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École Notre Dame High School Launches New Hockey Program with Bonnyville Pontiacs

BONNYVILLE, AB (July 24, 2019) - Lakeland Catholic School District (LCSD), particularly École Notre Dame High School is partnering with the Bonnyville Pontiacs to launch a hockey program in the upcoming school year.

The partnership is exclusive to ÉNDHS students and will provide a unique learning experience focusing on skill development and athletic leadership excellence.

The Pontiacs will be responsible for the sport and athletic component, while the school will focus on providing the integration of academics. The program is centered on skill development helping students improve their academic, athletic and leadership skills through high quality programming.



“I would like to take the opportunity to welcome every student athlete to an exciting year with the LCSD Hockey Program at ÉNDHS. The Bonnyville Pontiacs are pleased to partner with the LCSD to provide a goal-based curriculum focusing on individual skill development, team tactics and leadership. T.J. Millar (Assistant Coach) will be the Head Instructor supported by current players. It is so important to us that we make a positive impact on the lives of our young athletes by ensuring that each day represents personal hockey and life growth. Here is to a great season,” said Head Coach and General Manager Rick Swan.

Deputy Superintendent Pamela Guilbault said, “Lakeland Catholic is pleased to offer programming that utilizes the expertise within our community. When we can build relationships with community partners, while diversifying programs for students, we

ensure that our students receive relevant, innovative authentic learning experiences. This continues to be an important priority for our Board.”

The aim of the program is to keep student athletes in their home community while they are in high school and assist them in developing the skills required for post-secondary scholarships in athletics.

“I am very excited to be partnering with the Bonnyville Pontiacs hockey franchise. I feel we are now able to offer an even more extensive hockey program on and off the ice,” said principal Vince Spila.

Teacher and vice principal Jeff Cey expressed, “There is a wealth of hockey knowledge in Bonnyville and an appetite to access high level instruction. I am pleased that ÉNDHS will be able to offer the on-ice expertise of the Pontiacs coaches and players to give our hockey athletes the best opportunities to learn on and off the ice.”

The program will be offered to both male and female athletes at ÉNDHS in Bonnyville in 2019-2020. There is space in the program for thirty students and registration will be done on a first come, first served basis.

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