



important DATES to note

- **NO Skating** – Dec 30, 31, & Jan 1.
- **Regular Ice** – Jan 2-5; see notes in Newsletter. No morning ice times.
- **NO Skating** – Sat January 6
- **PA & LTS Coach Training** – Sun Jan 7 at Confed Arena.
- **Regular Schedules Resume** – all regular ice and off ice schedules resume starting Mon January 8.
- **Ice Fest Star 1-3 Competition** – Sat January 20 at Grand Trunk Arena for registered skaters.

Club Volunteers

We still need of a few volunteers for PA Training on Jan 7 and for some January Learn to Skate start up. ALL IFSA and Figure Skating families need to work ONE Club shift during the year.

If you need a Club shift to meet your requirement – please sign up!

Sign up is done from the registration page. Scroll down till you see “Add Volunteer Position” on the left and select your shift!

Food Bank Donation

During the Holiday Show, we collected food & members scanned a QR code for cash donations.

The DSC was able to raise 208 lbs. of food and just over \$200 in cash donations for the Food Bank! Thank you to all who donated.

Program Assistant of the Month

This month, we give a shout out to **Carina Scott** as our Program Assistants of the month for December.

Carina has shown strong initiative helping her team wherever she is needed and does a great job of working with multiple kids at a time when she is on the ice supporting DSC programs.

Thank you, Carina. Please see Cecilia, Karin, or Cindy in the office for your gift card prize!
~ DSC Coaching Team

PA TRAINING

Program Assistants (PA's) are an integral part of our Learn to Skate team. The **training sessions are mandatory for all new & returning PA's** to ensure they have the right tools and support to be strong members of our LTS Program.

PA Training is Sun Jan 7 (at Confed), ~ 9:45am-12:30pm

Please RSVP: LTScoordinator@derrickskating.ca

We are always recruiting new PA's. Being a PA offers future resume addition, allows your skater to give back to the littles ones and the Club programs and community, compensation in the form of an honorarium, year-end gifts, and fun with their skating friends.

PA Requirements: 10 years of age & up. Passed at least one Star 3 assessment. If your skater meets the requirements and is interested in becoming a PA, please reach out ASAP: LTScoordinator@derrickskating.ca

Dressing Room Use

Please be reminded to check the City signs/TV's for information on correct dressing room assignments each day!

Dressing rooms are available for skaters to use at all 3 of the arenas and **skaters are encouraged to use the dressing rooms.** At Confed, please be mindful in keeping the far bleacher section OPEN (by office) for coaches and skaters to use for off ice.

January 2-5

If your skater regularly skates on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, &/or Fridays - they can attend their regular session times (and locations) during this first January week. Please reach out to your coach if your skater would like to do any drop-in sessions.

50/50 Raffle Winner

Congratulations to Margaret Powell on her win of the 50/50 CASH Raffle. Our total Jackpot came to \$7,050 and our winner took home \$3,525. Thank you to all who bought tickets and supported our Club through.

Upcoming B I N G O @ Parkway Bingo: 8775-51 Ave

Next Bingo: Mon March 4 (4:30 - midnight)

Working bingos earn DSC families valuable ice credits to offset their ice fees! Workers must arrive on time for shifts. Shifts are filled on a first come, first served basis.

Sign up for the Mon March 4 Bingo will be posted in February (date in the February newsletter). Bingo shifts can ONLY be signed up for through Uplifter. From DSC website, click “registration”, scroll down & click “Add Volunteer Position”.

***Please note the fair access to bingos based on skater sessions that each family can sign up for listed in the Skater Handbook (or email the office for details).**

Q's about Bingos? Please email Helen, DSC Fundraising Coordinator: fundraising@derrickskating.ca

FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARDS

Monthly PROMOTIONS for Fundscrip Gift cards means the DSC earns more money back from members gift card purchases!

What are Fundsrip Gift Cards? They are the easiest way for members to spend money in the same ways they already do and support the Derrick Skating Club. **Do you buy groceries, gas, coffee, and birthday gifts?** You can get all these as gift cards! Plan ahead and get into a routine of purchasing your gift cards in advance makes a HUGE difference to the Club and in turn, your skater! There are hundreds of stores and retailers to choose from.

If you buy \$200 to Superstore, \$100 to Esso, & \$25 to Starbucks – you just earned \$11.25 for the Club! 2-10% of the total gift card value is donated to our Club. **We encourage ALL members to consider supporting the Club through these gift cards.**

The QuickStart GUIDE on the Fundraising & Bingo tab of the website (under About Us) will help you set up your account and begin purchasing your gift cards right away!

Website: <https://www.fundscrip.com/login> ; Invitation Code: **YSJZWD**

Name: **Derrick Skating Club Ice Fee Reduction Fund**

EFT forms are available on the Fundscrip website. **We respectfully ask that Fundscrip Gift Cards are purchased by EFT (direct debit) funds ONLY** – Please do not use credit cards to make your purchase or the Club is deducted the 1.99% processing fee.

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