



Hello Snider Hockey Students & Families!

Here are updates, events, and opportunities for the Middle School Program for December 2018!

Have a question? Just reply to this email!

Welcome to the Middle School Postsecondary Email Update!

This email update will be sent out at the beginning of each month. Inside you will find upcoming events in and outside of Snider Hockey, service and volunteer opportunities, high school and college spotlights, and general and specific resources.

[Rink Schedules Here](#)

NOTICE for Breakaway Applicants:

Applications are due DECEMBER 10.

Erin Robinson will be out of the office from December 1-December 11.

All questions can be made to Sam Napierkowski at SNapierkowski@SniderHockey.org or by calling 215-952-5271.

Any application sent to Erin Robinson WILL be received by December 12. Any missing documents will be relayed to you by December 13. Please do not worry if you do not receive an immediate response after submitting.

Breakaway Scholarship

Program Overview*

The Ed Snider Youth Hockey Foundation seeks to improve the quality of educational options and expand the financial support available to Snider Hockey students throughout their secondary education.

Students accepted into the *Breakaway Scholarship* program will receive a one-year scholarship to cover full or partial tuition and school fees at one of the high schools in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This scholarship is renewable for up to three additional years if students continue to meet eligibility criteria.

Student Eligibility*

Snider Hockey students will be initially accepted into the *Breakaway Scholarship* program during their final year of middle school.

To apply for the program, students must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be a current member of Snider Hockey in good standing
- Be a current 8th grade student
- Have joined Snider Hockey prior to the completion of the 6th grade
- Apply to [one of the Faith in the Future high schools](#) and be accepted
- Complete the *Breakaway Scholarship* application
- Complete the initial [FACTS Grant and Aid](#) application
- Complete an individual counseling session with a parent/guardian
- Submit the final 7th grade year report card to Snider Hockey
- Submit the most recent 8th grade year report card to Snider Hockey
- **Demonstrate significant financial need based on FACTS Grant & Aid household income guidelines**
 - Level of financial need, as determined by the Archdiocese, will be relevant in the selection process

***This information is subject to change for the 2018-2019 school year.**

SAVE THE DATE - ALUMNI GAME!

**Don't miss the Snider Hockey Alumni Game
@ University of Pennsylvania (Class of '23 Arena) on Sat, Dec.
29th 11:30AM**

Outside Opportunities

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BLACK: No link

Volunteer/Educational

- **Rock to the Future's Winter Showcase:** 12/6 from 4pm-8pm; Need help with set-up/clean-up
- **DIY Art: Card Making Station** at Philly Museum of Art - 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26; FREE (pay as you wish)
- **Africa Celebration!** - Second Annual celebration; 12/16; FREE but must register

- [Design and Code Day](#) - 12/8 from 10am-4pm; coding and game design; robotics; 3D printing!
- [Independence Seaport Museum's Parade of Lights](#) - 12/8
- [Franklin Square Holiday Festival](#) - until 12/31
- [Cradles to Crayons](#) - Help with holiday donations and card writing!
- [Read With a Dog](#) - Read to a certified therapy dog.
- Shelve books and work special events at your [local library](#)! Must be at least 14 years old.
- Over 12 years old? Volunteer in the pantry at [Mitzvah Food Project](#).
- Interested in gardening and cleaning up vacant lands? The [Urban Tree Connection](#) has you covered! Must be 12 years or older.

ONGOING

- [Do Something](#) is a national organization for teens and young adults. Choose how long you can help, your cause, and your action.
- [Youth Volunteer Corps](#) helps youth ages 11-18 improve their community through volunteering.
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- The **Ronald McDonald House** always needs support. Volunteer has a greeter if you are over 14 years old. Contact Lori Anne Miller at 215-387-8406 x449.
- 12 and older - Contact lgale@bartramsgarden.org to volunteer at **Bartram's Garden Center!**
- Sort food with **St. Peter's Food Cupboard** on Pine Street. Contact foodcupboard@stpeterphila.org.
- Serve the homeless at **Serve a Meal**. Contact volunteer@sundaybreakfast.org. 14+
- [Pals for Life](#) - **Work with therapy animals!! 12+**
- **Association for Women in Forensic Science** - Interested in Forensic Science? Become a volunteer/intern - Ages 14-18 - Info [HERE](#).
- **Teen Tuesdays: Games** - More info [HERE](#).
- **Monthly Family Health Fair** - Info [HERE](#).
- **MAD SCIENTISTS CLUB** - Ages 7+ - Info [HERE](#).
- **Anime & Manga Discussion** - Ages 11+ - Info [HERE](#).
- **Saturday Stroll** - Info [HERE](#).
- **Crafty Mondays** - Ages 7+ - Info [HERE](#).
- **LGBTQ Teen Cafe** - Info [HERE](#).

New Jersey Area

- [Macy's Make A Wish Foundation Believe Campaign](#) - Until 12/24; write a letter to Santa; \$1 is donated to MAW for every letter sent!
- [FIND](#) volunteer opportunities in Burlington County for 14+ year old students.
- [Camden County Library Volunteers](#) (14+)
- Check out the numerous [LIVE FAMILY SHOWS](#) available in your area
- [Food Bank of South Jersey](#) - 13+ with adult; training and volunteering!

PLAY OF THE MONTH

RESPECT

"I firmly believe that respect is a lot more important, and a lot greater,

OVERVIEW

Sportsmanship is all about Respect. We are all part of a hockey family that treats everyone how *they* want to be treated. The game of hockey gives us the opportunity to be a part of team and to develop positive, life-long friendships. It is an honor to play the great game of hockey and we should be honoring the game in return. How do you show your respect for our community of hockey?

PARENT REINFORCEMENT

The 24 Hour Rule...In the heat of competition, it can be difficult to control our emotions and reactions. While it is okay to disagree and look for ways to improve, it is important that we try to resolve our conflicts in the most productive way possible. If you don't understand or agree with the way your child's coach is handling a situation, it's important that you make time to express your concerns, in a respectful manner. Find a mutually convenient time to schedule a respectful conversation about the game with your coach, when emotions are not as high.

HEALTHY HABIT

Respect your health! The demands of school and sport take a toll on a student-athletes mind, body, and emotional well-being. Student-athletes need to make an extra effort to make healthy choices when it comes to eating, hydrating, exercising, and getting enough sleep. Preparation is one of the most important skills a person can practice. Set yourself up for success by writing out your weekly plan, so you know exactly how much time you have for your commitments.

Catch a West Chester University Ice Hockey Team Game!

Women's

University at Buffalo @ West Chester University
(IceLine) - Sat, Dec. 01 @ 4:45pm EST

Men's

Princeton University @ West Chester University
(IceLine Rink 1) - Fri, Dec. 07 @ 9:30 pm EST

Monmouth University @ West Chester University
(IceLine Rink 3) - Sat, Dec. 08 @ 9:00 pm EST

High School Highlight

PUBLIC

William W. Bodine High School for International Affairs

Type: Public District Special Admission

Grades: 9-12

Admissions Overview: A's and B's (at most one C) on most recent final; 80th percentile on PSSA; no negative disciplinary marks

Location: 1101 N. 4th Street, 19123

Special Feature: Spring trips abroad; International Baccalaureate school

PRIVATE

Cristo Rey High School

Type: Private Catholic

Grades: 9-12

Admissions Overview: Must be 14 by 10/31/2018; family must be at or below income standards set by Cristo Rey Network; must apply by 8/1/2018

Location: 5218 N Broad Street, 19141

Special Feature: Four year work-study program off-sets cost of tuition AND provides real-world employment experience; multi-faith friendly

CHARTER

Freire Charter High School

Grades: 9-12

Admissions Overview: Application and lottery

Location: 2027 Chestnut Street, 19103

Special Feature: 84% of Freire graduates go to college, and 89% return for their sophomore year, surpassing the Philadelphia School District by 31 and 14 percentage points, respectively.

High School Applications & Resources

Notice: District School applications can be submitted from September 21st until November 2nd.

[Charter Schools that accept Standard Application](#)

[Charter School Standard Application](#)

[District Application for Current Residents](#)

[PSSA Conversion Chart \(2017-2018\)](#)

[Citywide & Special Admit Criteria Table](#)

[High School Directory](#)

[AOP Open House and Test Dates](#)

[Charter School Deadlines](#)

[Charter Schools with Rolling Admissions](#)

[Applying for Independent Private High Schools](#)

[Career and Technical Education High School Programs](#)

[The Notebook - Philly Education News](#)

Financial Aid & Scholarships

FACTS Grand & Aid - FACTS is used for Catholic School Tuition. Similar to FAFSA, families must submit tax information to find out how much financial aid they NEED and how much financial aid they are REWARDED. Students looking to attend Catholic school MUST submit a FACTS application.

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Information - Many private and Catholic schools accept EITC information to give families with low/moderate income a tax break.

Catholic School Scholarship/Assistance Information - There are many scholarships and financial assistance programs out there designed for families in need

BLOCS Scholarship Information - Catholic Schools - Catholic schools have specific scholarships for families and students in need of financial assistance.

Ellis Trust - Ellis Trust is a grant for high school girls. There are specific eligibility requirements. This grant is for public, independent private, and parochial schools.

College Corner

It's never too early to start thinking about college and financial planning!

Use this **Parent Action Plan** for middle school students to get an idea of how you can help your child now.

Check out this article about why it's **helpful to start planning** before your child even gets to high school.

Browse this **middle school checklist** (for parents AND students) to find out what you can do now to plan for later.

Read this article about encouraging your middle school student AND **planning for the future financially**.

School Spotlight

Elizabethtown College - CLICK!

- Elizabethtown, PA
- Private residential college
- Approx. 1,600 undergraduate students
- 58 majors and 100+ minors/concentrations
- 80+ clubs and organizations
- 24 NCAA Division III athletic teams
- ****Partner school for the Goals and Assists scholarship, which provides full or partial tuition to eligible graduating high school seniors**

Community & Web Resources

INFORMATION & REFERRALS

- **211** is a call center initiative that seeks to provide resources for health and human service needs - both everyday needs as well as crisis situations

HEALTH INSURANCE/FOOD STAMPS/CASH ASSISTANCE

- **COMPASS** is an online application for Pennsylvanians to apply for many programs including SNAP (food stamps), Medicaid, CHIP, or cash assistance

UTILITIES

- **PECO's** Customer Assistance Program (CAP) provides a monthly credit for eligible low income customers. The credit is based on the customer's total household gross income and energy usage.
- **INTERNET ESSENTIALS** is a low cost internet (\$9.95) source. Must have at least one child eligible for free lunch, no outstanding balance with Comcast, and no Comcast service within the last 90 days.

CLOTHING/HOME GOODS

- **GOODWILL STORES** are located in Avondale, Thorndale, Exton, Phoenixville, and Frazer
- **ST. PAUL'S** Baptist Church Clothes Closet has gently worn clothes and shoes for men, women, girls, and boys, free to those in need. Call 610-692-2446 ext.14 to arrange a time to visit.

Use Your Public Library!

There are many benefits of using your local public library. In Philadelphia, it's easy to sign up for a library card.

Programs & Services

- Are you in need of health insurance? The library can **help you.**
- Do you need assistance applying for jobs? Check out the library's **"Workplace."**
- Don't have internet at home? The library has free **wireless access.**
- Want to stream a collection of 30,000 movies, TV shows, documentaries, and more? Yep, the library can **do that** too.

Find out what events are being held by using the library's **calendar.** Make sure you view the other **numerous programs & services** the library has as well.

Not sure which local library you should use? Find the closest library to you by clicking **here.** Stop in (with proper identification) and sign up for a library card **(FOR FREE)** to access these great programs and services!

New Jersey Resident?

New Jersey public libraries also have wonderful free services and programs. Find your local library by clicking **HERE!**

With services like adult math classes, museum passes, vision screenings, therapy dogs interaction, and tutoring, New Jersey public libraries can meet your needs.

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