



CLAUDE WATSON SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 24, 2021



Upcoming Dates and Events

Sept 30: Orange Shirt Day

Oct 11: Thanksgiving Monday – No School

Nov 19: P.A. Day

September 30th marks Orange Shirt Day & the First National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Thursday, September 30th is Orange Shirt Day, it also marks the first annual National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, which was passed by legislation this summer to become a federal statutory holiday.

Established in 2013, Orange Shirt Day was inspired by Phyllis Webstad, who was excited to wear her new orange shirt to her first day of school in 1973. However, when she arrived at St. Joseph Mission Residential School, her shirt was taken and never returned. From that day forward, the colour orange, for Phyllis, reminded her of that moment, how her feelings didn't matter, how she felt like she wasn't worth anything and that no one cared for the children who were crying about it that day.

Now, on this day, we recognize the legacy and impact of the residential schools system on First Nations, Métis and Inuit families and communities.

We acknowledge the legacy of residential schools in Canada by wearing orange and we honour the survivors. We remember the thousands of children who were murdered and buried in unmarked graves.

On Thursday, September 30, 2021 wear orange to participate in Orange Shirt Day.

Follow @UIEC_tdsb and @tdsb on Twitter to see how students and staff from across the Toronto District School Board recognize Orange Shirt Day.

For more information, visit the Urban Indigenous Education Centre website. To learn more about Phyllis' story and Orange Shirt Day visit <http://www.orangeshirtday.org>

Daily Health Screening

Before coming to school each day, all students must conduct an active student health screening self-assessment (link to: <https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/994c-Screening-Questionnaire-Child-Care-Day-Camp-School.pdf>) and then record the information on either the TDSB Student Health Pass (paper) or by using the Daily Health Screening app. Learn more. (link to: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/School-Year-2021-22/Daily-Health-Screening>)

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