



Canadian Paralympic Bronze Medalist and Former Student Visits Catholic Schools

Derek Whitson, a member of Canada's Paralympic bronze medal team for Sledge Hockey, and a former student of St. Vincent Catholic School and Ursuline College, returned to his elementary school to speak to students about his experiences in Sochi.

"This was an exciting day for our students," says Nicole Stevens, Principal of St. Vincent Catholic School.

"Derek talked to them about never giving up on their dreams; and to find something they really like to do in life and pursue it with passion and lots of hard work," says Mrs. Stevens.

Derek, who was born with Cerebral Palsy, joined the Paralympic team in 2007. He was also a member of the Canadian team which won a gold medal in the 2013 IPC sledge hockey world championships in Korea.

Students were excited to see Derek's bronze medal, which he proudly brought with him.

Derek also visited students at Our Lady of Fatima, St. Joseph and Georges P. Vanier Catholic schools.

In the photo above St. Vincent Catholic School Principal Nicole Stevens and students pose with Paralympic medalist Derek Whitson and his bronze medal in sledge hockey.