



# Figure Skating News

Northern Lights FSC & East Grand Forks Parks and Recreation

December 2017 – January 2018

## DECEMBER – JANUARY EVENTS

- 19** Learn to Skate Testing
- 19** Twinklers perform at EGF JV Hockey Game
- 24-25** Arena Closed – Merry Christmas
- 29** Holiday Exhibition – Civic Center Arena, 5:30-7:30PM
- 30** Learn to Skate Makeup/Retest Day
- 31-1** Arena Closed – Happy New Year
- 2** Auroras perform at EGF V Hockey Game
- 5-7** Foot of the Lake Synchro Competition – Fond du Lac, WI
- 8** Synchro Pictures @ Caulfield Studios
- 9** Sparklers perform at EGF JV Hockey Game
- 11-13** Northern Star Individual Competition – EGF @ VFW Arena
- 14** Northern Star Synchro Competition – EGF @ Civic Center Arena
- 20** Metallites perform at EGF JV Hockey Game
- 23-27** Midwestern Synchro Sectional Championships – Witicha, KS
- 30** Stars perform at EGF V Hockey Game

## Individual and Synchronized Skating News

“Better late than never, but never late it better!” – Thank to all for the patience as we adjust to creating our newsletters this season. First and foremost, HAPPY HOLIDAYS! We are grateful and humbled by our supportive families, skaters, and friends our skating program. Wishing everyone a joyous holiday season.

**Individual Skating:** Congratulations skaters who competed at the Holiday Classic Competition in Grand Forks this past December! Many skaters stepped out on competitive ice for the first time this season at the event. The next individual competition is Northern Star, January 11-14<sup>th</sup>, at the VFW Arena in EGF. The event is free to public. Please come out and watch our individual skaters show what they have been working on all season while they compete! A reminder that all private ice sessions have been split into high and low sections for safety reasons. However, if the session is not maxed out at 15 skaters on the ice, others can use the ice to practice. So far most sessions have not been full, so please use the ice.

**Synchronized Skating:** The Auroras and Metallites kicked off our synchronized skating competitive season this past December in Ann Arbor, MI. The Metallites earned 4<sup>th</sup> place while the Auroras, now under a new judging system, earned a score of 35.

The Sparklers, Stars, Metallites, and Auroras also attend the Maplewood Classic in Minneapolis, MN. Sparklers placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, Stars – 2<sup>nd</sup>, Metallites – 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Auroras increased their score to 42. Congrats teams! January events for synchro include the following: Foot of the Lake Synchro Competition in Fond du Lac, WI, Northern Star in EGF and the Midwestern Synchro Championships in Witicha, KS.

**Locker Rooms:** We are asking all skaters to help take care of the locker rooms. It is a privilege to have these rooms to store our skating gear which we do not want to lose. Any items left out on the floor or benches will be put in the lost and found underneath the counter, which will be emptied at the end of each month. Please put belongings away and check the lost and found for any items belonging to you before the bin is emptied. There is no food allowed in either locker room. Please refer to page six of the handbook for a full list of locker room etiquette and rules. They are also posted in each locker room.

December and January will be gone before we know it. These are the busiest months of our skating season. Please make sure your skater is getting adequate rest and surrounded by positivity as we push through our competitive season. Enjoy the holidays. Blessings to all.

-Mallory, Synchronized & Individual  
Skating Coordinator

## The Latest with Learn to Skate

Learn to Skate Parents please make sure to check the online arena schedule as class times and locations can change from the posted calendar. January/February Calendars will be available starting December 19<sup>th</sup>. December 19<sup>th</sup> is also the

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first testing date. All Students will be evaluated by the coaching staff on this day. A make-up/retest day will be held Saturday December 30th.

The Holiday Exhibition will be held in a new location this year, as we are starting to outgrow our current home. Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm, all are welcome to come watch our skaters perform their competition programs at the East Grand Forks Civic Center Arena. This will also double as the 2018 Ice Show Evaluation. All skaters who wish to participate must complete the required paper work and return in to the black mailbox at the VFW Arena no later than December 15th, 2017. No emailed applications will be accepted. The following ice show spots will be filled based off of the judges' decisions from the night performance. (6) Solos, (3-4) Duets, (3-4) Trios, (2-3) Small Groups. The results will be posted on January 5th in the VFW Lobby.

Registration for our annual ice show will open in January. Information on registration will be emailed when it becomes open. Registration will close on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Practices for the show will begin on 2/27.

-Shelby, Learn to Skate Coordinator

**Words from the NLFSC Board**

The NLFSC has been busy since the season began! The girls and coaches have been putting in endless hours on the ice to preparing for the first events of the season. Individual skaters participated at the Grand Forks competition. We had the largest testing session in club history with 100 skaters from throughout the state of North Dakota, Minnesota, and South Dakota displaying their talents to the USFSA judges. During the test session, Gracie Helland became a Gold Medalist after she passed her Senior Moves-in-the Field. We had two synchronized skating teams travel to the Dr. Porter Classic, then four teams to the Maplewood competition. Every time our teams take the ice my heart begins to beat fast and then they start their routines, at this point I am constantly reminded of the amazing job our coaches have done with the girls. Figure skating is so beautiful!

The Northern Star individual and synchronized skating competition is just around the corner. We have 235 individuals registered and 19 synchronized skating teams, this promises to be three days packed with skaters showcasing their passion and dedication to the sport of figure skating. If you would like to get involved there are endless opportunities to volunteer your time.

Dibs for January will be out soon, keep your fingers on the keyboard so get signed up.

-Karen, NLFSC President