



Zorra Skating Club

March / April 2019

President's Message

I can't believe we are at the end of March already, every season seems to go by a little faster. We are quickly approaching this year's carnival, if you haven't already purchased your tickets, they will be for sale in the lobby this week. Everyone is so excited to present "Glitz & Glam". It is sure to be another wonderful show. If you haven't had a chance to sign up to volunteer at the carnival, the sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. We like to ask that each family volunteer to work at one of the shows and watch the other. That way everyone gets the chance to watch the show in its entirety. If you have signed up to help paint the ice Friday night, please note the start time has changed to 6:30pm.

Skating continues to the end of April, as we head into the last month of skating, our coaches will be finishing up testing skaters and we will have one last test day for our skaters. It is always unbelievable how much our skaters progress in just one season. Our Coaches and Program Assistants work very hard each week to help our skaters realize their full potential.

Make sure you mark your calendars for Friday, April 26th for our annual Potluck Awards Night and AGM. Every child receives an award listing their achievements for the year. After the supper and awards, the kids can head to the ice for a free skate from 8:30-9:30pm. This allows the parents to stay for our AGM. Our current board is looking for parents to consider serving on the board. We meet the second Tuesday of each month for approx. 2 hours. It is a two year term that allows you to be involved in the decision making of the club. We do quite a bit of work, but we have a lot of fun doing it. Speak to any board member if you have some time to volunteer and are interested in helping our club. I have served on the board for 11 years. I have met and have been very fortunate to get to know some really incredible people and had a lot of laughs. It has been really fulfilling being a member of such a fantastic club and watch it grow and remain a successful, viable club. We have always said, we're a small club that thinks BIG. I want to thank everyone that I have had the pleasure serving on the board with over the years (there have been too many to name).

As the season draws to a close, I want to thank all of the parents and families for bringing your children to ZSC. We do our best to offer a quality program at an affordable price, but what sets us apart from other clubs, is the family atmosphere. The rink always feels like coming home. Please continue to check local publications, our website and social media for information on upcoming events and future registrations.

Thanks for the past 12 years and the opportunity to serve as your President for 2018-2019. I wish the club continued success.

Happy Skating,

Suzanne McRoberts, ZSC President



Carnival Report



Welcome to Carnival week skating families! In my mind I continuously sing "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year." It truly is though. This is the week that all of our children get to show to their loved ones what they have been learning over the 5 past months. As parents we have all put in the time of getting them back and forth to practice, now it's their time to put on that extra special costume and come out and perform in front of the lights and the crowd. So below is how this week will run for all of us. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the rink or Facebook or via email at abgraves12@gmail.com.

Monday March 25 -> Technical Rehearsal for our Junior/Intermediate and Senior Skaters. **See attachment for the schedule.** It is also posted on the club's bulletin board. Remember, skaters will be in costume for this rehearsal.

Wednesday March 27 -> All CanSkaters skate this night at their regular times. Please note this is for both Wednesday and Friday skaters as there will be no CanSkate on Friday.

Thursday March 28 -> Dress Rehearsal! We will be running this night in the same flow as our carnival. We will be hitting the ice at 6:15pm sharp. We need skaters to arrive at 5:30pm. If you are volunteering in a dressing room for carnival, you will also need to be in your dressing room by 5:15pm and ready to help the children as they arrive. This will be a CLOSED rehearsal which means all windows and doors will be covered. This is the chance for all of the skaters to do their numbers under the spot lights to get used to the lighting. This is also the time that the coaches find out if they have to shrink any of the older skater's numbers. If you would like dinner, there is a subway order form on the bulletin board for you to order for your family. Skaters are not permitted to eat or drink in their costume. Once signed in, they will be in their dressing room until intermission or if they are in the second half, they will be in until the end of the show. Please be reminded once again this will run the same as carnival, children must be signed in and out by the same adult. Parents and siblings are not permitted in the dressing room. Parents will either have to hang out in the lobby or feel free to leave and come back. Reminder: Please make sure all little girls have beige tights.

Friday March 29 -> Skating will be from 5:30-6:20pm for Junior, Intermediate and Senior skaters only. This time will be for coaches to adjust numbers if needed. Starting at 6:30pm, we will be hitting the ice to start painting and getting lights in the ceiling changed over. We will also be covering the boards and setting up curtains during this time. The more volunteers we have, the better. If you are planning on ice painting, be sure to dress accordingly as it does get extremely cold.

Saturday March 30 -> CARNIVAL DAY!!! Please have all skaters at the arena by 1:00pm as the show begins at 2:00pm sharp. Volunteers for dressing rooms, please arrive between 12:30 & 12:45pm. Upon completion of the first half, all CanSkaters may be signed out at the security table and are free to watch the duration of the show. Between shows, we will be having our traditional potluck and family skate. Please feel free to bring your favorite dish as your contribution or if you have a sleepy little one feel free to take them home for some rest before returning for our second show. Our second show begins at 7:00pm sharp. Volunteers for dressing rooms, please arrive between 5:30 & 5:45pm. Upon completion of the first half all CanSkaters may be signed out at the security table and are free to watch the duration of the show. Photo's will be on sale the day of carnival from Freds Photography, please see flyer posted on bulletin board. Reminder: Please make sure all little girls have beige tights.

After Carnival -> Back to our regular skating schedule. Please remember the season does not end with Carnival.

Becky Graves & Kelly-Jane McKague-Rember
Carnival Co-Chairs

Coaches Report

Where has the time gone? I can't believe we are down to the last 6 weeks of skating! It's been a very busy time for our coaches, skaters and parents. Carnival is fast approaching and the coaches have been choreographing carnival numbers in preparation for the big day. On top of that, our StarsSkaters have been competing in their final competitions of the season and are preparing for a high test day on March 27th. Once Carnival is over, we will be evaluating our CanSkate A & B skaters on each session and assessing our StarSkaters in preparation for the final test day of the season April 29th. There is no doubt about it, April is an important month for our skaters and it's very important that they attend.

As always, the coaches are very excited about the AWARDS NIGHT and AGM on Friday April 26th. We love to celebrate all of our skaters accomplishments during the past season. It's a wonderful night of food, fellowship and of course skating for our fabulous skaters when the AGM is being held. Please plan to attend.

Yours in skating,
Debbie Roefs
Pro Rep

Fundraising

We have one last fundraising opportunity (Tupperware) that will go towards this years bond. The Tupperware fundraiser will be due back on April 12th. We will also have one more Elmira chicken order that will be due the night of our skating banquet (April 26th), and this fundraiser will go towards next years bond so you can get a head start. We would like to send out a thank you to all of the families that participated in our fundraising this year. We have had a successful year because of you!

~Sara Pletsch & Christa Minler

Upcoming Dates

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| Mar. 25, 2019 | Carnival Technical Rehearsal (Only for Junior/Intermediate/Senior skaters) |
| Mar. 27, 2019 | Regular Skating for all CanSkate (Wednesday and Friday Skaters) |
| Mar. 28, 2019 | Carnival Dress Rehearsal (All Skaters in the Carnival) |
| Mar. 29, 2019 | Skating for Junior, Intermediates and Senior Skaters |
| Mar. 30, 2019 | ZSC Carnival (Show Times: 2:00pm & 7:00pm) |
| April 12, 2019 | Last Night of Friday CanSkate; Tupperware orders due |
| April 19, 2019 | Good Friday, No Friday night skating |
| April 22, 2019 | Regular Junior/ Intermediate/ Senior skating |
| April 24, 2019 | Last Night of Wednesday CanSkate |
| April 26, 2019 | ZSC Awards Night / AGM (Dinner Potluck, Awards, & Skating, 6:00pm start time) |
| April 28, 2019 | Last Day of StarSkate / Test Day |



***Please watch the bulletin board or Website for more information www.zorraskatingclub.ca