

School News from the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario

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Reading Cup Underway At Immaculate Conception

Cornwall, ON – After a rowdy, rousing, cheer filled kick-off, students and staff at Immaculate Conception Catholic School in Cornwall are ready to read their way to the Reading Cup – a hockey themed reading challenge.

The initiative was launched by Immaculate Conception Principal Donna Nielsen. “Each class represents a team in the league. Students can earn ‘goals’ for their teams by reading a certain number of minutes per week. This raises the total number of goals scored for each class week-to-week,” said Mrs. Nielsen.

Each student will receive a reading log to complete and to submit each week to be eligible for other incentives.

The number of minutes to earn a goal varies based on grade level. The top reader/high scorer in each class every week will also earn five *Immaculate Conception Book Bucks* to be used towards the purchase of a book from the school’s book order system. A separate *Book Bucks* draw will also be held each week for all participants who score a goal, two goals or a hat trick.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for our students,” added Mrs. Nielsen. “We’re encouraging our parents to get involved with the challenge and to spend even more time reading with their children.”

The contest is also being used to hone math skills for the school’s Grade 6 class. They will be tracking the statistics of each class on a large grid posted in the gymnasium for all to see.

Teams also include an entry from the staff, known as the Silver Stars. “Our teachers will be following the same rules as the students,” said Mrs. Nielsen. “The only difference is that when they win the Book Bucks, they’ll be winning a new book for our school library.”

Teams are also encouraged to challenge one another on a week-to-week basis until the conclusion of the Reading Cup Season, on Sunday, May 4, 2008. Mrs. Nielsen will present the Reading Cup Trophy to the winning class on the Monday, following Catholic Education

Week. The class' team name will be engraved on the trophy and it will occupy a place of honour in the school until it is presented again next year.

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Attached Photos: Reading Cup 1.jpg – Immaculate Conception Teacher Mrs. Carrie Seguin's Team "Tangerine Heat" is ready to go for gold in the school's Reading Cup Challenge



Reading Cup 2.jpg – The puck is dropped by Principal Donna Nielsen to officially begin the school's reading challenge, the Reading Cup

