

Dear Wood Hockey Parents,

The hockey season has been in full swing for the past month and now it is officially beginning with the start of our league games. We are all excited and anticipating a successful and injury-free season. With the dedicated group of players out on the ice, I know they will strive to be the best they can be at all times. Best of Luck to all of the Coaches and Players on the Middle School, JV and Varsity teams!

The Executive Board has always discussed supporting a charity at our meetings; however, choosing the right one has been the difficult part. This year we were fortunate enough to be introduced to Helen's Hope. Helen's Hope is a non-profit organization that provides financial assistance to individuals battling cancer and their families whose lives have been impacted by this disease. It partners with agencies such as local hospitals, hospice programs and religious communities. It is even more special to us because members of our Wood Hockey family started the organization, Steve and Peggy Ricci. It is their son, Nick's, Aunt Helen, who they are remembering through their charity.

Helen passed away after a long, courageous battle with breast cancer on March 19, 2007, a couple of months later, in August 2007, her family kept her spirit alive by establishing Helen's Hope. We believe that many of us have been affected, in one way or another, by cancer. By supporting this charity we would not only be assisting financially as a club, but also a family, by touching and assisting the families who have been affected by this horrible disease, like the Riccis do in honor of Helen.

We are going to be selling 50/50's at every home game with the proceeds of all three teams going to Helen's Hope at the end of the season. A parent volunteer will be needed to sell the tickets, please see your team manager for further details. In a few weeks, t-shirts will be sold again with the proceeds from the sale of the shirts going to Helen's Hope. We hope to do some other things throughout the season and will let you know as they happen. If you would like some more information about Helen's Hope, please visit the website at www.HelensHope.org. Thank you for your continued support of Archbishop Wood Ice Hockey.

Sincerely,
Kathy Rotz