piper, Coach Petersen, Jackson Cushing, Coach Marzec, Zachary Heyer, Joe Flatley, Michael DeCaro, Julian Zadlo, Cash Volpe



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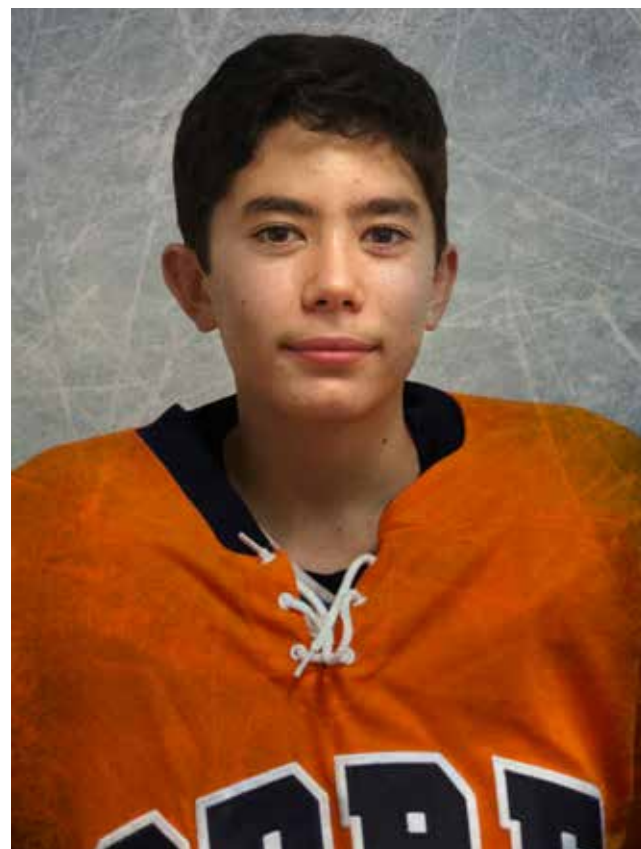
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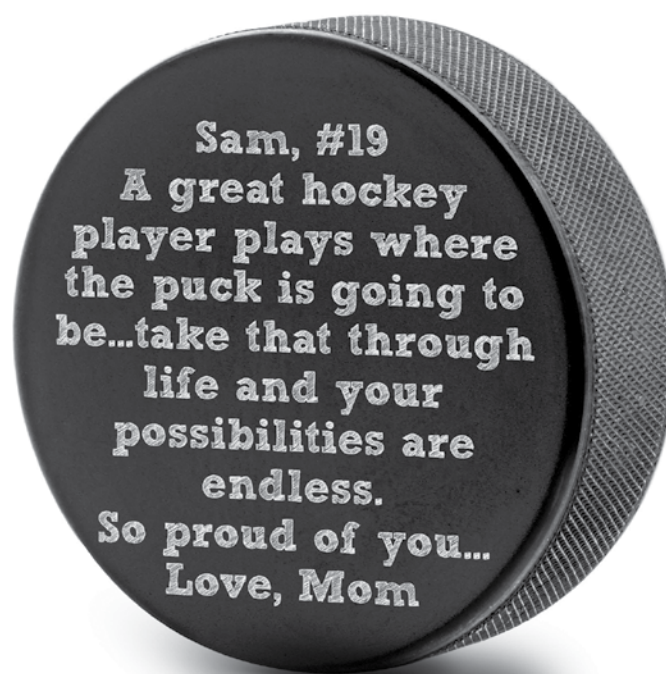
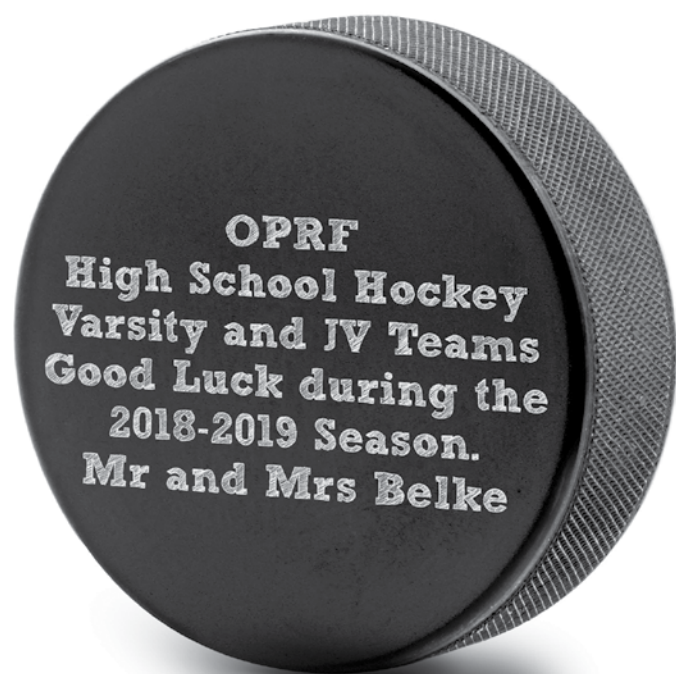
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VARSITY SCHEDULE

SUN SEP 30 OPRF Huskies -VS- Oswego 4:00 PM Oak Park <i>Ridgeland Common</i>	SAT OCT 6 Sandburg -VS- OPRF Huskies 7:00 PM Romeoville Canlan Ice Arena	SUN OCT 7 OPRF Huskies -VS- Dupage Stars 4:00 PM Oak Park <i>Ridgeland Common</i>	SUN OCT 14 OPRF Huskies -VS- Benet 4:00 PM Oak Park <i>Ridgeland Common</i>	THU OCT 18 Naperville Central -VS- OPRF Huskies 8:00 PM Oak Park <i>Ridgeland Common</i>	SAT OCT 20 Waubonsie -VS- OPRF Huskies 4:35 PM Naperville All Seasons Ice Rinks	SUN OCT 21 OPRF Huskies -VS- Naperville North 4:00 PM Oak Park <i>Ridgeland Common</i>
SUN NOV 4 Maine -VS- OPRF Huskies 8:10 PM Niles IceLand Skate	SAT NOV 10 Hinsdale Central -VS- OPRF Huskies 6:35 PM Willowbrook Willowbrook Ice	SUN NOV 11 OPRF Huskies -VS- Glenbard 4:00 PM Oak Park <i>Ridgeland Common</i>	SAT NOV 17 Maine -VS- OPRF Huskies 4:45 PM Willowbrook Willowbrook Ice Arena	SUN NOV 18 Wheaton West -VS- OPRF Huskies 6:40 PM Addison Addison Ice Arena	SAT DEC 1 Naperville North -VS- OPRF Huskies 7:55 PM Naperville All Seasons Ice Rinks	SUN DEC 2 OPRF Huskies -VS- Lyons 4:00 PM Oak Park <i>Ridgeland Common</i>
SUN DEC 9 OPRF Huskies -VS- Waubonsie 4:00 PM Oak Park <i>Ridgeland Common</i>	FRI DEC 14 Porvidence Catholic -VS- OPRF Huskies 8:40 PM Orland Park Arctic Ice Arena	SUN DEC 16 OPRF Huskies -VS- Hinsdale Central 4:00 PM Oak Park <i>Ridgeland Common</i>	SUN DEC 23 OPRF Huskies -VS- Naperville Central 4:00 PM Oak Park <i>Ridgeland Common</i>	SAT JAN 5 Lyons -VS- OPRF Huskies 6:35 PM Willowbrook Willowbrook Ice	MON JAN 6 OPRF Huskies -VS- Lincoln Way 4:00 PM Oak Park <i>Ridgeland Common</i>	THU JAN 10 Dupage Stars -VS- OPRF Huskies 8:00 PM Willowbrook Willowbrook Ice
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JR VARSITY SCHEDULE

SAT SEP 29 Glenbard -VS- OPRF Huskies 5:10 PM Glen Ellyn Center Ice of DuPage	SUN SEP 30 OPRF Huskies -VS- Oswego 5:45 PM Oak Park <i>Ridgeland Common</i>	FRI OCT 5 OPRF Huskies -VS- Neuqua Valley 8:50 PM Naperville All Seasons Ice Rinks	SAT OCT 6 Sandburg -VS- OPRF Huskies 8:40 PM Romeoville Canlan Ice Sports	SUN OCT 7 OPRF Huskies -VS- Dupage Stars 5:45 PM Oak Park <i>Ridgeland Common</i>	FRI OCT 12 York -VS- OPRF Huskies 8:55 PM Addison Addison Ice Arena	SUN OCT 14 Lincoln Way -VS- OPRF Huskies 8:10 PM Naperville All Seasons Ice Rinks
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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.

3.

Enhance the overall student experience by promoting academic achievement, sportsmanship, community service and teamwork.



TRAINING COACH



Coach David Salamoun

Coach Salamoun has been coaching for 10+ years and is in his 4th year as the Training Coach for both the Varsity and JV Hockey Teams. Coach Salamoun was born and raised in the Czech Republic, where he started playing hockey at age 4 and made it to the Pro level. He is now a Level 5 coach, Certified Athletic Trainer and speaks four languages.

"I'm not proud of myself what I accomplished as player. I want to teach the boys to avoid mistakes that I made, because there is always someone who is waiting for you to fail and grab your spot, and there is not many second changes in the hockey world".

His philosophy of "There are no shortcuts in the game of hockey, and only those who are willing to go the extra mile, making extra steps and working harder than others, will make it to the top".

Coach Salamoun lives in River Forest with his wife Helena and son DJ.

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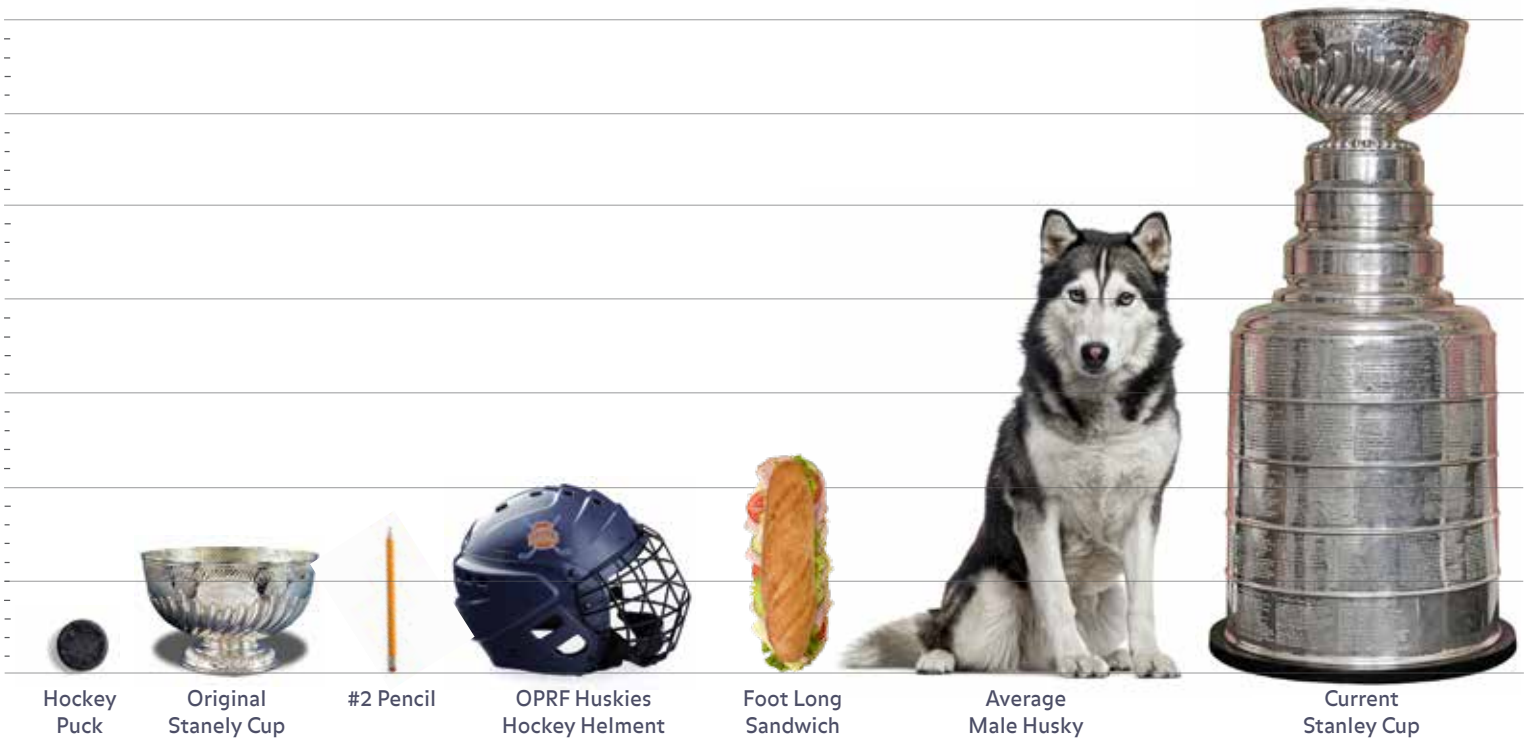
JV TEAM MANAGER

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The Tall and Short of Things...

The Stanley Cup was originally only seven inches tall. It is named after Lord Stanley of Preston, the governor-general of Canada at the time. The Cup was awarded to the top-ranked amateur Canadian hockey team. The trophy is still awarded to the best team, but it now stands over 35 inches high.



Early hockey games were played with chunks of frozen cow dung.
This dates back to the game's outdoor roots. For understandable reasons, modern athletes prefer the vulcanized rubber disc we all know today...although the game might be a bit more interesting if they brought back the old method.

The hockey puck's "Birthday" is in February.
The word "puck" was first recorded in the February 7th, 1876 edition of the Montreal Gazette, so the NHL regards this date as the hockey puck's birthday – even though they'd already been used for decades by then.

The average NHL game uses a dozen pucks.
Players are required to use frozen pucks which are easier to control than unaltered pucks, but these tend to thaw quickly. Thus, they're constantly replaced by officials and an average of 12 come into play per game, though as many as 22 have been recorded. (The last NHL game to use only a single puck—which is currently on display in the Hockey Hall of Fame—was in 1979.)

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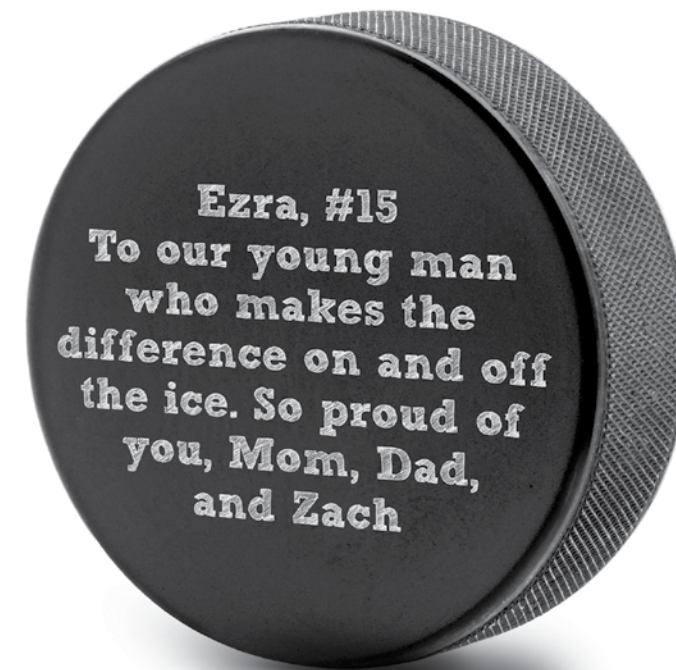
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Hockey Director, Dave Dyson
Speaking about Hockey Checks Hunger



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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. Whether we are going door-to-door to gather food for our local food pantry, sponsoring a blanket & backpack drive for communities of West Cook County, or experiencing first hand what it is like to live with the challenges kids with disabilities face, we are active participants in our community and learning how to give back to the world we live in.



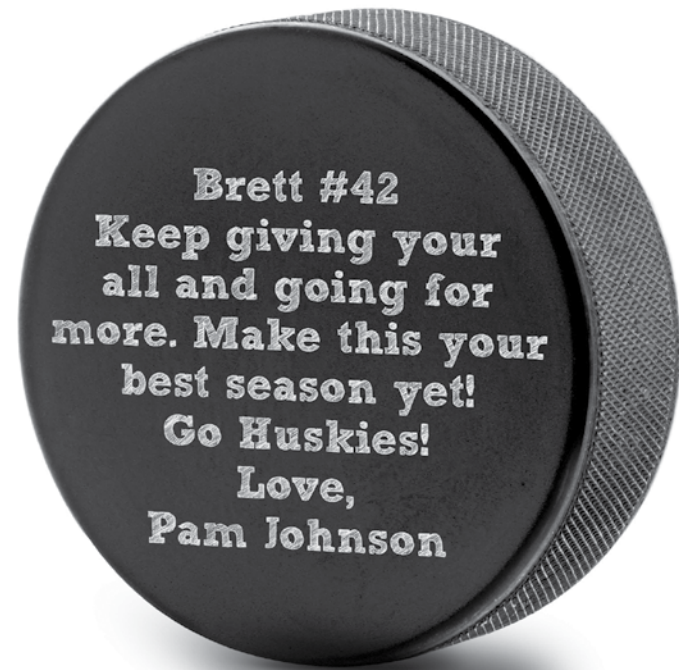
HOCKEY CHECKS HUNGER 2018

Over 20,000 pounds of food were collected by members of the Oak Park River Forest High School Hockey Club (Huskies) and the Park District of Oak Park’s Ice Bears Hockey on Saturday, September 22 as part of the Hockey Checks Hunger program. For the past five years these organizations have been joining together to collect donations for the Oak Park River Forest Food Pantry in an effort to help fight hunger in the Oak Park and River Forest communities.

Food Pantry Manager Ricardo Garcia said, “The guys really outdid themselves! I’m always impressed by how this group shows up and gets the job done unpacking and organizing donations in an hour. No other group works so efficiently.”

The food drive isn’t a one and done for the Huskies. The JV and Varsity squads share a monthly outing to the Pantry to continue their volunteer efforts throughout the season.

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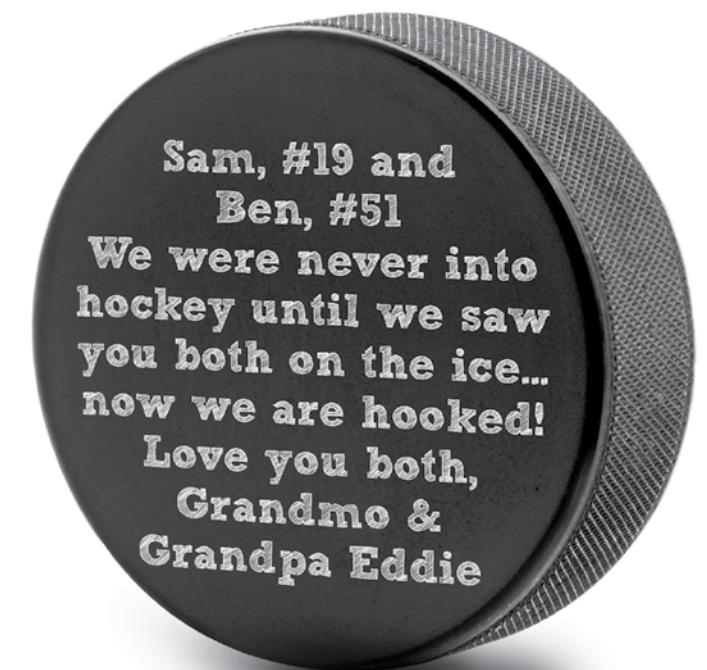
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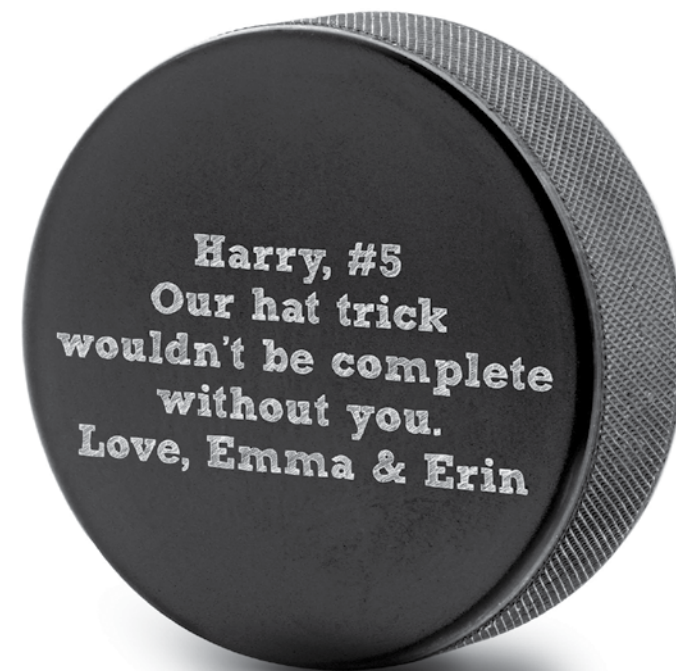


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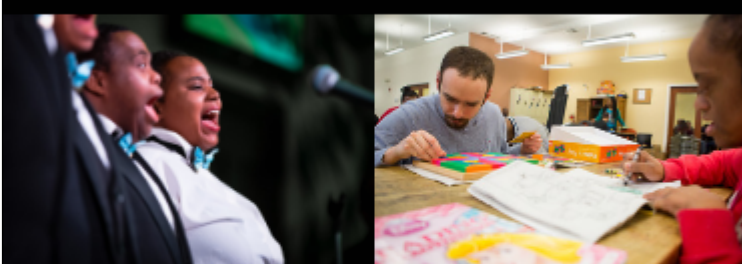


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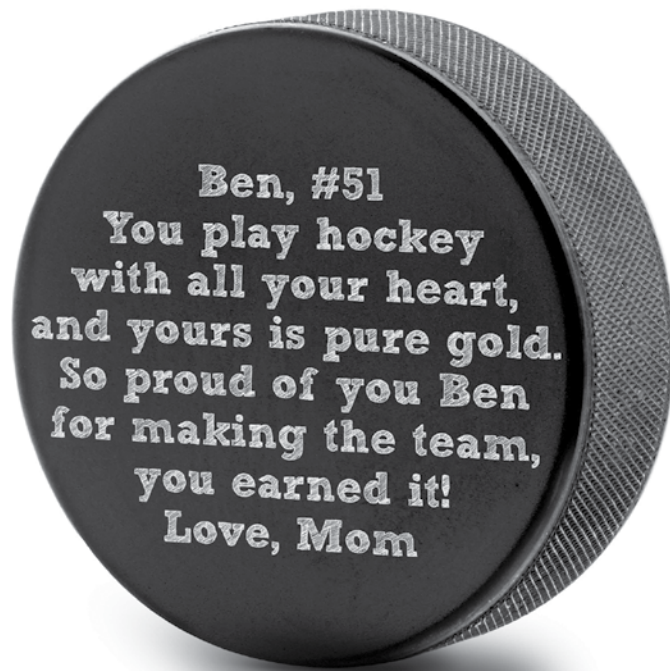
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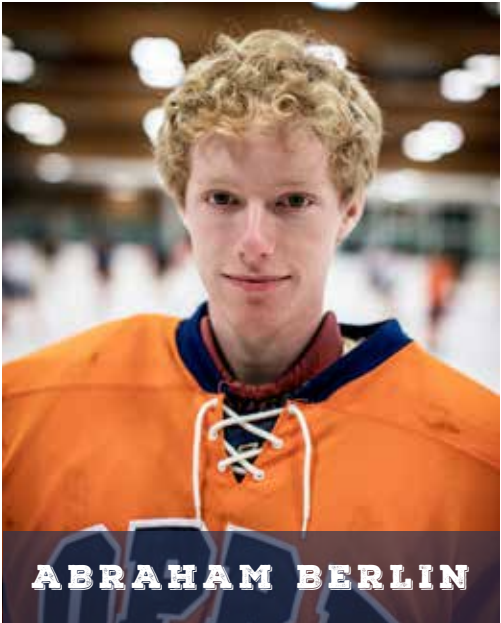
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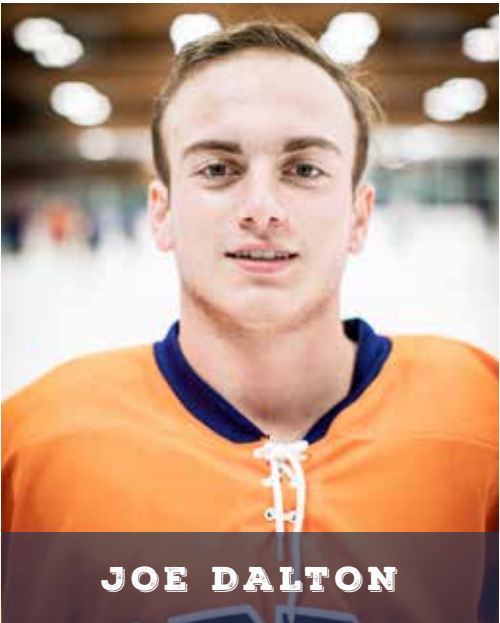
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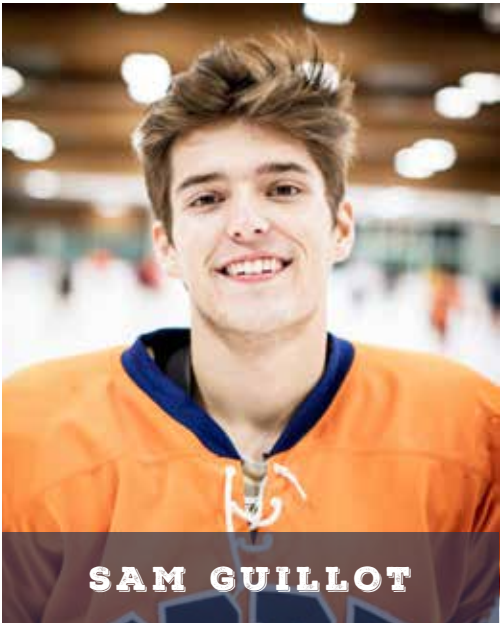
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Almost every sport has their own language...Baseball players think they are of high intellect... Football players talk all about how tough they are...and basketball lingo is nothing but trash talkin' about someone's mama. Hockey is a totally different beast when it comes to lingo!

It's a Sunday afternoon and it's a packed house at the OPRF Huskies Hockey barn¹. The game starts off chippy², Waubonsie has a few goons on their team and there is a parade to the sin-bin³. On the PP⁴ Dalton lights the lamp⁵ on a one-timer⁶ from the point⁷. Waubonsie fights back with a garbage goal⁸ and their players start to chirp⁹. But OPRF is not intimidated, Berlin stood on his head¹⁰ and stoned¹¹ the Waubonsie attack to keep OPRF in the game. Assisted by Roy, Burkett dangles¹² past the defender and puts one where mama keeps the cookies¹³. After another filthy goal¹⁴ by Guillot, OPRF takes command of the game, 3-1. OPRF broke the game wide open¹⁵ in the third period. Metric gave some sweet sauce¹⁶ to Proctor who beat the goalie five-hole¹⁷ on a breakaway¹⁸.

Then Lempia, who received a wicked stretch pass¹⁹ from Andersen, showed off his sick pair of mitts²⁰ and sniped²¹ one bar down²². After grinding²³ out a 5-1 victory over their rivals, some sweet cellies²⁴ break out from the boys²⁵ of OPRF. Go Huskies!

Need help translating this game recap...eh? Use this "Hockeynese" glossary below:



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1. Barn: Rink where ice hockey is played.
2. Chippy: Aggressive, rough play or commission of fouls.
3. Sin-Bin: Penalty Box
4. PP: Power Play
5. Lights the Lamp: Score a goal, referring to red light behind the net.
6. One-Timer: When a player meets a pass with an immediate slapshot.
7. Point: Just inside the blueline.
8. Garbage Goal: A fluke goal.
9. Chirp: Trash talk directed toward an opponent, their bench or the refs.
10. Stood on his Head: An outstanding performance by the goalie.
11. Stoned: To beat or stand in the way.
12. Dangles: A variety of moves where a player fakes out a goalie or player.
13. Where Mama Keeps the Cookies: Goal scored in the upper part of net.
14. Filthy Goal: Incredible play
15. Broke the Game Wide Open: Taking control of the game.
16. Sweet Sauce: A well executed saucer pass.
17. Five-Hole: The space between a goalie's legs.
18. Breakaway: Player has the puck with no one between him and the goalie.
19. Stretch Pass: A long pass.
20. Sick Pair of Mitts: Referring to a hockey player's stick-handling ability.
21. Sniped: A powerful well-placed shot that results in a pretty goal.
22. Bar Down: When puck hits the crossbar and goes into the net for a goal.
23. Grinding: Hard working effort.
24. Celly: Short for celebration.
25. Boys: Hockey Player

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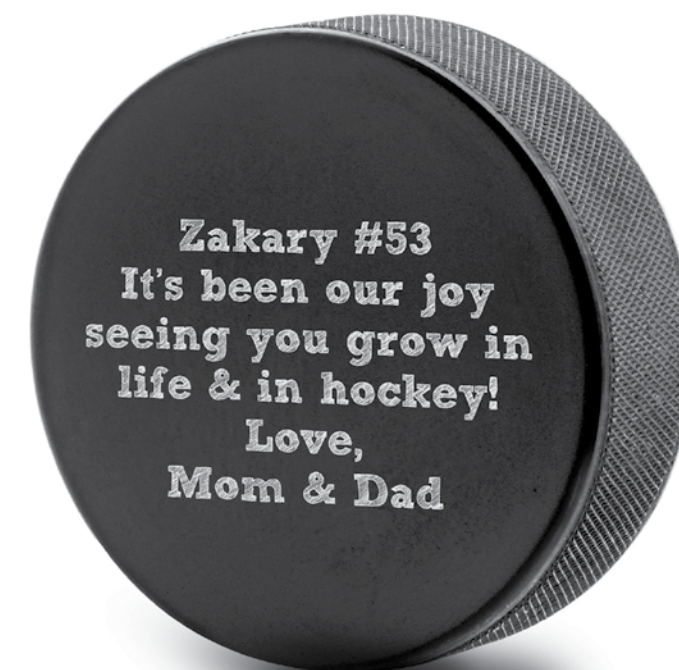
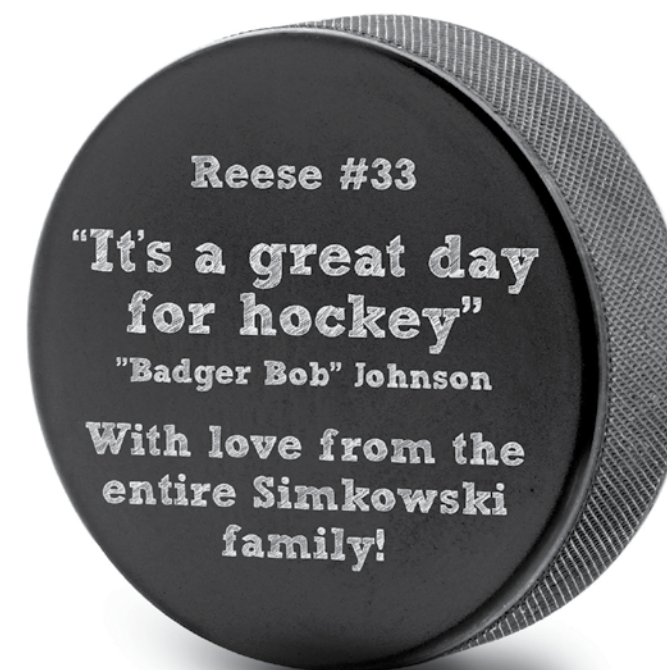
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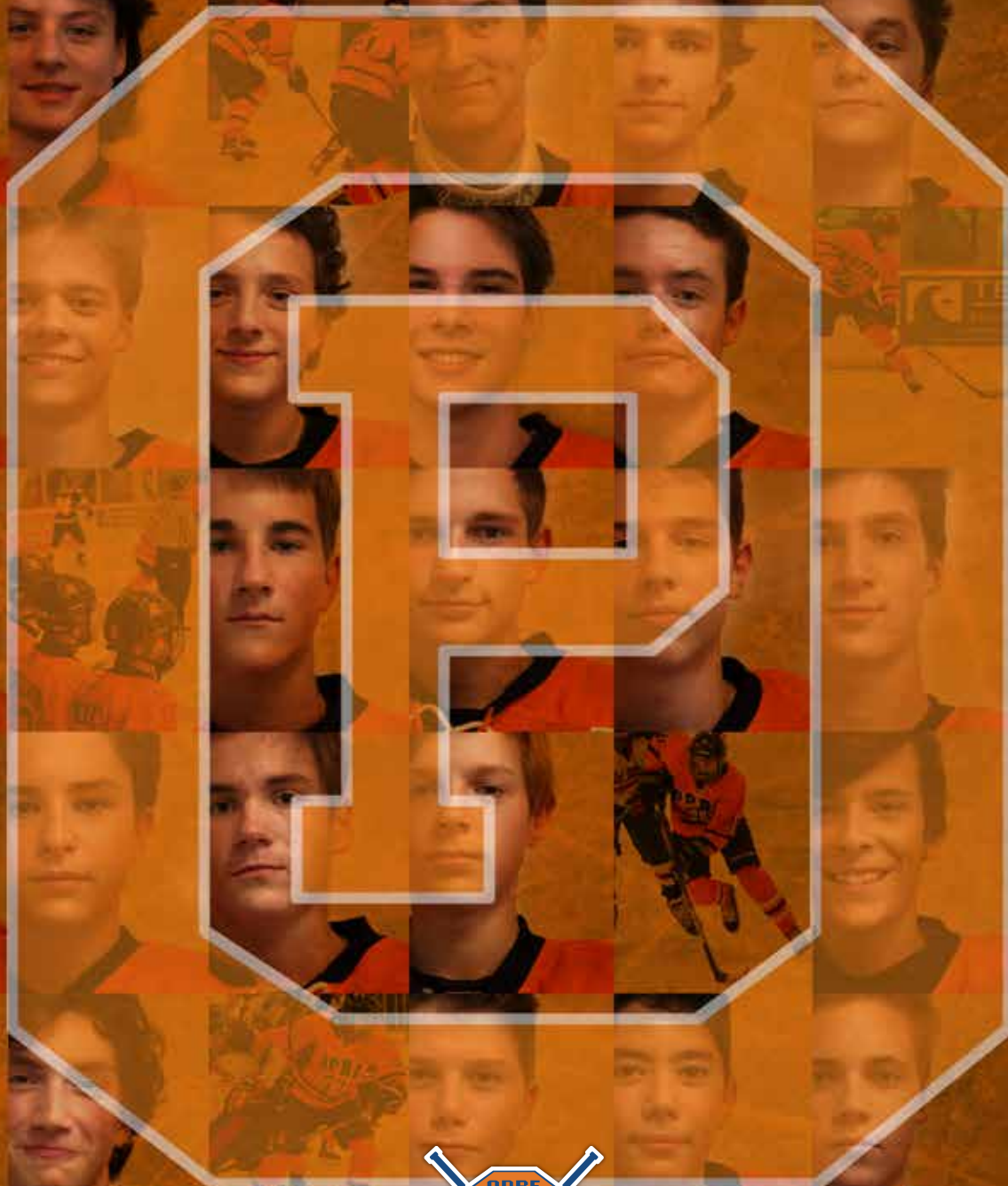
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