



News from Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board

Everyone at St. Mary's Catholic School in Blind River, Ontario took the opportunity on October 2, 2018 to celebrate Orange Shirt Day (it fell on Sunday, the 30th this year).

All Student and staff got orange shirts thanks to a partnership with the [Mississauga First Nation](#).

Activities throughout the day included learning about the origin of Orange Shirt day, inclusion and self-identity. [#Relationships](#) [#SupportiveEnvironments](#) [#Catholicity](#)



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

The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. It also gives teachers time to plan events that will include children, as we want to ensure that we are passing the story and learning on to the next generations.

Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

<http://www.orangeshirtday.org/>

Huron-Superior CDSB is one of the smaller School Boards in Ontario. Located in the Sault Ste. Marie area, it has 16 Elementary and 1 Secondary School.

Its Mission Statement is: Rooted in Jesus Christ, we are a Catholic learning community called and committed to develop the full potential of each child and to nurture a personal relationship with Jesus that will inspire Catholic leadership.

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