



VSB – INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

A DAY TO RECOGNIZE AND REMEMBER THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

WEAR ORANGE
ON
SEPT 30TH

September 30th has been declared Orange Shirt Day annually, in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to Indigenous children's sense of self-esteem and well being, and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters. 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 and hope for generations of children to come.

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



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RESOURCES

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

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

Every Child Matters Virtual Event for youth Grades 5-12 - Sept 30

<https://education.nctr.ca/> (Register & Teaching Resources)

Orange Shirt Day Lesson Plans <http://mbteach.org/mtscms/lesson-plans/>

Orange Shirt Day <http://orangeshirtday.org>

Phyllis Webstad's YouTube Video <https://youtu.be/E3vUqr01kAk>

Residential School History and Dialogue Centre

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

Please see attached document outlining how to order a VSB Indigenous Education Orange Shirt Day T-Shirt for yourself, school or department.

Order form: <https://tinyurl.com/orangeshirtvsb>