

HHGC Connections

September 2019



Welcome to Fall Programs!

Welcome back families! Fall is here, with back to school and back to gymnastics all happening this week! The recreational fall session will be starting this Saturday September 7th and we want to welcome you all back into the gym with the most fun possible for the fall 2019 session, and work with the fun, fitness, and fundamentals of gymnastics with the amazing support from our coaches to assist our wonderful athletes in the best environment for gymnastics possible.

Summer camp was a huge hit this year, for both the campers and the coaches and we are so happy to see how much fun you all had and we can't wait to get it under way again next year. Our specialty ninja camp and tumbling camps were full each and every week, all of the athletes and coaches had a blast! Our specialty crafts of slime, volcano building and ooblek were a huge hit for everyone, and the fashion show was by far the biggest success of our camp this summer.



Katelyn Sales
Recreational Supervisor

We have a new recreational supervisor that has started with us for the Fall session as well. **Katelyn** is a level 2 women's artistic gymnastics coach as well as a trampoline coach. She started her coaching career six years ago, and has experience working reception, coaching ages 1-15 as well as both competitive and recreational coaching background. With a high honors diploma from Sheridan college in Early Childhood Education as well as a background as a Toddler Preschool Teacher, Katelyn's passion is working with children to progress them further in life and work to engage them in a positive and progressive manner.

Important Dates:

- Sept 2—HHGC Closed
- Sept 4—Comp / Interclub training resumes
- Sept 7—First Day of Fall Programs
- Sept 11—Parent Meeting for Las Vegas
- Sept 14—Chocolate Fundraiser begins
- Sept 23—Gym Suit Sale 4:00-8:00

Gym Suit Sale

HHGC will be hosting a gym suit sale on Monday Sept. 23rd from 4:00-8:00pm. Off the rack and custom order will be available. Don't miss the opportunity to pick up a fabulous suit for fall!

Competitive, Interclub and T & T Update:

Welcome back everyone! It is good to be back in full swing with an exciting coaching team who are ready to take the dreams and make them a reality.

We all have expectations set for the new season and we are going to work hard at achieving these. With new gymnasts on the teams, new levels and skills, gymnastics feels like a fresh new start every year. With over 100 athletes competing this year we have a busy season ahead.

Lots of competitions with lots of goals for the 2019-2020 season. There will be laughter and some tears down the road and in the end, it is all worth it. We will be a stronger, smarter and healthier person.

Our goals as coaches is to help our athletes to achieve their best. It's not going to always be easy and sometimes we have to challenge you, but we will do our best so you can achieve your goal.

Please join me in welcoming **Xhosa Baker** as our Competitive Coach starting September 2019. We are very fortunate to have her a part of our HHGC coaching team.

Xhosa started gymnastics at HHGC more than 15 years ago and she grew up to be a high-performance Level 10 gymnast. She also did high-performance Acro Gymnastics competing at some international competitions representing Canada.

She brings more than 8 years of coaching experience, more than 15-years of experience as a gymnast and a big smile every day.



Xhosa Baker
Competitive Coach

CHOCOLATE BAR FUNDRAISER STARTS SEPT. 14th!



As we are a "Not For Profit Organization", Our Annual Chocolate fundraiser is a big component for raising monetary resources to support the Halton Hills Gymnastics Centre's initiatives. In the past HHGC has been able to purchase new gymnastics equipment, repaint and improve the overall look and interior atmosphere of the centre, as well as acquire new trampolines in Gym 1.

This year we are very excited to be utilizing the funds to go towards adding more end decks to our trampolines, new modular blocks for teaching the many skills on floor as well as replacing some well loved equipment.

We ask that all parents and guardians of recreational and competitive gymnasts get involved in this very worthy campaign. We would greatly appreciate if each family could obtain at least one case of 30 chocolate bars to sell to your family, friends, neighbours or workmates to help support the cause.

This year we will be selling Laura Secord Assorted Chocolate bars, as well as milk chocolate covered Almonds (which come in a cello pack box for allergy awareness).

Please.....LET'S MAKE THIS THE BIGGEST AND BEST CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISING EVENT YET!!

Thank you for your support!



Who's Who at HHGC.....

Board of Directors



Full Time Staff



Check out our website for profiles of Board members, staff and coaches!



FACILITY UPDATE

The Search for a New Facility

The Board of Directors continues to work on one of the most important projects in recent HHGC history; exploring the options for a new facility.

The 'Facility Committee' and Board have been working hard since the survey was distributed to HHGC parents last January and we have made some progress. In terms of survey results, parents were extremely supportive of the idea of a Town / HHGC partnership and a new facility.

Thank-you to all who submitted the survey and who have expressed an interest in this initiative. Your interest and future involvement are greatly appreciated and will help HHGC move successfully into the future.

What is the next step?

The Town will be holding Public Consultations in the fall where members of the general public can express their opinions on what sports and activities the Town should support moving forward. Specifically, they will be identifying how gymnastics fits into the Town's overall service delivery continuum. There will also be a survey sent out to all HHGC Parents that will reinforce our position.

This is a part of the development of a Strategic Action Plan. We will keep everyone informed regarding the details of the Town Hall sessions and how to best represent HHGC at these meetings.

Stay tuned..... Your voice, opinion, support and influence will be needed in the very near future!



Concepts of how the new HHGC could look....