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LaSalle Community Council Newsletter

Our LaSalle Spirit family continues to be busy for the month of May and early June, with fundraising, basketball tournaments, track meets, and year-end parties.

Our club has increased to 28 active athletes with the welcomed recent additions of Jasmyn Kersey, as well as Gabriel and Raphael DelDuca. It is interesting to note that the LaSalle Sports Club has registered 52 athletes, along with 91 volunteers/coaches/parents, since the club started in October of 2003.

I am proud to announce that our Competitive D Division basketball team participated in the Regions 1&2 provincial qualifier tournament in London on May 12th. We won the first game by the score of 28-4 against a newly developed London team. (Remember our first year??!!) Nine of our eleven players shared in the scoring, led by Dan Morton with 6 points, Matt Tolmie and Stephanie Meloche with 4 points each. Also getting baskets were Matt Cormier, Jenny Pringle, Cody Crease, Miles Buress, John Kukucka, and Jasmyn Kersey.

In the second game, all of our players were tenacious on defense, battling Guelph to a 14-14 tie. This is the same Guelph team that had beaten us by ten points or more in past tournaments. Matt Cormier led our scorers with four points. Also scoring baskets were Matt Tolmie, Jasmyn Kersey, Stephanie Meloche, and Dan Morton.

The third game saw our team beat London again, this time by a score of 26-8. Jasmyn Kersey led the team with eight points, while Matt Tolmie had six points. Cody Crease and Andrew Cyr each had four points, while Stephanie Meloche and Jenny Pringle each added two points.

Our team played back to back games, finishing with the championship games against the same Guelph team they had tied earlier. Guelph jumped to an early 8-2 lead, and finished with a 16-2 win. A strong effort was put forth by all of our players, both offensively and defensively, but our shots refused to fall in the basket. Dan Morton had the lone score in this game.

Now we wait to see if our team will represent Region 1 at the Provincial Games next year.

We will now begin to devote all of our time on Monday evenings to track and field, preparing for the meets during the first week of June. Eighteen athletes from the LaSalle Spirit Club have been registered to compete through the club. On Tuesday, June 5th (with a rain date of June 6th), the following athletes will compete in the elementary school division at Essex High School:

Meaghan Sidi, Serena Mejalli, Lenny Soresi, Cody Crease, and Jason Rowden.

On Thursday, June 7th (with a rain date of June 7th), the following athletes will complete in the secondary school/adult competition at Essex High School:

Pam Lyons, Amanda Klesh, Jenny Pringle, Vanessa Malott, Dan Martynse, John Kukucka, Dan Morton, Fred Carpio, Matt Tolmie, Andrew Cyr, Andrew King, John McCourt, and Matt Cormier.

All athletes competing in these meets should wear their yellow T-shirt with our crest, and **be at the school track by 8:45am at the latest!**

As I am sure most of you know by now, we have added the sport of softball to our LaSalle Spirit group. Practices will commence on **Wednesday, May 16th, from 6:30-8:00pm**, under head coach Marie Mailloux, and continue on Wednesdays through July. Any athlete, who is interested in playing, or anyone interested in helping coach, is asked to call Marie at 978-0635.

Reminders:

Strawberry Festival Parade – Saturday, June 2nd, 10:00-11:00am

Participants are requested to meet in the staging area on Old Front Road at Morton Drive, in LaSalle (near the Windsor Salt Mine entrance) by 9:30am.

Coordinating our group for this event is Frank Soresi (978-2624).

“End of the year” party at Bowlero – Sunday, June 10th, starting at 3:00pm, with bowling, followed by dinner and awards. No cost for athletes, coaches, and community council members. There will be a \$5.00 charge for all other parents, family members, and significant others, to help off-set the cost for the food.

Please let Bonnie McCourt (979-4680) know how many paying and non-paying persons will be attending. **Deadline: June 3rd.**

Volunteer of the Year Award - If you have not voted yet, please do so by contacting Jacquie Marchi by email at jacmarchi@sympatico.ca.

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