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Dear Friends of West Ranch Hockey Club,

Since our last update, the LA Kings officially announced the launch of the LA Kings High School Hockey League (LAKHSHL) and the appointment of Jim Fox, former Kings player and current TV analyst for the Kings, as league commissioner. Check out the official [press release](#), an [article](#) on the Kings website regarding the new league, along with the official league [website](#). It's an exciting time to be venturing into the world of high school hockey!

As you'll read in the online materials referenced above, Ice Station Valencia (ISV) is creating a district team. Both the district team and our WRHC team are part of the LAKHSHL. The ISV's district team will be managed by ISV and our West Ranch team will continue to be managed by WRHC.

Meeting with the LA Kings

As you'll read in all of this material, the LAKHSHL encourages the creation of "pure" high school hockey teams and this represents their long-term vision as well. Jason McNamara and I had the pleasure of meeting with Jim Fox and others from the Kings organization along with Mr. Crawford and Mr. Arrowsmith from West Ranch and Scott Allegrini from Ice Station Valencia (ISV) to discuss the LAKHSHL in detail and our pure West Ranch hockey team. We were very impressed with the Kings' passion and vision for growing high school hockey in Southern California by helping to fill a need for hockey players during their high school years. We also spent time talking about the benefits of our pure West Ranch hockey team and the support we can expect to receive from the school, which is on par with other sports teams at WRHS. (Think cheerleaders, pep band, the Pack student cheering section, rallies, you get the idea!) Our excitement continues to grow as we partner with the Kings organization and WRHS on launching the LAKHSHL with the inaugural season this September to bring the best possible high school hockey experience to our West Ranch student athletes.

On-ice Eval and Clinic

As we mentioned in our last update, we would be scheduling an additional on-ice session for the West Ranch Hockey Club to give our players another opportunity to skate together, our coaches another opportunity to interact with our players and assess their skills, as well as an opportunity for new players interested in joining the West Ranch Hockey Club to participate. This on-ice session is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 26 from 7:30 to 8:30 pm**. The cost to participate is \$25 via the LA Kings online registration process. There's also an option to register and pay in person the day of the session (via check made out to the LA Kings), but the cost goes up to \$30 for on-site registration / payment. I will send the online instructions later this week once I receive those details from the Kings.

Weight Room Training Begins Next Month

Weight room training with Coaches Chris and Megan LeCornu is scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6pm every week in the West Ranch High School weight room **beginning Tuesday, May 5 at 6pm**. This schedule will continue until the end of the school year at which time the summer schedule will be announced. On Thursdays you also have the option of attending Coach Chris Greene's on and off-ice strength and skills training sessions at ISV which begin Thursday, April 23. (If you did not receive Coach Greene's email with the details regarding this program, please let me know and I can forward to you.)

Connecting with WRHC

In addition to our ongoing newsletters, stay connected with the latest information on WRHC via our updated website at westranchhockey.com. And be sure to follow us on [Twitter](#) and like us on [Facebook](#) for ongoing updates as well. If you know of anyone who would like to be added to our mailing list, please send them to westranchhockey.com to fill out the Contact Form on the home page.

West Ranch open enrollment has been extended, but is closing soon. If you are interested in your player transferring to West Ranch in the fall to play on our pure high school hockey team, please submit the open enrollment form found on the William S. Hart district website as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding West Ranch open enrollment, call the school's registrar at 661-222-1220, x150.

West Ranch Hockey is off to a strong start and we look forward to continuing the momentum over the coming months as we prepare for our first season on the ice. If you have any questions, please contact Jason or me at any time. We look forward to seeing you and your players next month.

Best,



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