



Orange Shirt Day National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



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September 30

- 2023 is the tenth anniversary of Orange Shirt Day
 - Based on experience of Phyllis Webstad
 - Orange Shirt Story
- 2020 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
 - Response to Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC)
 - Call to Action #80





TRC Call to Action #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.”



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Indian Residential Schools

- 132 Indian Residential Schools
 - 1831 – Brantford, ON -- Mohawk Institute
 - 1996 – Punnichy, SK -- Gordon Indian Residential School
 - Church and Government run
- 150,000 First Nations, Inuit and Métis children taken
- Estimated 6,000 deaths





Residential Schools in Canada: A Timeline

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFgNI1Ife0A>



Ongoing Impacts



**“Kill the
Indian in
the Child”**

- Indian Residential Schools
- Sixties Scoop
- Millennial Scoop
- Birth Alerts
- Children in Care





September 25 – 30, 2023

- Sept. 25 – staff education
- Sept. 26 – staff education
- Sept. 27 – staff education
- Sept. 28 – Flag Ceremony / Community Open House
- Various Indigenous and Municipal events
 - Sept. 29 – Niagara Parks (10:00 am)
 - Sept. 30 – Niagara Falls (hourly)





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Thank you

