



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Catholic high school students getting their kicks with innovative Soccer Academy program

Class is now in session at the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Soccer Academy. Male and female high school students from across the city began classes at the Sasktel Sports Centre earlier this month.

The academy concept has students integrate, within their regular school day, intensive study of a sport, skill or area of interest that is particularly engaging for them. Academies offer a unique environment that lets students learn differently than they would in a traditional classroom.

This is the first academy program within Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools. It is open to students in grades 9 to 12 from any Catholic high school in the city.

Academy students spend two periods of each school day at the Sasktel Sports Centre, then return to their home school. While at the Soccer Academy they are taught soccer skills and receive instruction in other areas like leadership development, goal-setting, nutrition and wellness. After successfully completing a semester at the academy students in grades 9, 11 and 12 will receive a physical education credit, while grade 10 students receive a wellness credit.

Media are invited to visit the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Soccer Academy. Instructor Dave McCarthy and students will be available for interviews. Details are as follows:

**Soccer academy class
1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.
Thursday, February 8, 2007
Sasktel Sports Centre
140 Nelson Road**

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