

To: Parents, Players

Date: June 3, 2008

Re: MHS Quakes Varsity Ice Hockey Evaluations , June 5, 2008 @ 7:30 pm @ Pennsauken

I hope this note finds everyone in good health with visions of a great summer ahead. Evaluations for MHS's Varsity Ice Hockey team are right around the corner and I want to reach out and extend a welcome to last year's players and the upstart underclassmen looking to make the squad. Please visit the Quakes web site for updated times and dates.

This year should be very special. We have a solid nucleolus of seniors and juniors that with a little molding and teaching can attain the potential that MHS has had for a few years. Learning the game is something that never stops be it as a player or coach. Building your hockey house applies to everyone player and coach from Mite to the Pros. As every Major League baseball player hits, throws and catches, we as hockey players work everyday on our fundamentals of skating, passing, shooting and team play.

Team play will be huge this year! The kids this spring hear me rant about our "Home Depot" style players. Those players that want "Do it yourself"! This will not happen this fall. MHS will play from our own goal line out and not the opposing red line in. Coach Griffiths and Coach Kevin are all in agreement on the style of play we need to develop. The run and gun is done!

All our players will learn to play without the puck and take responsibility in the defensive end. Creativity on offense will be there. College coaches are looking for complete players that can make other players around them better and are leaders. With my many contacts, we can have quite a few college coaches come watch our kids and offer them opportunities to go to college, get an education and play college hockey.

Practices will be instructional with many guest appearances from outside coaches and former NCAA players who can add to our player's development. There will be a lot of emphasis on skating techniques and stride. If you can't skate you will never develop. Technique is so important as every player moves up the ladder of play and the game gets quicker and the need to read and react more important.

We look forward to seeing you at evaluations and realize that many are out of hockey shape. The coaching staff doesn't care what you look like now, but what you can be by January! Play smart ! Please do not view travel letters, AAA, AA as a locked ticket. Every player has the same equal opportunity.

This is the year MHS makes a statement!