

# COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS OFF ICE REPORT



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## WHAT'S AHEAD

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

OPENING NIGHT PRESENTED BY NATIONWIDE



In lieu of the club's typical Opening Night activities, the Blue Jackets will celebrate the memory of Johnny and Matthew Gaudreau when they host the Stanley Cup champion Florida Panthers at Nationwide Arena on Tuesday, October 15 at 7 p.m. The evening will include a pre-game video and ceremony beginning at 7 p.m. prior to the 7:13 p.m. puck drop. Everyone in attendance will receive a "13" patch to match the ones Blue Jackets players will be wearing on their jerseys throughout the season, as well as a 2024-25 magnetic schedule courtesy of **Nationwide**.

Fans will have the opportunity to help raise funds for the John and Matthew Gaudreau Foundation throughout the evening. To participate, fans can text **JOHNNY** to 26791 or visit [cbjauction.givesmart.com](http://cbjauction.givesmart.com).

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

#### BLUE JACKETS vs. SABRES

PRESENTED BY BREAD FINANCIAL

Prior to the Blue Jackets taking on the Buffalo Sabres on Thursday, October 17 at 7 p.m., presented by **Bread Financial**, the team will host the CBJ Plaza Party, presented by **Nationwide**. The party, which does not require a game ticket, begins at 3:30 p.m. and will feature a DJ, concessions, games, prizes and activations from Blue Jackets' partners.

Blue Jackets players will walk the "blue carpet" before entering Nationwide Arena and fans are encouraged to line the carpet to welcome the team as they arrive in Lexus vehicles. Most players are expected to arrive between 4-5 p.m.



### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

KIDS OPENING NIGHT PRESENTED BY COSI

New this season, the Blue Jackets are celebrating the youngest members of the 5th Line at Kids Opening Night, presented by **COSI**, before the Jackets host the Minnesota Wild at 7 p.m. Kids attending the game will receive CBJ Kids Tech Tattoos upon exit.

There will be a free party on the Front Street Plaza starting at 3:30 p.m. with children invited to welcome Blue Jackets players at a special, kid-friendly "blue carpet." Kids can start lining the long blue runner ahead of arrivals beginning at 4 p.m. Players will arrive between 4-5 p.m. in limos, courtesy of **Limitless Limos**. Special guests will join the players including children from local youth organizations, Stinger, and his mascot friends from various Ohio sports teams. The party will include face painters, balloon artists, and other family-friendly entertainment.



### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

HALLOWEEN PRESENTED BY SCHNEIDER DOWNS

Join the Blue Jackets for Hockey Halloween, presented by **Schneider Downs**, when they host the New York Islanders at Nationwide Arena. Fans can expect a spooky good time with a variety of Halloween-themed festivities for fans of all ages. Children ages 13 and under will receive a CBJ Trick-or-Treat bucket upon entry (while supplies last). Trick-or-treating will take place on the main concourse from 6-7 p.m.

Fans are encouraged to wear costumes to the game for the opportunity to win autographed Blue Jackets merchandise. All fans in costume will be subject to normal arena rules and regulations (no masks, no weapons, etc.).



### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

#### FIRST RESPONDERS NIGHT

PRESENTED BY JET'S PIZZA

The Blue Jackets will honor our community's everyday heroes when they host the Winnipeg Jets for First Responders Night, presented by **Jet's Pizza**. The event will highlight the contributions of first responders and celebrate their commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of the community.

Fans attending the game can expect a night filled with special tributes, on-ice recognitions, and various activities aimed at honoring these individuals. The first 5,000 in attendance will receive a special Blue Jackets First Responders hat.



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## FOR THE COMMUNITY

The Columbus Blue Jackets Foundation, along with the YMCA of Central Ohio, cut the ribbon on a brand-new playground on September 17. In 2023, the Foundation awarded the YMCA a \$150,000 grant for the new play area at the Eldon and Elsie Ward Family YMCA. The new playground marks the 13th the team has funded throughout central Ohio.

Available starting Tuesday, October 15, the Blue Line will have an exclusive '47 Brand t-shirt and Inglasco puck available for purchase to honor the lives of Johnny and Matthew Gaudreau. 100% of proceeds will benefit the John and Matthew Gaudreau Foundation. Items will be available at the team store and [thebluelineonline.com](http://thebluelineonline.com).

