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National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

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September 30th is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is a federal statutory holiday which gives the public a chance to recognize and commemorate the intergenerational harm that residential schools have caused to Indigenous families and communities, and to honour those who have been affected by this injustice. ([McGill University](#))

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation responds to the 94 calls to action presented by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. **Towards Reconciliation / Commemoration call #80:**

We call upon the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to honour Survivors, their families, and communities, and ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process.

The Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association stands in solidarity with truth and reconciliation, affirms the calls to action, and requests that all schools make time on September 30th to recognize the significance of this day and engage in reconciliation. Below is a list of ideas, followed by links to resources, that could be used by schools:

What can my school do?

- Wear orange shirts
- Invite a guest speaker
- Hold a moment of reflection to recognize the lives lost in Residential Schools
- Invite an educator to speak about Truth and Reconciliation and the 94 calls to action
- Organize an event

Resources for my school:

- [Orange Shirt Day](#)
- [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action](#)
- [Truth and Reconciliation Week](#)
- [SRPSD Online Truth and Reconciliation Resources](#)
- [STF: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
- [Every Child Matters: Reconciliation Through Education](#)
- [Government of Canada: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
- [Canada's History Resource](#)
- [Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack: Learning Resources](#)



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