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Iona Academy Students Enjoying Intensive Music and Art Program

Williamstown, ON - Students at Iona Academy are enjoying an intensive Music and Dance program to start the 2009 – 2010 school year.

Music and Drama specialist teacher, Andrea DeCoeur, has been at Iona since September 14, 2009 and will remain until October 9th, 2009, as part of a pilot program in the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario. This program provides a floating specialist teacher who will visit several schools in Cornwall and Glengarry County over the course of the school year.

During her time at Iona Academy Ms. DeCoeur has been providing an intensive music and dance program to the students. Each class in the school receives 375 minutes of instruction in this program, in either 150 or 75 minutes blocks. The blocks focus on music and dance instruction based on the Arts and Physical Education Curriculum in Ontario. Specifically, students at Iona Academy have been studying music notation, characteristics of different musical styles and eras and creating music as a group. From the dance curriculum, the students have been studying mirrored movement, and hip hop.

Following her time at Iona Academy, Mrs. DeCoeur will move on to St. Peter's Catholic School.

For more information, please contact Iona Academy Catholic School Principal, Chris Oldford at 613-347-3518.

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