



Benilde-St. Margaret's School Boys Hockey

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St. Louis Park, Minn.—Benilde-St. Margaret's has released its boys hockey schedule for the 2011-12 season, which features 13 of 25 games at the St. Louis Park Recreation Center.

The non-conference portion of this year's slate features 15 teams which combined for a .694 winning percentage last season, with only of those teams under .500.

The opening month of the season features the opener, Tuesday, Nov. 29, when the Red Knights open the season with St. Cloud Tech for the sixth consecutive season. That game, which is slated for 7 p.m. at the National Hockey Center, begins a season-opening three-game road swing for BSM.

That opener is followed on consecutive Thursdays, Dec. 1 and 8, by games at Hill-Murray, ranked fifth in the final *LPH* poll of last season, and number nine Burnsville.

"There is little question that our month of December is easily one of the strongest schedules in high school hockey," BSM head coach Ken Pauly said. "We always look forward to that month because it allows us to test our players against some of the state's best competition."

Highlighting the schedule, for the third consecutive year, is the Holiday Hockey Classic, which will be held at the SLP Rec Center, Dec. 28-30. The tourney features four of the top 10 teams in last year's final *Let's Play Hockey* Class AA poll with defending state champion Eden Prairie, number three Wayzata, number eight Maple Grove and the 10th-ranked Red Knights slated to take part. Also appearing in the Classic will be number 15 Moorhead, number 18 Bloomington Jefferson, along with Centennial and Elk River. In all, the 2011 Classic features teams which averaged 18 wins and combined for a .683 winning percentage in 2010-11.

"The Holiday tourney features defending state champion Eden Prairie and many of the state's best teams," Pauly said. "That tournament doesn't take a back seat to any tournament in Minnesota."

The schedule also has several key games which have implications for the Section 6AA playoffs. BSM faces Wayzata, Jan. 5, and Minnetonka, Jan. 7, in regular-season games with the potential to see Eden Prairie in the Holiday Hockey Classic.

The home portion of the schedule, which opens with a 2:30 p.m. matinee game against Duluth Marshall, Dec. 10, features Maple Grove, Dec. 20, and state tournament qualifier Moorhead, Jan. 27.

As the season winds down, the Red Knights will be challenged as they face Moorhead, Bloomington Jefferson, Stillwater and national prep power Shattuck-St. Mary's in the final three weeks.

"It's fun to see Burnsville and Jefferson on the this year's schedule," Pauly added. "Those are two great programs and, although we have seen those teams in tournament settings, we never have had them on the regular-season schedule before."

"Minnetonka, Moorhead, Maple Grove, Burnsville, Wayzata, and Hill-Murray will be in everyone's preseason Top Ten so we won't be cutting any corners that is for sure."

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BSM begins its quest for a seventh consecutive North Suburban Conference title, Dec. 15, when it plays at Totino-Grace. A new format for the conference schedule is in place for the 2011-12 season with the top four teams from the previous playing each other twice while playing the bottom four teams in the standings once for a 10-game conference slate.

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2011-12 Boys' Hockey Schedule

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>JV</u>
Tuesday	Nov. 29	7:00 pm	at St. Cloud Tech	National Hockey Center	5:00 pm
Thursday	Dec. 1	7:30 pm	at Hill-Murray	Aldrich Arena	5:30 pm
Thursday	Dec. 8	7:00 pm	at Burnsville	Burnsville Ice Garden	5:00 pm
Saturday	Dec. 10	2:30 pm	Duluth Marshall	St. Louis Park Recreation Center	12:30 pm
Tuesday	Dec. 13	7:00 pm	Academy of Holy Angels	St. Louis Park Recreation Center	5:00 pm
Thursday	Dec. 15	7:00 pm	at Totino-Grace*	Parade Ice Garden	5:00 pm
Tuesday	Dec. 20	7:00 pm	Maple Grove	St. Louis Park Recreation Center	5:00 pm+
Wednesday	Dec. 28	7:30 pm	Centennial	St. Louis Park Recreation Center	2:30 pm+
Thursday	Dec. 29	TBA	at Holiday Hockey Classic	St. Louis Park Recreation Center	TBA+
Friday	Dec. 30	TBA	at Holiday Hockey Classic	St. Louis Park Recreation Center	TBA+

2011 Holiday Hockey Classic features: Benilde-St. Margaret's, Bloomington Jefferson, Centennial, Eden Prairie, Elk River, Maple Grove, Moorhead, Wayzata

Thursday	Jan. 5	7:00 pm	at Wayzata	Plymouth Arena	5:00 pm
Saturday	Jan. 7	7:00 pm	St. Louis Park*	St. Louis Park Recreation Center	5:00 pm
Tuesday	Jan. 10	8:00 pm	Spring Lake Park*	St. Louis Park Recreation Center	4:00 pm
Thursday	Jan. 12	7:00 pm	at Minnetonka	Pagel Activity Center	5:00 pm
Saturday	Jan. 14	3:00 pm	at Robbinsdale Cooper*	New Hope Arena	1:00 pm
Tuesday	Jan. 17	7:00 pm	St. Francis*	St. Louis Park Recreation Center	5:00 pm
Friday	Jan. 20	7:30 pm	Chisago Lakes*	St. Louis Park Recreation Center	5:30 pm
Thursday	Jan. 26	7:30 pm	at Irondale*	National Sports Center	5:30 pm
Friday	Jan. 27	7:00 pm	Moorhead	St. Louis Park Recreation Center	5:00 pm+
Tuesday	Jan. 31	7:15 pm	at Bloomington Jefferson	Bloomington Ice Garden	5:00 pm
Saturday	Feb. 4	7:30 pm	at Spring Lake Park*	Fogerty Arena	5:30 pm
Wednesday	Feb. 8	7:30 pm	at Shattuck-St. Mary's	Shattuck-St. Mary's School	5:30 pm
Saturday	Feb. 11	2:30 pm	Totino-Grace*	St. Louis Park Recreation Center	12:30 pm
Tuesday	Feb. 14	7:00 pm	at Chisago Lakes*	Chisago Lakes Arena	5:00 pm
Saturday	Feb. 18	2:30 pm	Stillwater Area	St. Louis Park Recreation Center	12:30 pm

Section 6AA Playoffs, Feb. 23, Feb. 25, Feb. 29

State Tournament, Mar. 9-11

**-North Suburban Conference game*

+ -JV game on St. Louis Park Rec Center East Rink

