

Train with the Champions!

2016 Winter Newsletter!

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Where has the time gone???

The first month of 2017 has already passed! Did you meet your monthly goals? In less than 2 months, the 2017 Gala will be here!

The next 2 months are extremely busy, please take the time to add the "Dates to Remember" to your monthly Calendar.



Dates To Remember:

February 3—5, 2017: Dennis Silverthorne Competition
February 10/11, 2017: Synchro Regionals Competition
February 17—19, 2017: WO StarSkate Championships
February 20, 2017: GRSC Simulations Star 2 to 4 (TBC)
February 20, 2017: No skating at any arenas in Cambridge
March 2, 2017: Spring School Forms Due
March 4/5, 2017: Futures Competition,
March 8, 2017: Last Day of Regular Winter Sessions
March 9, 2017: Tentative Test Day 8am to 2pm
March 17—19, 2017: Skate Ontario Championships
March 25, 2017: PFSC 2017 Gala

Reminder to All Skaters

If skaters are invited to participate in an ice show, charity function, or fundraiser, please make sure you contact the CTC office. It is important to make sure that these events are sanctioned through Western Ontario Section, Skate Canada.



The Beginner & Elementary Teams competed at Capers Competition January 28 & 29, 2017.

Both teams had great skates!

Congratulations on the 3rd place finish skaters!

Congratulations!

*Marin Ono & Wesley Killing
Senior Pair Bronze Medallist,
Japan Figure Skating Championships*

*Emilia Simonen & Matt Penasse
Senior Pair National Champions,
Finnish Figure Skating Championships*

*Jamie Knoblauch & Cody Wong
Junior Pairs, 5th Place,
Canadian National Championships*



Overall Gala Tentative Schedule:

March 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 6pm to midnight Gala Practice
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 1pm to midnight Gala Practice
12	13	14	15 Gala Practice 9am to 8pm	16 Gala Practice 9am to 8pm	17 Gala Practice 9am to 8pm	18
19 Gala Practice 9am- 8pm	20 Gala Practice 3pm—8pm	21 Gala Practice 3pm—8pm	22 Gala Practice 3pm—8pm	23 Gala Practice 3pm—8pm	24 Dress Rehearsal	25 Day of the Show

2017 Gala:

- (a) Have you sent in your skaters clothing sizes? If not, please email PFSC with the information.
- (b) Currently the PFSC Gala committee is looking for help from our membership with these committees. Please email PFSC if you are available to help out:
- Silent Auction committee
 - Costume committee
 - Assembling props
 - Painting props/sets



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What Does Preston Mean To Me:

By Gillian Johnson

Preston to me is welcoming place where we all respect one another and care for one another. When I came to Preston in the summer 3 years ago everyone was so welcoming. The coaches introduced me to lots of people that I would skate with throughout the whole summer. It was hard the first year to fit in and feel confident to talk to the new group of skaters and coaches. I am a shy person but once I

started to meet more and more people at Preston it came closer to me and was a safe place with my first friends and welcoming arms. To me Preston was a place I could spend with friends and a place to practice my favourite sport. Overall Preston to me means a big welcoming, safe place where everyone is supportive and showed me to be myself and confident.

2016/17 Regional Team: On December 5th, 2016 the Regional Team held their Simulations at the Preston Aud. as well as the Team Dinner!



What Does Preston Mean To Me:

Hi, Preston Figure Skating Club is like a second home to me. My mom feels like we spend more time at the arena than at our actual home too! I've been skating with Preston since I was four years old, in the Learn to Skate Program. Back then, when I fell down, I would lie there and lick the ice until someone came to lift me back onto my feet. Now I'm still falling down, but I'm doing it with more flair and I can get up all by myself.

I've learned that falling down is an important part of the process. If I never took a risk, I would never learn anything new. Skating helps push me to try new tricks and persevere when

things get tough. My coaches

By Eva Guy

help me constantly improve and to keep my cool even when I have trouble. This not only helps me on the ice, but off the ice too. My skating friends are a big reason why I love coming to the arena. Whether we are working together at a general session, cheering each other on in a competition or throwing snow from our blades at each other in the change rooms, we enjoy spending time together. My synchro team just gets me. It's like we're in synch or something.

So thank you to everyone involved with Preston Figure Skating Club. You're the reason I come everyone week. The people are the most important thing about Preston.

What Does Preston Mean To Me:

By Jessica Manwell

Hi, My name is Jessica Manwell and I'm 10 years old. I joined Preston Figure Skating Club when I was 4 years old. This club is my second family because of all the amazing coaches and friends I have met. Figure skating is a passion of mine and I enjoy every minute of it. Being a part of the Gala ever year puts a smile on my face. Thank you for being a wonderful huge part of my life.

What Does Preston Mean To Me:

By Kiarra Gyorffy

When I was younger and came to these team dinners each year and listened to the various reflections on "being a Preston Team Member" there always seemed to be a common concept, FAMILY but I never understood how the people around me were my family. Don't get me wrong I 100% think the people in this room are my 2nd family. These people are always there for me and my friends are practically family. But, like I said before when I was younger I never understood how the Preston team could be a family, until one day I realized it had happened. I was part of the Preston Family. A group of people who are so close that we are family, a friendship that will never be broken or forgotten. So I guess you could say being a member of Preston is one of the best feelings, the feeling of belonging. Being a part of the Preston family is something

that just happens, much

like a biological family you don't really choose them. Being a member of this team is indescribable, but I will try my hardest. Being part of this family gives you comfort; knowing that you don't need to try super hard to fit in. Being a member of this family gives you the encouragement you need to do just that little bit better in your performance in practice, when you skate there's always someone to cheer you on and encourage you to do your best, whether from a coach or fellow skater. So I guess if you think that Family has to be blood relations then you would not understand how being a member of the Preston team is like being a family. But if you can see that family are people who always have your back, support and encourage you then Preston is the best Family out there.