

NEWS RELEASE

First Annual Chris Collins Memorial Basketball Challenge Takes Place

Thursday, March 22, 2018

On Wednesday, March 21, 2018 English Catholic Central School hosted six girls' basketball teams and eight boys' basketball teams at the 1st Annual Chris Collins Memorial Basketball Challenge. Chris Collins was a long time Catholic educator with the Northeastern Catholic District School Board. His passing was a tremendous loss to our entire community.

Matt Turner, Principal at ECCS commented "Chris was a close friend of mine, and for those who knew him, sports were a very important part of his life. As a teacher and principal, he strongly believed in the potential of sport to have positive influence in a child's life, and strived to increase competitive and recreational sporting opportunities for students throughout his career. All proceeds from this annual tournament will be donated to the Temiskaming Hospital Cancer Centre in his memory. I would also like to thank Mr. Todd Bosak who was instrumental in the creation and organization of this event. Congratulations to the inaugural champions, and thank you to all schools that participated."



Pictured above from the boy's bracket of the tournament is Chris' daughter and grand-daughter and students from each of the three schools that Chris was a principal at: Holy Family School, St. Patrick Catholic School and ECCS. The two

pictures below depict the 1st annual Chris Collins Memorial Basketball Challenge Girls and Boys Championship Teams.



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