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HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL RECEIVES \$10,000 IN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FROM MusiCOUNTS

A brand new string orchestra program is coming to Holy Family Catholic School in Wallaceburg this year, thanks to a \$10,000 grant from MusiCounts, Canada's music education charity, which is associated with the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS).

The grant has made it possible to purchase 30 violins for the school, which will be used to deliver string program instruction to every student in Grades 5 to 8. Students will also be offered extra-curricular performance opportunities, as the program develops.

"We are thrilled by this amazing grant from MusiCounts," says Laura Callaghan, Principal of Holy Family Catholic School. "The instruments have just recently arrived and the students are excited to begin learning to play them!"

Holy Family Catholic School has also received a cello from a private donor and is actively seeking donations to pay for other string instruments, to help round out the orchestra.

"I want to personally thank Jennifer Trinca, our itinerant music teacher, for her tremendous work on this grant application. This is a tremendous opportunity for our students," says Mrs. Callaghan.

Since its grant program began in 1997, MusiCounts has donated more than \$3.7 million to schools across Canada.

A photo opportunity with students from Holy Family Catholic School helping to unpack the recently shipped violins will be available on Thursday, November 4, 2010 at 11:40 a.m. at the school, 649 Murray Street, Wallaceburg.

Members of the media are welcome.