



# VSB – INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

## ORANGE SHIRT DAY

### NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Originally introduced in Parliament in September of 2020, Bill C-5 was signed into law in the summer of 2021. The law gives Canada a new statutory holiday. September 30th is now officially National Day for Truth and Reconciliation across the country. The kind of ceremonies taking

WEAR ORANGE  
ON  
SEPT 29TH & 30TH

## WHY ORANGE SHIRTS?

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in May 2013. It grew out of Phyllis Webstad's story of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission. It has become an opportunity to keep the discussion, on all aspects of residential schools, occurring annually.



Orange Shirt - Design by Robin Roberts, Haida/Tsimshian/Squamish

place on September 30th will vary depending on the province. There is no standard, although orange shirts will likely remain a powerful symbol.



Regardless of what happens, the 30th will be a day of reflection with an opportunity to honour and remember all impacted by the residential school system. It's a time to learn from our province's history and, hopefully, take steps to improve our current society. The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and it also provides educators an opportunity to foster dialogue and deepen their understanding of Indigenous People's histories for the coming school year. Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for Indigenous and Non-Indigenous people, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation.

# RESOURCES

## ORANGE SHIRT DAY LESSON PLANS

***Orange Shirt Day – Every Child Matters Curriculum, Videos, & Activities (Grades 5-12)***

<http://orangeshirtday.org>

## RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

***Project of Heart by BCTF***

<https://projectofheart.ca/>

***Take Action for Reconciliation "Sharing the Message of Truth & Reconciliation A guide for Parents, kids, and Educators"***

[https://www.scholastic.ca/truthandreconciliation/TruthandReconciliationDiscussionGuide\\_EDU.pdf](https://www.scholastic.ca/truthandreconciliation/TruthandReconciliationDiscussionGuide_EDU.pdf)

***Truth and Reconciliation Canada Commission of Canada: Calls to Action***

[https://ehprnh2mwo3.exactdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Calls\\_to\\_Action\\_English2.pdf](https://ehprnh2mwo3.exactdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf)

***'Residential Schools were genocide' - TRC Chair Murray Sinclair***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJW8FpXnpSw>

***Residential School History and Dialogue Centre***

<https://irshdc.ubc.ca/about/what-we-do/>

***Legacy of Hope Foundation Education, Exhibition, podcasts, videos, & Ideas how to get involved***

<https://legacyofhope.ca>

***First Nations Education Steering Committee – Indian Residential School & Reconciliation Resources – Grades 5, 10, 11, 12***

<http://www.fnesc.ca/irsr/>

***Shi-shi-etko Book by Nicola L. Campbell & Shi-shi-etko video (Grades K-3)***

<https://youtu.be/tKErhCGjSDE>

***The Gladys We Never Knew with Teachers Guide (Grades 4-9)***

<https://www.bctf.ca/classroom-resources/details/gladys-we-never-knew/>

***Fatty Legs By Christy Jordan (Grades 5-7)***

## EVENTS

***Legacy of Hope: Speaker Program for all ages on Sept 22 9:30 - 11am***

<http://www.legacyofhope.ca/>

***UBC Orange Shirt Day Event***

<http://irshdc.ubc.ca/orangeshirtday>

***Remember Me: A National Day of Remembrance – Sept 30 Live Stream***

<https://remember-me-september-30.org>