

School News from the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario

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St. Francis Xavier Football Program Will Reach Out To Community

Hammond, ON – With the first game still months away, the excitement continues to grow for staff and students at St. Francis Xavier CHS in Hammond as they prepare to launch a varsity football program.

School Principal Natalie Cameron said the community is already providing plenty of positive feedback. “We have been holding a raffle to help raise money for the program, and the response has been overwhelming.”

The school had prepared 2000 tickets for the raffle and sold almost all of them.

“One of the things I’m looking most forward to is creating links with our community by having people out to our games. We have already started building a number of relationships since we announced that we are launching this program, and we expect that they will only get stronger,” said Mrs. Cameron.

Mrs. Cameron added she is also looking forward to showcasing the school’s Catholic values on the field of play. “You will see how the Gospel values are reflected in the way we play the game - with fairness and sportsmanship. We are so proud of all of our student-athletes for the way they carry themselves and represent our school in whichever competition they are engaged in.”

The team will be coached by David Kennedy, who believes that football can affect students’ lives in many ways. “The beauty of this game is that anyone can play. It helps to build self-confidence, and that is reflected in everyday life. This will lead to improvements in other areas too.”

St. Francis Xavier CHS will be joining the Seaway League Senior Varsity Division. The team begins dry land training in the spring and will field its first 30 player team at the beginning of the 2008-09 school year.

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Attached Photo: ST. FX Football.jpg - St. Francis Xavier CHS Grade 9 students Benjamin Koch and Kevin Tansey are ready to welcome football to their school

