DETROIT COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL’S ATHLETIC PROGRAM TO INCLUDE WOMEN’S VARSITY HOCKEY

BEVERLY HILLS, MI., September 17, 2008 – Detroit Country Day School is pleased to announce that they have their first ever women’s varsity hockey team. There are currently 15 girls signed up for the team, which will be coached by Country Day teacher Riccardo Di Pasquo and Country Day staff member Joanne Lukasik.

Di Pasquo is no rookie to the sport of hockey. He has played the game his whole life and has been one of the assistant coaches for Country Day’s men’s varsity hockey team for the past four years.

“I’m really excited about this new venture,” said Di Pasquo. “I have a feeling we’re going to be competitive right from the start and maybe even surprise a team or two out there.”

Lukasik, the team’s assistant coach, also has years of experience under her belt. She has played on, coached and managed girl’s and women’s hockey teams over the past 40 years in both Canada and the United States.

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“A group of players that learn the basic fundamentals, master the basic skills of the game and most importantly, play together as a team will be successful,” said Lukasik. “I have a great feeling about the group of young women we have.”

Country Day’s team will call the ice arena located at the Fairgrounds Hockeytown home, but some of their practices will be held at the Southfield Ice Arena. The team’s season will last from November through February.

Detroit Country Day is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory school offering a liberal arts pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade education. Founded in 1914, the school provides a foundation for lifelong learning within an environment of educational excellence and cultural diversity. Detroit Country Day (www.dcds.edu) serves more than 1,600 students on its four Birmingham/Beverly Hills-area campuses.

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