

MWHA NEWS

**2023-2024 season
has started!**

We are super excited to have the season officially underway! It's been great to see folks coming and going and the hustle and bustle back at the rink. Our teams have been hard at work getting the new and improved dryland space ready to go! If you haven't heard - we moved! We moved about 30 feet across the breezeway to the old Jade Palace location (address is 2212 Commerce Blvd) and are pumped to formally welcome parents and players back into the new space. We are working on a couple of community engagement opportunities for this season after seeing that come through as an important theme in last year's survey. We will be hosting a "game of the week" and would love to have the youth hockey community rally around the idea - more info to come soon!

See you at the rink,
CR Childers
MWA President

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NOVEMBER 7TH ELECTION INFORMATION:

Like many of you, we believe the two questions on the ballot are important to our students, schools, and community. The purpose of this email is to encourage you to get involved in the final week prior to the election. Here are three simple ways you can help:

1.) VOTE - Early Voting is available at the Educational Services Center. During the last two weeks of in-person early voting (October 24th - November 6th), voters are able to vote by "direct ballot," meaning that they will be able to feed their ballot into a ballot counter just as is done on Election Day.

2.) Remind Your Contacts, Neighbors, & Friends to Vote! EVERY Vote Counts! Send a quick text and/or an email. Sometimes a kind nudge is all it takes!

We are a community that has GREAT pride in our schools! Let's keep the positivity and do what we can over the next two weeks to ensure a positive outcome for the future!

Save the Date!

The following dates are set for team photos:

November 27th Boys Travel
(Bantam, PeeWee, Squirt)
December 4th Girls Travel (15U, 12U, 10U) and December 9th Mini-Mites/Mites/U8/U6 Teams.

Individual team times, photo and ordering instructions will be sent closer to scheduled photo dates.



WARRIOR GIRLS UPDATE

THE MWHS/SWC ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENTS

HIRED



**WELCOME MN
HOCKEY LEGEND
LARRY OLIMB! THE
WHITE HAWKS NEW
GIRLS HS HOCKEY
HEAD COACH!**



All teams are now formed and the season is underway!

15A - Head Coach: Hadley Swaggert

15B - TBD when high school tryouts have concluded

12A - Head Coach: Riley Howard

12B1 - Head Coach: Brian Sloat

12B2 - Head Coach: Ronald Blumer

10A - Head Coach: Colin Peters

10B1 - Head Coach: Doug Runke

10B2 - Head Coach: Steve Pugh

8U6U - Teams will be posted 10/30

Good luck this season!

Upcoming Events - Mark your calendars!

November 11th: Orono hosting Warriors Day. 8U6U will skate between a Varsity game period.

November 17th: Orono VS WhiteHawks girl's High School Hockey. Televised game of the week.

November 25th: Westonka hosting Warriors Day. 8U6U will skate between a Varsity game period.

Skills Nights:

Skills nights with Os kicks off Nov. 6th
Goalies skills starts Nov. 5th with Goal Crease



The Warriors Co-op consists of 8 members, 4 from each association, an each association's VP. The co-op meets monthly (or more) to cover agenda items, to drive and ensure a successful season.

The Mound Westonka Warriors Co-op consists of the following members:

Tina O'Shea - MW Girl's Director

Doug Runke - Player Development Director

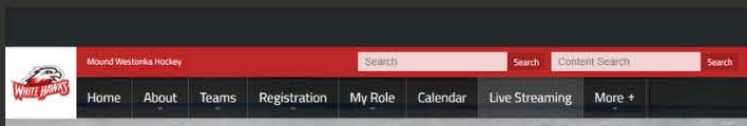
Shane Olsen

Casey Burns

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From the Hockey Operations Committee:

Another successful tryout completed and all teams are already on the ice, practicing and playing together and beginning to operate as a team. A shout out to those members of the HOC and the BoD who participated in tryouts and thank you to Tim Cline for leading our tryouts. Our season is underway and within the next few days, all team schedules will be published online through the month of November. Once SQ games are finalized, the rest of the year schedules will come out around 11/17. Our dryland facility is in its final stages of buildout and very soon, teams from MWA and the Warriors will have their schedules updated to reflect usage. The HOC wishes all teams a fun and successful season!



NEW!!

You can find livestreamed games on the MWA website! Find "Livestream" on the menu and search for live or recorded games. If you have issues ask for a code from your team manager.



GET TO KNOW OUR PRESIDENT! CR CHILDERS

Do you have a skater: Yes, Ronan is a 2nd year PeeWee - You always hear how fast it goes....BELIEVE IT and enjoy every opportunity at the rink with your kids!

Why did you get involved: I have always tried to be involved in the sports that the Childers children are participating in, usually via coaching. When Ronan caught the hockey bug it was apparent to me that coaching wasn't an option - think deer on ice skates - and so getting involved with the board seemed like the next most logical choice.

How long have you been involved with the BOD: I am in year six with the BOD! I started as the recruitment and retention director, spent some time as the secretary before taking over the Vice Presidency during Ryan Flom's time as president and for the last 3.5 seasons have had the pleasure of serving as the association president

What are a couple of things you are most proud of: There are a couple of items we have been able to get running during my tenure that I am very proud of. One is the Westonka Performance Center (aka Dryland) that gives our players the opportunity to hone skills off the ice that help them become more well rounded hockey players. We have also invested in training programs and equipment for our players and teams. During skills nights you'll likely see PEP (Power Edge Pro) gear on the ice to train reactive countering and footwork - same drills and gear are used by players across the world including the NHL.

