



ICE CHIPS

President's Letter

Dear Club Members,

Spring is nearly here! And all the changes that come with it. We are no strangers to change this year at the Fort Collins Figure Skating Club. It feels like we have been constantly trying to keep up with an ever-changing world since the pandemic began two years ago. Change is never easy, but with the incredibly talented team we have on our board of directors and in our skating club family we can weather any storm. And this year has had several changes. The ice show that has been produced for over 30 years by the City of Fort Collins is now on our shoulders. We are trying our best to build a sustainable show that is fun for the skaters, fiscally responsible and efficient so we can continue this tradition for many, many more years. So, we ask that you all please be patient as we navigate these new waters. We will do some things right and we will do some things wrong. We will learn from this experience, and we will adapt next year. We do know one thing; this show is now 100% community driven. If we want a nice show, we will need all the support we can get from our club community: patience, volunteering, kindness. All these things will be much appreciated by the show committee and the amazing coaching staff that is working so hard to make this show a success.

I would like to extend a hearty WELCOME to all the new learn to skate (compete USA) members that have recently joined our club to be a part of the show. You are probably wondering "What is all this about?" Trust me, we were all parents of LTS kids

at one point and we were all confused by this crazy figure skating world. We are here to help you understand US Figure Skating and how it all works if you like. Now that the show is 100% run by the Fort Collins Figure Skating Club and not the city, we needed to have you all join the club to be a part of our community and our communication structure. We publish a quarterly newsletter, we have social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram, we communicate by email, and we have a TON of information on the website. We encourage you all to follow our social media and watch your email for club and show information. If you are not yet a member of the club, we do not have your email and we cannot contact you. So, if you haven't already, please join the club at your earliest convenience by going to the "membership" tab on our website. www.fortcollinsfsc.org. We intend to hold informational sessions at EPIC during Learn to Skate classes starting the week of the 21st. So, watch your emails and come with all your questions about the club and the show. We are really excited to have you all a part of our skating community.

The show isn't the only exciting thing coming up. We will be hosting our 31st annual Fort Collins Classic Figure Skating Competition April 7-10 at EPIC. Once again, we will need all of you to help us succeed this year by signing up to volunteer. We will have the sign up sent out by email and on our website as soon as the schedule is posted which should be soon! This is always a fun time of the year. It is the beginning of the competition season, and we get to see all the new programs and new

dresses and get the season started. I wanted to say a special “THANK YOU” to the competition committee chairs. It is such a pleasure to work with each one of you. You are all so good at your jobs and you make this fun. We encourage all the new families that are interested in learning how to run a competition, to reach out and become involved. It is really fun, and we have a lot of knowledge to pass on to the next skating generation.

Finally, we wanted to be sure you all are aware that both rinks will be closed for maintenance from late May to late June. We are working to find ice time at other local rinks like Greeley and NoCo, but you need to work with your coaches to plan to find ice outside of Fort Collins. We will have more information to share soon about plans for early summer to keep ice skating going.

So, we have a lot going on! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need anything.

Enjoy the spring weather and see you around the rink!

Amy Aspelund

FCFSC President



Ice Show Fundraising



We still need help gathering auction items for our ice show fundraiser auction. The online auction will run April 7th through 14th. We have some great auction items from SCHEELS, Kilwins, The Cupboard, Great Clips, Nothing Bundt Cakes just to name a few.

We are also looking for additional corporate sponsors. Sponsorship levels start at \$250. For details please contact the Ice Show Fundraising Committee at fun4fcfsc@gmail.com.

Thank you to the businesses and individuals that have become Ice Show Sponsors. We greatly appreciate your support!

Ice Extravaganza Sponsors

Toe Loop \$250 Level

Rachel Soto Vesta
Broker Associate/Partner, The Group

King Engineering

Axel \$1000 Level

Mary Beth Fisher
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Regina & Mark Bower

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Testing

For those members that are new to the Fort Collins Figure Skating Club, test sessions are only for skaters that are working privately with a skating coach and have been deemed ready to take their first official US Figure Skating Moves In the Field test. If you see an email from the club announcing that a test session is open or available, it is for these tests. Our club holds test sessions about once a month. We held 2 test sessions in the past quarter in December and February. Please check your family folder for certificates from U.S. Figure Skating for all your passed tests! There are many folders that have many certificates from several test sessions. Certificates can take 3-4 weeks to arrive but keep checking your family folder for the most recent ones. For more information about the US Figure Skating Testing structure see this link for all the details.

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/skate/test-structure>

Congratulations to the following skaters for passing their recent tests:

December 3, 2021

MaeBelle Jesness	Pre-Preliminary Moves and Free Skate
Mackenzie Irish	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Lille Jessop	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Eden Blad	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Scarlett Austin	Preliminary Moves
Christina Hughes	Adult Pre-Bronze Free Skate
Mayley Miller	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate, Juvenile Moves
Kara Richardson	Intermediate Moves
Claire Hoyle	Junior Moves
Adrianna Cohen	Adult Gold Moves 21+ (Honors), Adult Gold Free Skate 21+



February 11, 2022

Caroline Montgomery	Pre-Preliminary Moves and Free Skate
Quinn Hux	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Emma Farrar	Preliminary Free Skate
Lauren Knuckey	Preliminary Free Skate
J.J. Tipton-Lane	Preliminary Moves and Free Skate
Kaiya Goodwin	Preliminary Free Skate
Kara Richardson	Preliminary Free Skate
Mackenzie Irish	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Claudia Schuster	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Megan Doherty	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Katherine Pietras	Juvenile Moves
Sadie Coatman	Juvenile Free Skate
Fiona Carpenter	Juvenile Free Skate
Anya Schuster	Juvenile Free Skate
Zoe Anderson	Intermediate Moves
Sutton Kreutzfeldt	Novice Moves
Addie Mitchell	Novice Moves, Novice Free Skate
Rebecca Rezak	Adult Gold Moves 21+
Brooklyn King	Senior Moves
Natalie Fleener	Preliminary Partnered Dance Dutch Waltz
Ava Bailey	Preliminary Solo Dance Canasta Tango, Rhythm Blues, Dutch Waltz
Sofia Cann	Preliminary Solo Dance Canasta Tango (honors), Rhythm Blues, Dutch Waltz (honors), Pre-Bronze Cha Cha
Rowan Martey	Pre-Bronze Solo Dance Swing Dance, Senior Solo Free Dance (Honors)

Testing Continued

Our next test session will be Friday May 13, 2022. To register your skater for a test follow the links here: <https://www.fortcollinsfsc.org/testing/> For any questions about testing contact our test chairs, Gayleen and Betsi, gayleen.carpenter@gmail.com or betsimead@gmail.com. They are very happy to answer any questions. We will not hold a test session in June and the July test dates are not confirmed yet.

U.S. Figure Skating recognizes skaters who pass their Novice tests and above by sending a congratulatory letter to the student's school. To request a recognition letter, contact U.S. Figure Skating by logging in to the members only site with your user name and password at usfsaonline.org then click on "testing", then "overview". Scroll down to the highlighted link for "School Recognition Request Form". All requests are only considered by USFSA within 2 months of completion of the test.

If you have passed a gold level test, the club pays for 1 gold medal banner for our skaters. If your goal is to achieve another gold level, you may want to wait to have a banner made to include that next achievement. Just let us know what you would like to do. We love to celebrate our member's achievements!

For any questions about testing please ask Gayleen Carpenter or Betsi Mead. Gayleen.carpenter@gmail.com
betsimead@gmail.com

Senior Banquet

SAVE THE DATE!! Fort Collins Figure Skating Club Senior Banquet is planned for Friday June 17, 2022. Watch your emails for upcoming details, information, and tickets! The Senior Banquet is for ALL club members! It is an annual celebration that the club holds to recognize and honor our graduating seniors but also to have a lot of fun together outside of the skating rink. Everyone is invited to come if you have a senior or hope to have a senior someday, or once were a senior! Save the date, Friday, June 17th, 2022 from 5-10pm. If you have a graduating senior, please let Gayleen Carpenter know if you **will** be able to attend the banquet **or if you will not** be able to attend so we can properly plan for the Banquet.



High School Competition written by Addie Mitchell

On January ninth, seven skaters from the Fort Collins Figure Skating Club competed in the High School Competition hosted by the South Suburban ice rink in Denver Colorado. The competition featured skaters of all levels performing various elements to represent and earn points for their team.

The Fire and Ice team —the team name for the Fort Collins Figure Skating club skaters who attended the competition— earned third and fourth place in the overall team maneuvers section of the event, and had several amazing individual skaters take home first place in solo events. Rowan Martey, a senior in high school, won first place in advanced longest spins; Clare Hoyle, a high school junior, took home first in the advanced longest spiral challenge; and Colten Allen, a sophomore in high school, won in the longest spin challenge for the medium group. The team also took home the “Best Team Spirit Award” thanks to the club posters made by Grace and Fiona Carpenter and the encouraging waving of pompoms and ringing of cowbells, courtesy of Reede Lunt.

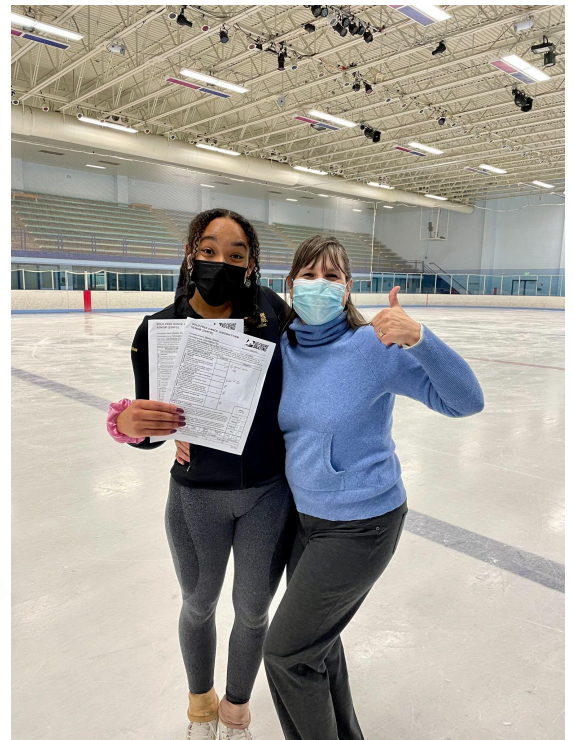
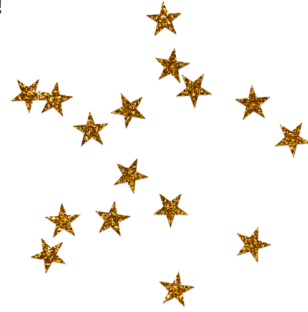
The competition was a super fun experience for the Fort Collins Fire and Ice team; the skaters enjoyed cheering on teammates, showing off their skating skills for other teams, and having fun together as a group. In addition to having a great time, skaters had the chance to practice performing under some pressure in a non, high-stakes environment and got to practice having their skating evaluated by judges. Skaters also got to watch skaters from other clubs perform and learn from seeing their skills. The competition was a fantastic event! Thanks to Gayleen Carpenter for all her hard work organizing the Fort Collins Fire and Ice team and to all the competitors who showed off their skills and team spirit!



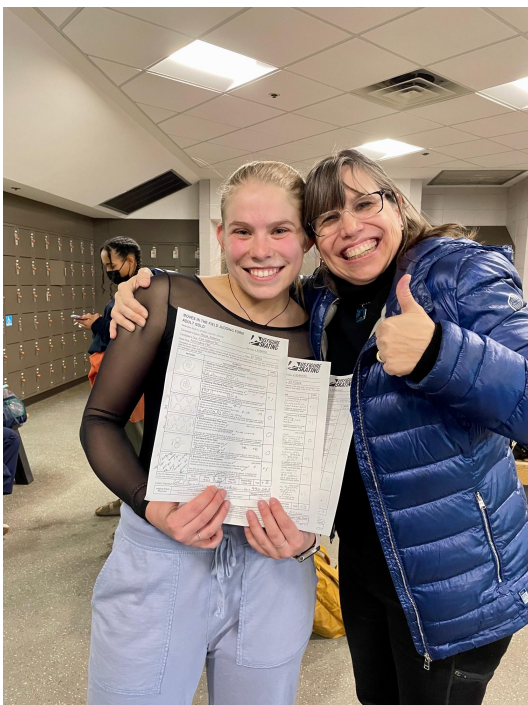
FCFSC's Newest Gold Medalists



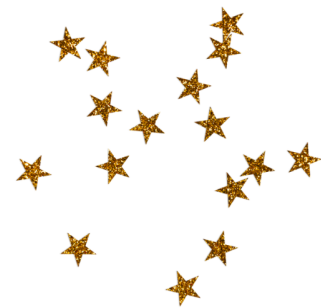
On December 3rd Adrianna Cohen passed her Adult Moves in the Field test and Adult Free Skate test to become a Double Gold Medalist. Congratulations Adrianna!



Rowan Martey became a Triple Gold Medalist on February 11 after passing her Solo Dance Free Skate test. She passed this test with Honors! Awesome Rowan!



On February 11th Rebecca Rezak passed her Adult Gold Moves in the Field test to become a Gold Medalist. Way to go Rebecca!



FCFSC's Newest Gold Medalists Continued



Brooklyn King passed her Senior Moves in the Field test to become a Gold Medalist! Bravo Brooklyn!

Fort Collins FSC Membership

Membership count: 275

If you have any membership questions, please email Melody at melodyking26@gmail.com.

New Members

What is a program run-through session? A program run-through session is when the club buys a chunk of ice time that is used for skaters to run their program while being the only skater on the ice. This is a great opportunity to use props and practice skating in your costume or skating outfit. Skaters will be placed into small groups and those groups will get a short warm up and then individual skaters will be announced and perform just like a competition or test session. And for clarification, you can do a free skate test program, competition program or artistic program (solo/duet/ensemble). The ice is yours!

The FCFSC has an upcoming program run-through session scheduled for **Saturday, March 26th from 9:30am to 11am**. Cost is \$16 per run through. To sign up and pay use this link:

<https://www.fortcollinsfsc.org/program-run-throughs-for-fort-collins-classic-march-26-2022/>

Fire Crystals - Synchro

The Pre-Juvenile Fire Crystals Team's 2021-22 competition season is coming to an end. The team had the opportunity to compete in three separate competitions this year. California Fall Classic, Pacific Coast Sectionals and the Denver Invitational. They've seen drastic improvement between the first and last competition and ended the season with a second place finish at Denver Invitational on March 12th. The team was introduced to a new-to-them judging system which was tricky in the beginning but the skaters pushed through, were consistent with practices and really came together as a team by the end of the season. As the synchro skaters start to look towards the Fort Collins Classic and the Annual Ice Show, please consider coming to watch their skating exhibition. Synchro is a fun team to be a part of and we encourage all Fort Collins Figure Skaters to consider joining the team.

Junior Board

Happy Spring! Things have been kind of slow for the Junior Board over the last few months as we've navigated changes in the pandemic, but we have lots of exciting stuff coming up! First, we'd like to thank Stephanie Hopkins for her contributions to our towel/bag fundraiser, it would not have been possible without you! In December, Junior Board had our annual Secret Santa gift exchange which was pretty wild, but lots of fun. We also helped promote the Giving Tree, a Christmas present donation project in our community.



Coming up, the Junior Board is preparing to host more exhibitions! This is the perfect opportunity to practice performing your programs without the pressure of a competition environment. Our next exhibition will be on March 26th, just in time to prepare for Fort Collins Classic. All skaters are welcome! But all must sign up ahead of time. Speaking of FCC, the Junior Board will have a booth at the competition where we will be selling our long awaited Junior Board merchandise including beanies, tumblers, and more! Lastly, keep an eye out for details on our annual Ice Extravaganza Cast Party in May, we're switching things up a bit and you won't want to miss it! Sincerely, Brooklyn King Co-President

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Brooklyn King
Co-President

Winter Exhibitions

In December at EPIC and Foothills Mall.



SkateSafe

<https://www.fortcollinsfsc.org/skatesafe/>

Please contact Gayleen Carpenter at Gayleen.carpenter@gmail.com with any Skate Safe questions.

Club Education

The Club Education Committee has been working on bringing in coaches from across the country to host seminars for our skaters. We will have Jackie and Diane coming during our long weekend in September for a fun seminar! We will also be putting together an afternoon all about mental health for our athletes, so stay tuned for details on that. Coaches and board members will soon be working on a new Be Nice on the Ice video to help spread the word about skating patterns and protocols when making the transition to contract (freestyle) ice.

Have ideas for club education? Email: sturtevant.ali@gmail.com

Coaches Corner

During these busy months at the rink, it's easy to forget about your off-ice warm-up. Coaches would like to take a moment to remind skaters how critical warming up before you step onto the ice is for both injury prevention and strength building. Linked here is a [10-minute dynamic warm-up](#) from Coach Lisa designed to get your heart rate going and activate your muscles and joints so your body is ready for exercise before lacing up your skates!

Skaters of all levels can benefit from an off-ice warm up routine. Not sure how to get started? Ask your coach to help walk you through the steps linked above, and find moves that work best for you individually.

If you have suggestions for coaches corner items, please contact Coach Ali at sturtevant.ali@gmail.com.



Skaters of the Quarter

Each quarter we will randomly pick 3 skaters who are members of the FCFSC to feature! One that is age 12 and below, one that is age 13-18, and one adult. They will get to have their picture and a small blurb about who they are and what they love about ice skating on the club cork board at the rink, social media, and our quarterly newsletter. We would like to celebrate and support our club athletes as much as we possibly can to help each other grow together as a community!

Grace Carpenter

Age: 17

Skating Level: Intermediate

Coaches: Marianne Strobel and Lisa Moore

How many days a week do you skate: 5

What are your most celebrated skating accomplishments:
Placing 4th for my individual Dramatic Character program and our large ensemble placing 3rd at National Showcase 2021 here at our home rink

What do you love most about skating: I love improving my skills and participating in Showcase!

Tell us something we don't know about you: I broke my foot and was away from skating for 9 months, and during the pandemic I created a collaborative artistic video that has reached almost 100K views on YouTube

What pastimes do you enjoy outside of skating: I love to do art both on paper and on the computer and I snowboard

Who are your favorite skaters on tv: Jason Brown and Yuma Kagiyama and Nathan Chen

What is your favorite jump: Double Loop

What is your favorite spin: a Donut spin

What are your favorite parts you've had in the ice show: being one of the elements in Frozen II in 2021



EPIC Productions Showcase

EPIC Productions Rehearsals Underway for the 2022 Season

EPIC Productions, the showcase ensemble group of Fort Collins Figure Skating Club, is underway for the 2022 season. As they start their weekly rehearsals, this year's group of 20 skaters is learning choreography, pondering costumes, and puzzling over ever-more complex and exciting designs for sets and scenery for their four ensembles.

The group, now in its 6th year, has traveled across the country to attend the USFS National Showcase competition – including the very short trip to last year's largest-ever competition held here at EPIC rink, where their large ensemble took the bronze. This year, EPIC

Productions will travel with coaches and parents to Wesley Chapel, just outside Tampa, Florida, for the 5-day event from August 2nd to 6th. Their last out-of-state trip was way back in 2019 to Wenatchee, Washington.

This year the group has had to make some adjustments because the rules for the National Showcase competition changed significantly in 2021. There are more singles events now, including Emotional Performance (formerly Dramatic Performance), Choreographic Artistry, Lyrical Pop, Character Performance, and Comedic Impressions. These each have specific – and different – rules about whether skaters can have props and scenery, lip-synch, and use music with lyrics.

The new showcase events come with new, more rigorous rules for qualification, too. For the first time, skaters in ensembles and other events must win top four in a showcase singles event at a USFS competition the year prior in order to qualify to skate in ensembles or duet/trio events in National Showcase. So get ready for a lot of showcase excitement at Fort Collins Classic in April this year!

You can sneak a peek at EPIC Productions practicing on Saturday afternoons at the rink on and off the ice. You'll see EPIC Production coaches Marianne Strobel (Director), Denaysa Sisemore (Artistic Director), and Lisa Moore (Production Director), along with the skaters who support them as rehearsal assistant (Rowan Martey), team captains for each ensemble, and coordinators for props, costumes, fundraising, and promotion.

If you want to learn more about EPIC Productions, take a look at the group's website at <http://www.epicproductionsfoco.org/>, or come see them perform their new large ensemble number at this year's FCFS Ice Extravaganza on May 7th!



Ice Show

MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Fort Collins Figure Skating Club ice show is to host an event that celebrates figure skating and brings our skating community together in collaboration to share our passion for the sport in a creative, equitable, fiscally responsible, and inclusive way.

Rehearsals will start soon for our spring ice show. Please find all the information you will need about casting, rehearsals, tickets, merchandise, etc. on our website:

<https://www.fortcollinsfsc.org/spring-spectacular-resources/>

SPRING ICE SHOW REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 5:15 - 7:15pm Rehearsal	12	13 5:15 - 6:15pm Rehearsal	14	15	16 9:30am - 12:00pm Rehearsal
17 Easter	18 5:15 - 7:15pm Rehearsal	19 4:45 - 6:00pm LTS Rehearsal	20 5:15 - 6:15pm Rehearsal	21 4:45 - 6:00pm LTS Rehearsal	22	23 9:30am - 12:00pm Rehearsal
24	25 5:15 - 7:15pm Rehearsal	26 4:45 - 6:00pm LTS Rehearsal	27 5:15 - 6:15pm Rehearsal	28 4:45 - 6:00pm LTS Rehearsal	29	30 9:30am - 12:00pm Rehearsal

Rehearsals start April 11th for Tested Skater Groups

Rehearsals start April 19th for Learn to Skate Groups

May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 WALK THRU 10:00 - 10:45pm 1st Half 10:45 - 11:15am Grand Finale 11:15am - 12:00pm 2nd Half	2 WALK THRU 5:15 - 6:00pm 1st Half 6:00 - 6:30pm Grand Finale 6:30 - 7:15pm 2nd Half	3 4:45 - 6:00pm LTS Rehearsal	4 5:15 - 7:15pm FULL RUN-THRU	5 4:45 - 6:00pm LTS Rehearsal	6 8:00am - 4:00pm TECH SET UP 5:00 - 7:00pm DRESS RUN	7 1:00 - 3:00pm SHOW 6:00 - 8:00pm SHOW
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

April Rehearsal Schedules

Monday's		4/11	4/18	4/25	
** NO LTS **	5:15-5:45pm	<u>On Ice</u>	60's	60's	60's
	5:15-5:45pm	<u>Off Ice</u>	90's	90's	90's
	5:45 - 6:15pm	<u>On Ice</u>	80's	80's	80's
	5:45 - 6:15pm	<u>Off Ice</u>	2000's	2000's	2000's
	6:15-6:45pm	<u>On Ice</u>	90's	90's	90's
	6:15-6:45pm	<u>Off Ice</u>	60's	60's	60's
	6:45 - 7:15pm	<u>On Ice</u>	2000's	2000's	2000's
	6:45 - 7:15pm	<u>Off Ice</u>	80's	80's	80's

Wednesday's		4/13	4/20	4/27	
** NO LTS **	5:15-5:45pm	<u>On Ice</u>	70's	70's	70's
	5:15-5:45pm	<u>Off Ice</u>	50's	50's	50's
	5:45-6:15pm	<u>On Ice</u>	50's	50's	50's
	5:45-6:15pm	<u>Off Ice</u>	70's	70's	70's

* Wednesday off ice will need to be in large blue conference room

Saturday's		4/16	4/23	4/30	
All Tested Skater Groups ** NO LTS **	9:30 - 10:00am	<u>On Ice</u>	50's	50's	50's
	9:30 - 10:00am	<u>Off Ice</u>	70's	70's	70's
	10:00 - 10:30am	<u>On Ice</u>	80's	80's	80's
	10:00 - 10:30am	<u>Off Ice</u>	50's	50's	50's
	10:30 - 11:00am	<u>On Ice</u>	60's	60's	60's
	10:30 - 11:00am	<u>Off Ice</u>	90's / 2000's	90's / 2000's	90's / 2000's
	11:00 - 11:30am	<u>On Ice</u>	70's	70's	70's
	11:00 - 11:30am	<u>Off Ice</u>	80's	80's	80's
	11:30am - 12:00pm	<u>On Ice</u>	90's / 2000's	90's / 2000's	90's / 2000's
	11:30am - 12:00pm	<u>Off Ice</u>	60's	60's	60's

UPDATED: 3/19/22

- All rehearsals are Monday AND Saturday OR Wednesday AND Saturday
- Rehearsal Sunday May 1 10:00 am—12:00 pm
- Rehearsal Monday May 2 5:15-7:15 pm
- Rehearsal Wednesday May 4 5:15-7:15 pm

LTS Rehearsal Schedules Only No TESTED

LEARN TO SKATE

Tuesday & Thursday's	<i>4:45-5:10pm</i>	On Ice	25min	The Night Fevers, Line Dancers, and Groovy Girls
	<i>4:45-5:10pm</i>	Off Ice		The Hip Hippies, Into the Millennials, Boogie Wonders and The Magnificent Mix Tapes
	<i>5:10-5:35pm</i>	On Ice	25min	Sock Hop Sleepers, The All Stars, Whammers!
	<i>5:35-6:00pm</i>	On Ice	25min	The Hip Hippies, Into the Millennials, Boogie Wonders and The Magnificent Mix Tapes
4/19, 4/21, 4/26, 4/28, 5/3, 5/5				

LEARN-TO-SKATE

- ALL REHEARSALS ARE TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS FROM 4:45-6:00pm
- REHEARSAL SUNDAY MAY 1 10:00am-12:00pm
- REHEARSAL MONDAY MAY 2 5:15-7:15pm
- REHEARSAL WEDNESDAY MAY 4 5:15-7:15pm
- DRESS REHEARSAL (in costume) FRIDAY MAY 6 5:00-7:00pm
- SHOWS SATURDAY MAY 7 1pm and 6pm

Dates to Remember

- 4/7 Test Session - deadline to register is March 31st at midnight
- 4/7 - 4/10 Fort Collins Classic
- 4/7 - 4/14 Ice Show Fundraiser Online Auction
- 5/7 Ice Extravaganza 1pm & 7pm ice shows
- TBD Ice Show Cast Party
- 5/13 Test Session - deadline to register is May 5th at midnight
- 6/17 Senior Banquet



The End!