



Books and Blades: Pine City Youth Hockey Academic Program

Purpose: Build a positive, supportive culture around academics within PCYH while promoting habits that strengthen both student performance and athlete development.

Program Overview

Books and Blades is a new academic encouragement initiative designed to support PCYH athletes in building strong learning habits. It focuses on effort, not achievement, making it equitable and safe for players of all levels.

How It Works

- Players log out of school reading/studying minutes through a calendar provided by PCYH
- All out of school reading/studying counts, including: independent reading, being read to, audiobooks, comics/graphic novels, magazines, and homework.
- Minutes are tracked per player for the full program period. (Dec 22nd - Jan 31st) - Goal is 900 minutes which is equivalent to about 20 minutes per day.
- Players receive individual recognition when they reach the established milestone number of minutes
 - 450 minutes=FREE 6" pizza certificate from Pizza Pub
 - 900 minutes=FREE 6" pizza certificate from Pizza Pub PLUS your name will go into a drawing for a SuperDeker, Hockey Sauce Kit, or a \$200 Gift Certificate to Lee's Pro Shop! Winners will be drawn at the end of season association meeting.
- Turn in your completed calendar with logged minutes at the end of January or prior, if goal met, at the concession stand to be put in the same box as where calendars raffle went.