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**DATES**  
to note

- **Mon March 31: Summer Contract Schedule Change Begins** – please refer to the attached schedules and be in contact with your coaches.
- **Sun April 13: Ice Fest Star 1-3 Event** – For skaters registered as directed by their coaches.
- **Fri April 18: Good Friday** – NO on ice or off ice programming.
- **Sat/Sun/Mon April 19, 20, 21: Easter Weekend** – regular on ice and off ice programming.
- **Sat April 26: Photo Day** – see notes in the newsletter to book.

**Program Assistant of the Month**

As we near the end of the season, choosing which PAs to recognize really becomes more challenging. Every PA’s contributions are seen & appreciated, and we are grateful for the dedication each of you brings to the program.

For the month of March, we are recognizing **Emily Han & Julia Han** for their outstanding contributions!

**Emily** is always focused and dependable on the ice. Whether leading a group or assisting individual skaters, she ensures they receive the support they need to improve their skills.

**Julia** brings great energy and enthusiasm to every session. She keeps things fun and engaging for the skaters, helping them stay motivated while developing their skills.

Both Emily and Julia bring their own strengths to the program, playing a key role in making each session a success. Thank you to our amazing PAs—your hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed. Keep up the great work!

**Emily & Julia** – please see coach Bradley for your gift card prize!

~ **Coach Bradley, LTS Coordinator**

**Photo Day!**

Photo Day is on **Saturday April 26**.

To book your time, please navigate to the photographer’s website: <https://www.imaginetthatphotographics.com/> and click on the "book appointment" button. You will then see a Derrick Skating Club button to book your skater’s time!

**We ask ALL skaters in IFSA and Figure Skating programs to get a photo taken so they can be added to our Club collage for the 2024-2025 season.**

**Families will be able to view and order their skater’s pictures from the photographer AFTER the proofs are emailed to them. There is no cost for the sitting fee to take the pictures.**

**Annual Skating Excellence**

Save the Date for our Annual Skating Excellence Seminar on **Sat May 10** (Meadows Arena). This Seminar is for Star 4 & up skaters. It will be facilitated by Bruno Delmaestro and Garrett Gosselin. DSC skaters and coaches will be introduced to new ideas/techniques from highly skilled coaches and this seminar will be an excellent learning opportunity for all!

**June & Summer Skating Schedules**

The June and Summer skating schedules will be finalized in the next few days! Please watch your email later this week for the schedules to be sent out.

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

**Next Bingos: Mon May 5 (10:30-3:30 pm)**

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 May 5 Bingo will start on Fri April 4 at 10:00 am..** 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 Gaelene, DSC Volunteer Coordinator: [volunteers@derrickskating.ca](mailto:volunteers@derrickskating.ca)

**FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARDS**

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.**

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

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

EFT forms are available on the Fundsrip website. **We respectfully ask that Fundsrip 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.

**Q’s about Fundsrip?** Please email Helen, DSC Fundraising Coordinator: [fundraising@derrickskating.ca](mailto:fundraising@derrickskating.ca).