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ROGERS HOMETOWN HOCKEY KICK-OFF EVENT AT ST. VINCENT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Canada's national sport will be celebrated with hockey stars, books, team jerseys and lots of enthusiasm, as students at St. Vincent Catholic School kick-off the Rogers Hometown Hockey celebrations for Chatham-Kent.

"We are excited to have been chosen as the school kick-off event for this amazing opportunity to profile our community to the rest of Canada, as part of the Rogers Hometown Hockey visit to Chatham-Kent," says Nicole Stevens, Principal of St. Vincent Catholic School.

The Friday afternoon assembly will include local former NHL hockey great Jeff Jackson, Team Canada Olympic Sledge Hockey team member Ashley Goure and local sports radio personality Gary Patterson. In addition, writer Lisa Bowes, author of the *Lucy Tries Sports* children's book series, will also be on hand. T.J. Brodie, a member of the Calgary Flames and a former student of St. Vincent Catholic School will speak to students via a special video message.

There are also lots of surprises planned for the students, involving team mascots, and acrobats, who are part of the Hockey Circus Show.

"We've encouraged our students and staff to wear their favourite hockey jerseys," says Mrs. Stevens. "It's going to be a colourful and thrilling event – something we know our students will remember for a very long time!"

Students from Our Lady of Fatima and Ursuline College will also attend.

The Chatham-Kent Rogers Hometown Hockey event, which will be televised nationally, will be held on Saturday and Sunday at Wellington and Third Streets. For more information, go to www.chatham-kent.ca/hometownhockey

The Rogers Hometown Hockey assembly begins at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, December 14, 2018 at St. Vincent Catholic School, 9399 McNaughton Line, E., Chatham. Members of the media are welcome.