

# St. Stephen School



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# **Orange Shirt Day**

Our school will be commemorating Orange Shirt Day on Friday, September 30th during Truth and Reconciliation Week. We respectfully suggest that each child wear an orange shirt to school that day to show that Every Child Matters. On the 30th, while wearing our orange shirts, the entire school will get together outside and we will form a t-shirt shape. We will take a photo from the roof. We will also say a prayer together for Reconciliation. The photo will be framed and hung in the school.

Orange Shirt Day began after residential school survivor Phyllis (Jack) Webstad told her story of her first day at residential school when her new orange shirt, purchased by her grandmother, was taken from her as a six-year old girl. The day is a time for reflection and learning.

Donations of \$2.00 (or more) can be made using CashOnline. The optional donations will go to **Minwaashin Lodge** in Ottawa, which provides a range of programs and services to First Nations, Inuit and Métis women and children (regardless of status) who are survivors of domestic and other forms of violence, and who may also be suffering the effects of the residential school system. https://www.minlodge.com/

## **Safety Practices**

Fire drills and lock down practices will resume this year. Many of our safety protocols were suspended or adapted during the pandemic.

Staff will be teaching students at an age appropriate level about both types of safety drills. We will be having whole school practices following pre-pandemic protocols.

### **Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed for Food Program day's. Parent Council requires 4 people per week for approximately 60 minutes over the school lunch hour. If you are interested in volunteering please email <a href="mailto:stefoodprogram@gmail.com">stefoodprogram@gmail.com</a> include your name, phone number and availability.



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