



MEDIA ADVISORY
Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2007

'Hockey Camp' at St. John School a success with students

Twenty-two students in Grades 7 and 8 at St. John School are hitting the books and hitting the ice as they take part in the first-ever "Hockey Camp" held within Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools.

During the four-week camp, which wraps up this week, students are in class in the morning studying their usual subjects like math, social studies and language arts, but all material is connected to hockey. "Because it's fun, we're getting a lot more learning from the students," says Principal Dave Knowles.

In the afternoons, the 13 boys and 9 girls participating in the camp are on the ice, learning hockey basics following the Hockey Canada skills curriculum. On Mondays, the students do dryland training at the University of Saskatchewan High Performance Centre. Hockey camp teacher Clint Moroz is a Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools elementary school teacher and former University of Saskatchewan hockey player.

Knowles says the students are welcoming the physical and academic challenges of the program. "The kids were willing to take a chance on learning something new – something they never had an opportunity to learn before – and they embraced it."

Classes have been structured so that after Hockey Camp students can rejoin their classrooms and continue regular studies. The program is supported with funding from the school's Care & Share business partners, Humboldt Electric and IWL Steel Fabricators. Ice time is available through the school division's shared-use facility agreement with the City of Saskatoon.

Media are welcome to visit the Hockey Camp's classroom and on-ice sessions on Wednesday. Details are as follows:

Hockey Camp – in class
9:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, November 7, 2007
St. John Elementary School
1205 Avenue N South

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**Hockey Camp – on the ice
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Wednesday, November 7, 2007
Kinsmen Arena
1405 Avenue P South**

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