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MEDIA ALERT – Thursday, January 8, 2026

Fargo Public School District #1

FARGO HOCKEY TEAMS HOSTING 16TH ANNUAL STICK IT TO CANCER FUNDRAISER

Fargo Public Schools' hockey teams are teaming up with Lend a Hand Up to "Stick it to Cancer."

WHAT: Stick it to Cancer
WHEN: **Friday, January 9** (see schedule below)
WHERE: Scheels Arena / Farmers Union Arena, 5225 31st Avenue South, Fargo
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The Davies High School, North High School, and South High School hockey teams are joining together to host the 16th Annual Stick it to Cancer hockey fundraiser on Friday, January 9. The fundraiser benefits families in medical crisis through Lend a Hand Up.

The Stick it to Cancer night at Scheels Arena and the adjoining Farmers Union Arena will feature three hockey games with teams from each of FPS' three high schools.

There will be ceremonial puck drops before each of the three games. Jaxson Thomsen will drop the puck for the North/South vs. Davies boys JV game; Laura Clarey will drop the puck for the North/South vs. Davies girls varsity game; and Ryder Schmidt will drop the puck for the North/South vs. Davies boys varsity game.

Thomsen, a Davies hockey player, was diagnosed with T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia in 2022 and endured more than 1,200 days of treatment before ringing the bell last June. He is now back on the ice, skating for Davies High School hockey.

Clarey, who is a student performance strategist at Eagles Elementary School, was diagnosed with Stage 1 breast cancer in 2019 and later faced a recurrence with metastatic breast cancer in 2024. She continues to pursue advanced and integrative treatment options.

Schmidt collapsed in April 2024 and was diagnosed with life-threatening heart and lung conditions. He underwent multiple surgeries, including an emergent heart and double lung

transplant. After months in the ICU, he is now home and recovering.

The event raises funds through a silent auction, bake sale, t-shirt sale, and miracle minute bucket donations. The silent auction features more than 100 items donated by community partners, including clothing, restaurant gift certificates, hockey-themed gift baskets, household items, home décor, professional photography sessions, and more.

All funds generated through the Stick it to Cancer event are donated to Lend a Hand Up. Last year's Stick it to Cancer event raised \$52,901 and since 2010, the events have raised about nearly \$700,000.

Founded in 2008, Lend a Hand Up has raised more than \$27 million to support more than 900 local families facing medical crises.

The hockey games are:

- 4:45 p.m. – North/South vs. Davies Eagles (JV Boys), Farmers Union Arena
- 4:45 p.m. – North/South vs. Davies (Girls Varsity), Scheels Arena
- 7 p.m. – North/South vs. Davies (Boys Varsity), Scheels Arena

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