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Fall 2026

SEMESTERLY Reflection

The arrival of fall is a time of preparation and observation. One must pay close attention to the changing cold winds to know how much time they have left to prepare before winter. Similarly to the start of the school year, take this time to set up good habits that will set you up for success in the winter.

Here are a few reflective questions to get you started:

QUESTIONS:

1. What lessons have you learned from over the past year? How will these new lessons guide your intentions for the new school year?
2. As the leaves begin to change colour, what is a change you are feeling during this time?
3. What is something you would like to accomplish before the end of the semester?

Newsletter Highlights

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Student spotlight

Pop culture feature
Fall teaching
Crossword

Academic Calendar

Sep 17, 2026	Last day to add course(s) for Session 1, 7S1 and 7S2
Sep 21, 2026	Last day to drop course(s) without receiving a grade and with a <u>potential refund</u> for Session 1 and 7S1
Sep 23, 2026	Late tuition payment for Fall 2026 Term with financial penalty
Oct 9, 2026	Last day to drop 7S1 course(s) and receive a DNC (Did Not Complete) grade
Oct 12, 2026	Thanksgiving — holiday (Seneca closed)
Oct 26, 2026 - Oct 30, 2026	Study Week (Seneca Open)
Oct 23, 2026 - Oct 25, 2026	Convocation for August 2026 graduates
Nov 6, 2026	Last day to add 7S2 course(s) — ELI courses only
Nov 11, 2026	New students (domestic) — Winter 2027 Term: <u>tuition deposit due</u> . Returning students — Winter 2027 Term: <u>tuition deposit due</u> for 2026/2027 academic year (tuition deposit is due once per academic year)
Nov 13, 2026	Last day to drop Session 1 course(s) and receive a DNC (Did Not Complete) grade. Last day to drop 7S2 course(s) without receiving a grade and with a <u>potential refund</u>
Nov 17, 2026	2nd Late tuition payment for Fall 2026 Term with financial penalty
Dec 1, 2026	Last day to submit requests for <u>transfer credit</u> for Winter 2027 Term
Dec 4, 2026	Last day to drop 7S2 course(s) and receive a DNC (Did Not Complete) grade
Dec 9, 2026	Open enrolment begins for Winter 2027 Term on <u>Student Home</u>
Dec 16, 2026	Fall 2026 Term ends
Dec 22, 2026	Final grades for Fall 2026 Term available on <u>Student Home</u>
Dec 24, 2026 - Jan 6, 2027	Holiday period — (Seneca closed)



Upcoming events

WED
SEPT

30

Walk the Path to Reconciliation

2pm

King Campus

WED
OCT

21

Bear Retiring Ceremony

12pm

Odeyto

WED
NOV

12

Learn to Make Bannock

12pm

Odeyto

WED
DEC

2

Winter Solstice Feast

12pm

Odeyto

FRI
OCT/NOV

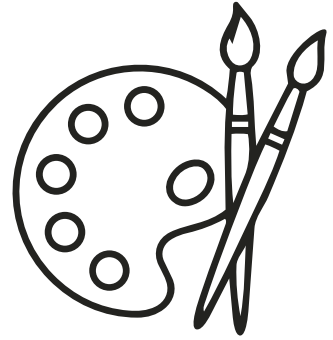
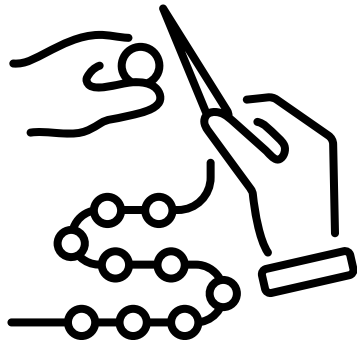
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Movie Night

7-10pm

Odeyto

Wednesday Drop-In Days



OCTOBER

Come and Eat With Us!

Every Wednesday we
cook lunch

NOVEMBER

Come and Craft With Us!

Every Wednesday we craft

DECEMBER

Come and Eat With Us!

Every Wednesday we
cook lunch



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



We are pleased to invite you to Seneca Polytechnic's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Path to Reconciliation opening.

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2026

2:00pm to 4:00pm

Seneca Polytechnic King Campus

Timeline

2:00pm Welcome remarks at trailhead

2:15pm Guided path and water walk

3:45pm Berry and water ceremony in Garriock Hall Library

4:00pm Event concludes

Accessibility

Activities will run concurrently in Garriock Hall Library for guests unable to attend the trailhead gathering and walk.

Parking

Parking lot A - one accessible spot

Parking lot B - gravel lot

[See more on Seneca's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Page](#)

52 Weeks ReconciliACTION Exercise

While the Path to Reconciliation offers a place for reflection around Lake Seneca at King Campus, **reconciliation extends far beyond a physical path.**

To show that we are committed to walking the Path of Reconciliation every day, we invite the Seneca community to join the **52-Weeks ReconciliACTION exercise.**

Members of the Seneca community can register and commit to **one act of reconciliACTION each week.** Participants will have access to an online discussion space hosted by First Peoples@Seneca, where they can share reflection, resources, and experiences with others taking part in the exercise.



[See more on Seneca's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Page](#)

LOOKING

Back

Summer Gardening

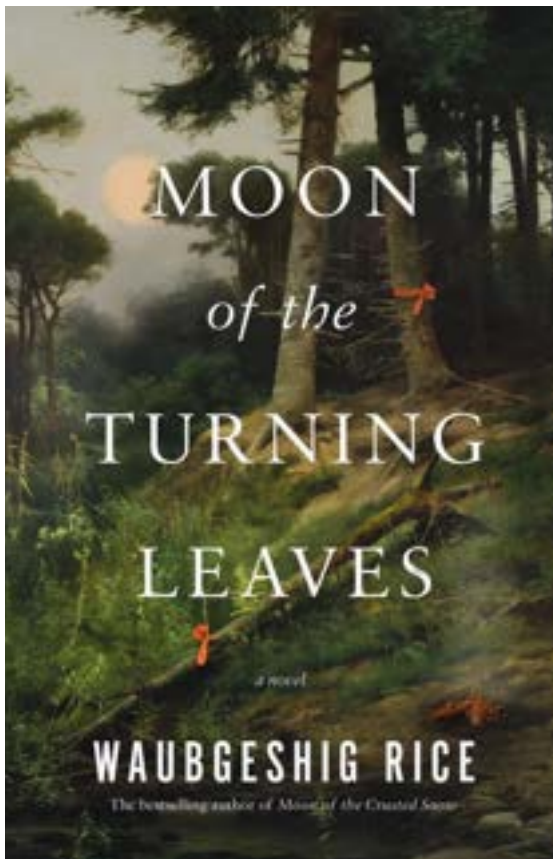


Pride

Blu's



Book Reviews



This book is a compelling sequel to his earlier novel "Moon of the Crusted Snow." The story continues in a post-apocalyptic world where an Anishinaabe community is rebuilding their lives. This book speaks to resilience, cultural reclamation, and connection to the land. Rice's storytelling balances tension with heartfelt moments, emphasizing the strength of community and the enduring spirit of Indigenous knowledge. This author's stories carry lots of traditional knowledge and teachings, which he embeds in his novels and shares with all willing to learn of Indigenous ways of understanding.



SCREENING ROOM

RESERVATION DOGS



Reservation Dogs is a TV series that follows four Indigenous teenagers growing up on a reservation in Oklahoma. The show does an excellent job of balancing comedy with the show's central theme of grief. The characters feel realistic and relatable, while the story gives viewers a deeper understanding of Indigenous culture and community. The humor keeps the show entertaining, but it's the emotional moments that make the show memorable.

SUGARCANE



Sugarcane is a deeply moving documentary about the legacy of Canada's residential school system. The filmmakers handle difficult subject matter with care and respect, while keeping the focus on the experiences, resilience, and humanity of survivors and their communities. What makes the film especially impactful is its balance between confronting painful history and highlighting strength, culture, and healing.



MOVIE NIGHTS

Join us after dark in October and November for blockbuster movies! Odeyto will turn into a cozy movie house with popcorn, friends, and even a fire outside for s'mores!



OBSESSION

Friday

October 23rd

7 - 10 p.m.



The Odyssey

Friday

November 20th

7 - 10 p.m.



✦ LISTENING RŌŌM ✦

Discover what the First Peoples team has been listening to



Kuper Island
CBCLISTEN
Podcast



Secret Path
Gord Downie
Album



**“Pomawsuwinuwok
Wonakiyawolotuwok
(people are rising)”**
Jermey Dutcher
Song



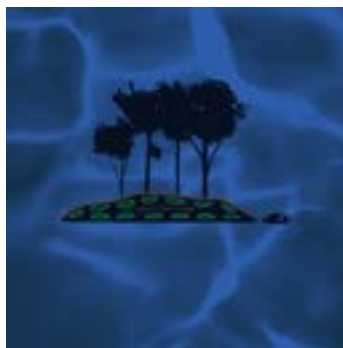
Residential School
Jerry Alfred and the
Medicine Beat
Song



Reconciliation Road
Dan George
Podcast



Watin
Aysanabee
Album



The Plan
Northern Lights Warrior
Horse
Song



Lost Souls
Tom Jackson
Song



Indigenous Student SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to our student spotlight, **Joseph Panikadlakjuak**. Joseph is an Inuk from Nunavut, and a first-year Seneca Business student.

Joseph has shown tremendous initiative and responsibility in order to start his studies here in Toronto coming from up north. Upon first meeting Joseph, it became apparent that culture is very important to him. He asked whether Odeyto had ever built an igloo before, or if it was even possible given the lack of snow in the area, a point he had raised previously when commenting on how warm it was.

We can't wait to see Joseph add to the Seneca community by contributing his unique culture and voice from up north. And we certainly will try to get those Igloos built!





OSHKAABEWIS WANTED



Oshkaabewis is an Ojibwe word that means a ceremonial attendant, helper, or messenger who supports elders and spiritual leaders.

Elder Blu is looking for an oshkaabewis

If you are looking to gain cultural knowledge and experience than this volunteer position is right for you! You will be responsible for assisting Elder Blu during ceremonies and cultural teachings.



Email Leigh.Simpson-Ahwanaquot if you are interested

Fall Teachings



Welcome to the season of fall.

A time Mother Earth shows us her beauty through the leaves changing colours on the trees.

A time to get out and see the beauty of creation around us before it comes to an end for the season.

A time when the plants go to sleep, and some of the animals do too.

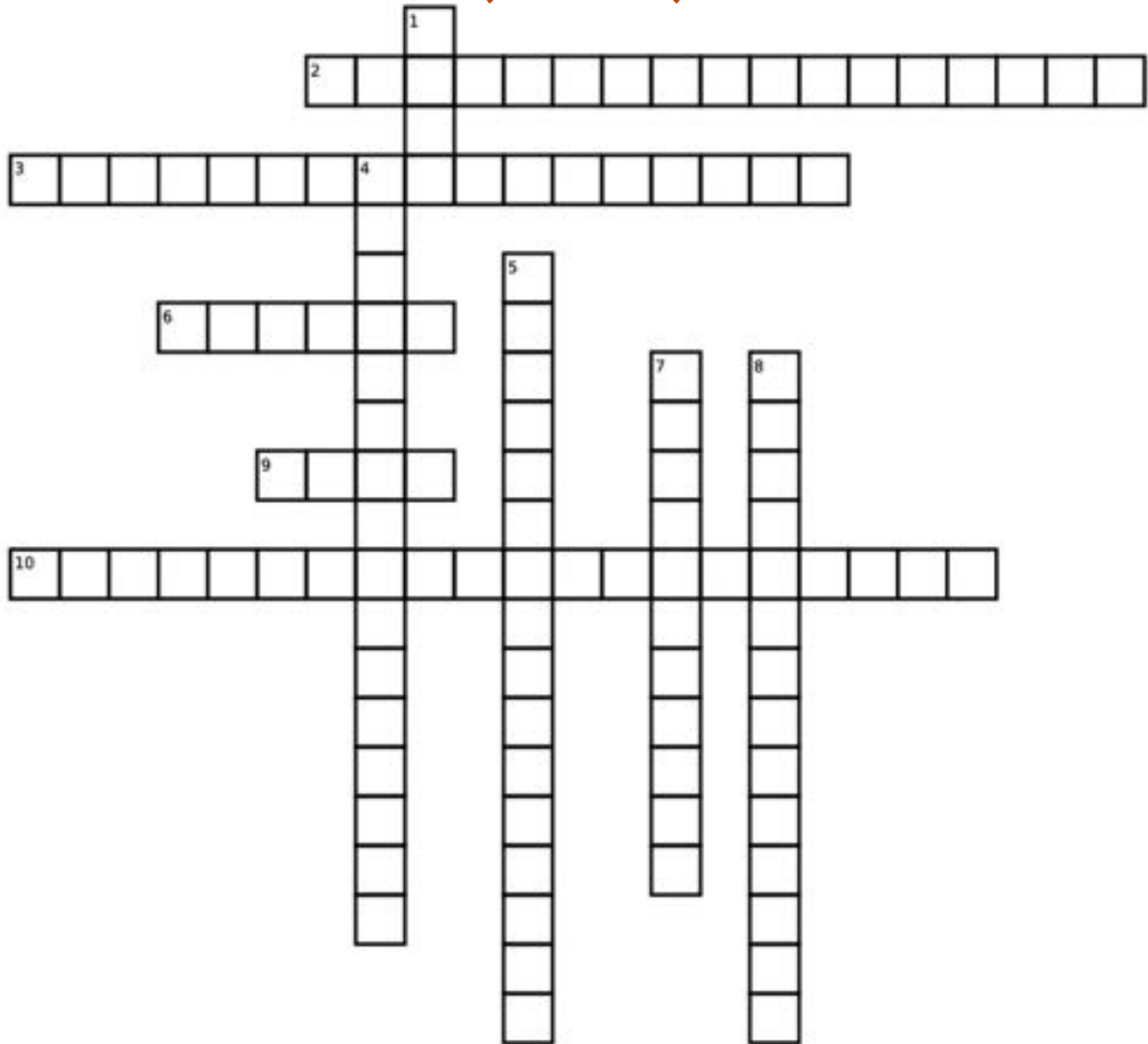
A time when we gather with our families to prepare for winter. Just as the plants and animals are doing.

A time to talk about the season that has passed and the changing weather.

A time when we should begin to look inwardly to find the ways we need to take care of ourselves.



Dagwaagi (Fall)



Down:

1. The sacred medicine of fall
4. The December full moon
5. The November full moon
7. September day with equal light and darkness
8. the shortest day and longest night of the year

Across:

2. The September full moon
3. The October full moon
6. The name of the Indigenous Student Centre at Seneca Polytechnic
9. The direction on the Medicine Wheel fall belongs to
10. to celebrate this creature going into hibernation