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**Saranac Lake Civic Center Announces
Saranac Lake High School Alumni Game will be December 26**

SARANAC LAKE, N.Y. -- These are Christmas traditions: Presents on Dec. 25, and Saranac Lake High School's alumni hockey games on Dec. 26.

The Saranac Lake Civic Center announced today that it will play host to the alumni games again this year — continuing the tradition for SLHS alums to hit the ice again on the day after Christmas. The women's game will be at 2 p.m., followed by the men's game at 3:30 p.m.

All past Saranac Lake players are eligible to participate and there is a \$20 registration fee per player. Interested players are asked to pre-register on the Civic Center website.

The COVID-19 pandemic interrupted the alumni game tradition, which was restored when the Civic Center reopened its doors last year.

“Alumni players from a variety of years participate every year,” Saranac Lake High School Principal Josh Dann said. “It’s a great tradition that has been around since I was a kid. Players enjoy coming back, lacing up the skates, having some fun and sharing stories about the good ole days playing High School hockey for Saranac Lake.”

Dann, a 1996 SLHS graduate and a past player himself, has played in the alumni game every year for the past 25+ years. In keeping with tradition, current players from this season's SLHS teams are expected to participate as referees, timekeepers and scorekeepers.

There is no admission for fans to attend the game. Anyone who is interested in watching the games are encouraged to spectate.

“The alumni game is something my brothers and I look forward to every year,” said Cy Ellsworth, a 1990 SLHS graduate and a star football, hockey and track athlete in his time at the school. “The friendly competition and reconnection with the other alums, there’s just nothing like it. And to wear our school colors again, to get the competitive juices flowing again, it’s incredibly special. It’s one of the things that makes Saranac Lake a one-of-a-kind place.”

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About the Saranac Lake Civic Center

The Saranac Lake Civic Center is a year-round, not-for-profit recreation and events facility, serving the residents and visitors of Saranac Lake and the surrounding Adirondack community. The Saranac Lake Civic Center – which was reimagined and reopened in January 2023 after considerable upgrades throughout the facility – serves residents and visitors from across the region and beyond. Its regular users include Paul Smith's College, high school players from Saranac Lake and Lake Placid Central Schools, Sara-Placid Lakers youth hockey, the Lake Placid Curling Club and more. Expanded users include tournament users (such as Can-Am Hockey) and exposition organizers to take advantage of the event space. The Civic Center also plays host to learn-to-skate programs, the popular Silver Skaters program and events such as the Touch-A-Truck spectacular each fall.

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