

# Saint Catherine of Siena Parish School News

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### St. Catherine of Siena's "ragtag" inline hockey team beats the odds to become JV division champions

In a city known for producing water polo, volleyball and surfing champions, Laguna Beach is now home also to the 2017 Anaheim Ducks Interscholastic Inline Initiate JV Hockey Champions.

In a true Cinderella style, tiny St. Catherine of Siena's team beat the odds and big school teams from all over Orange County to become JV division inline champions on Saturday in Huntington Beach.



### ***St. Catherine of Siena is the home to these inline hockey champs***

"I cannot overstate what a huge accomplishment this is for our small school," said John Rief. "The league is made up of schools from the entire county (Yorba Linda, Fullerton, Huntington Beach, Costa Mesa, Orange, Mission Viejo), many of which have big hockey programs and big enrolments compared to little St Catherine. To my knowledge it is the only OC school hockey league and therefore the de facto county championship."

Rief remarked that it was tough to put into words how challenging the months of league play were, followed by the championship tournament where the team played three games in a five hour widow. "Kids were exhausted and in pain to the point of not being able to skate," Rief said. "Somehow they dug deep to become the unlikeliest of champions from Laguna Beach. They are a rag tag group of fifth, sixth and seventh graders who pulled off a minor sporting miracle."