



## MEDIA INVITE

### **Churchill High School/Collège Churchill Hockey Academy to expand in 2017-18**

**Dec. 12, 2016 (Winnipeg, MB)** – Winnipeg School Division is pleased to announce the Churchill High School and Collège Churchill Hockey Academy is expanding to multiple grades starting September 2017. To celebrate the success of the program, WSD and Churchill High School and Collège Churchill are pleased to invite Winnipeg media to attend an academy on-ice practice session on Dec. 14 to meet the players, the coaches and parents.

“Churchill High School has a long-standing tradition of academic, athletic and artistic excellence. The programming within the hockey skills academy is an extension of both the school and the classroom, mirroring the vision and mission of CHS,” says Vice-Principal Dominic Zagari.

The program, which began in 2016, starts at the Grade 7 level and continues into higher grades. Registration for new participants is now open and can be found on the "forms" page of the Churchill High School website (<http://hockeyacademy.churchillhigh.ca>).

“We bring the competition off the ice into school with our grades,” says Dana Goertzen, Churchill High School Hockey Academy student. “We compete to see who can get the best grades. We study a lot.”

At Churchill, students have a choice of either the English, or French at Collège Churchill, stream of instruction as the school offers classes in both official languages.

“As educators, we use hockey as a tool to keep students engaged and enthusiastic about achieving their potential within all areas of the school curriculum,” Mr. Zagari said. “The skills academy reflects the values of the Winnipeg School Division, which creates an environment that is inclusive to individual student development both academically and athletically.”

The Churchill High School/Collège Churchill Hockey Academy strives for all students to achieve academic excellence. Students take all of the core academic courses as prescribed by Manitoba Education and Training.

Students are provided with opportunities to join all extra-curricular activities at the school.

The hockey academy is designed to complement and enhance skill development opportunities within the current Hockey Canada Branches and their minor hockey associations.

“Repetition accelerates learning, being on the ice everyday really helps,” says Aidan Hyra, Churchill High School Hockey Academy student.

#### **WHEN:**

**Wednesday, Dec. 14, 9:00-10:00 a.m. on ice**

**Staff, students, & parents are available for interviews from 8:45-10:30 a.m.**

**Southdale Community Centre – 254 Lakewood Boulevard**

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