



# Saint Francis Youth Hockey Puck News

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## Super Saints skate with Santa and the elves



On December 17th, the last day of the Super Saints program, Santa and one of his elves laced up their blades to show our future pucksters that the North Pole isn't all about making toys.

## President's Notes

With the 2005-06 season in full swing I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone whose hard work makes this possible. A special thanks goes out to Amy Underwood and Bill Karas for their countless hours getting everything right for registration. Also, I would like to single out John Huninghake for volunteering to take on the Ice Purchaser position for this season. John's knowledge and experience have made scheduling go much smoother this fall.

As most of you are aware the association is making the commitment to get back into charitable gambling. Kathy Schmid and Bill Karas have spent countless hours trying to get this finalized. It appears that their efforts will be rewarded soon with a new pull-tab booth at Fatboy's Bar and Grill. This will have a major impact on our entire association and allow us to finally do some of the same things that other associations have been doing for years. Please take the time to thank both Bill and Kathy for their efforts. Without them this would not be happening.

We will be announcing the dates for our annual meeting soon. It will be held some time in late March. With the addition of charitable gambling come more stringent requirements for our board of directors. In order to maintain our gambling license we must maintain a full Board at all times. In the past few years we have had several board positions

go unfilled at the annual meeting.

This spring we will have the following board positions on the ballot:

- President - at least 1 previous year on the Board
- Treasurer
- Ice Purchaser
- Girls Director
- Bantam Director
- Peewee Director
- Squirt Director
- Mite Director
- House Director

If anyone is interested in more details on any of the positions please feel free to call me and I will do my best to answer them. Also if you would like to put your name on the ballot for any of the positions let me know and I will do that.

Thanks again to all the coaches, parents and players for your hard work and dedication. It is you that makes St Francis Hockey what it is. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Jim Herlofsky  
President  
St. Francis Youth Hockey

# Words from the Vice President

The holiday season is upon us, and I can't believe how quickly this season is flying by. This year's Super Saints program has come and gone. We had 84 kids participate in this year. Hopefully many of them return next year to become Mites. This year's program was free to those families that enrolled, but that wouldn't have been possible if it wasn't for the hard work that some of our members put in to help raise the money needed. I want to thank both the high school boys and girls hockey programs for helping out. Without their support and help on the ice with the Super Saints, this program wouldn't be the same. The kids really look forward to having the high school players work with them on the ice. A special thanks to Santa (Colton Schwartz) and his elf (Charlie Benik) for dressing up and handing out candy. I would also like to thank Hunter's Inn and their patrons for supporting St. Francis Youth Hockey and letting us work the meat raffles, which raise the money needed for Super Saints.

At the last two board meetings we've had a couple of parents attend and express their concerns about issues that were important to them. They asked the board to address their concerns. In both instances, the parents stated that other parents were going to come to board meeting but backed out at the last minute for whatever reasons. This got me to thinking as to why the other parents backed out of attending. So I asked. Apparently the perception is that if any of our membership has a question or concern and bring it up at a board meeting, one of two things will happen, and maybe both. One, the concern will fall on deaf ears and nothing will happen, or two, the concerned party will either be chastised or humiliated by the board for bringing up a concern. That perception, I can assure you, is the farthest thing from the truth. This is your association! We are in elected positions trying to do what is right and trying to keep in mind the best interest of the whole association. We need to hear your voice. Attend the board meetings.

I hope all of you have a Safe and Happy Holiday season! Take in a high school game. Both programs are off to good starts and need fans in the stands.

GO SAINTS! We'll see you at the rink.

Bill Karas

**We are trying to keep you informed, but we need your help. Please check the St. Francis Youth Hockey Association website regularly for updates, announcements and upcoming events.**

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## Important item on next board meeting's agenda

**The next SFYHA Board of Directors meeting is Tuesday, January 3rd. This meeting will be held at 7pm at the East Bethel Ice Arena.**

**An important item on this month's agenda will be a proposal to merge the Cambridge-Isanti Peewee and Bantam programs with our St. Francis Peewee and Bantam programs for 2006 - 2007. If you would like to get more information on this proposal or have a need to address the board regarding this proposal, please attend. Guests are always welcome.**

## Youth Nights at St. Francis Boys' Varsity games

Come cheer on our high school boys as they pursue one of their best seasons ever. Any SFYHA player wearing a game jersey gets in free.

### Dates for Youth Nights:

January 7th 12:00(JV)/2:00(Varsity)  
January 14th 12:00(JV)/2:00(Varsity)  
February 2nd 7:30(Varsity only)

## **Attention: Managers**

At this point in the season, the association is looking for stories about your teams that we can share with all of our membership. We encourage team managers to publish information on the performance and successes of their teams. If you have a story (preferably written on Microsoft Word) that you would like to publish in the *Puck News* or on the website, please email it to [dan.king@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:dan.king@mpls.k12.mn.us). You may include a photo if you desire. The more stories we have, the better. Thanks for your hard work and dedication to your teams.