



Opening Newsletter 2024/2025 Season

WELCOME PDSC FAMILIES!

We are so happy to see all the returning smiles as well as the new ones!

Following suit with last season, we are continuing to make adjustments to the club and our programming to best suit the club and our members. Last season we welcomed Amy Huffman as a 2nd coach to assist on the ice. This year we are welcoming her back as our Head Program Coach and are also welcoming a Coach-In-Training, Brooklyn Jones. Last year we were thrilled to be able to receive our Achieved status in the Skate Ontario Canskate Excellence Program, and will be continuing to work towards our Exceeded Status this season.

We want our skaters' experience on the ice to be fun and engaging while they learn, whether they are a first time skater or are returning to work on developing their skills. We are hoping to have different events planned for our skaters to help them look forward to coming to the arena each week! Keep an eye on your email, our Facebook page, and the PDSC display board at the arena for information on those!

Every couple months we will be putting out a newsletter that includes any upcoming events or activities, as well as other information we may need to relay to you. We want to make sure families are aware of any important happenings within the club. To save on paper this season we will be sending them out via email and they can also be found on our website under the "News" tab.

We are looking forward to a great skating year and watching all the accomplishments of our skaters!

FUNDRAISING & VOLUNTEERING

As a not-for-profit club, we rely a great deal on fundraisers and donations to help cover the costs of the club. All the funds raised go directly back into the club towards awards/ribbons, costumes/supplies for our end of season Ice Show, and other events throughout the year. This helps us to keep our registration fees down and to be able to give your kids an awesome skating experience.

We will be keeping our fundraising and volunteer requirements the same as what was encouraged of members last year. Each family within our club is asked to complete a minimum of 4 hours of volunteer time and earn a minimum of \$100 fundraising profit kickback. If both of these criterias are met, your \$200 post-dated cheque or post-dated credit card payment will not be processed at the end of the season. If you would prefer to opt out of completing these requirements and just pay the \$200 upfront, please speak with a board member.

Our 1st fundraiser will kick off next week with Deli Dude Canada and our 2nd one will follow in November with Stone Pickers Brewing Company. We will likely have a couple more in the new year. You can choose to do just one or you can do them all, but we ask that you earn a minimum of \$100 in profit.

If you haven't already signed up online for your volunteer position, make sure to do so. You can find the link under the "Registration" tab on our website. <https://pdsc.uplifterinc.com/volunteering/search/>



CLUB SUB-COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

We are thrilled to be working with a full board of directors this year but are looking at creating a few sub-committees within the club; such as the Ice Show Committee and Events Committee (parades, winter showcase, holiday skates). If you are interested in being a part of or running one or more of these sub-committees, please reach out via the club email. Assistance with this would count as your volunteer hours.

If you have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to reach out and ask a Board Member either at the arena, through Facebook Messenger, or through email to petrolia.skating.club@gmail.com. Please remember the persons responding to you are only volunteers and have personal commitments that require our attention as well. We will respond to you as quickly as we can. Program Assistants or Coaches should not be approached at any time.

Sincerely,
Your 2024/2025 PDSC Board

IMPORTANT SEASON EVENT DATES

September 29th @ 9:45am	Canskate Parent Information Meeting In Mezzanine
October 1st @ 5:10pm	PreCan & Canskate Parent Information Meeting In Mezzanine
December 3rd @ 6:20pm	Test Day #1 (For Senior Skaters)
December 19th @ 6:20pm	Winter Showcase - Open To All Skaters With Solos And All Welcome To Come Watch The Show
December 22nd - January 4th	Holiday Break - No Skating Lessons
January 5th, 2025	Sessions Resume
January 28th @ 6:20pm	Test Day #2 (For Senior Skaters)
March 2nd	Picture Day - Schedule Tbd
March 2nd - 8th	Last Week Of Regular Season For Canskaters & Starskaters <u>Not</u> Participating In Ice Show
March 10th - 14th	March Break - Ice Show Practices Start
March 4th @ 6:20pm	Test Day #3
March 9th - April 1st	Ice Show Practices During Regular Sessions Or As Scheduled
April 3rd @ 4:30pm - 7pm	Ice Show Rehearsal - Schedule Tbd
April 6th @ 1pm - 3pm	Ice Show Day
April 16th @ 6pm	Awards Night In Mezzanine At The Arena
May 9th @ 7pm	Annual General Meeting - Location Tbd