

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation events

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On Saturday, September 30, we commemorate the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – which coincides with Orange Shirt Day – to acknowledge Canada’s history with Indigenous Peoples and the path forward. It is a day to reflect on the devastation residential schools inflicted on Indigenous communities across the country and also a day to recognize Indigenous resilience.

Reconciliation happens together with Indigenous Peoples. There is much work to be done and it will require every one of us to become more informed and take action.

Events taking place

“Truth Before Reconciliation: How to Identify and Confront Residential School Denialism” with Dr. Sean Carleton – Thursday, Sept. 28

All are welcome to join Dr. Sean Carleton, historian and assistant professor, history and Indigenous studies at the University of Manitoba, online from 1 to 2 p.m. During this conversation, Mr. Carleton will discuss the role of residential school denialism in Canadian history and much more.

Registration is required. This event is being offered virtually.

Other initiatives

Indigenous-inspired Dining Services menu

A variety of Indigenous-inspired menu items will be available on campus from Monday, Sept. 25 to Friday, Sept. 29. More information is available on the [Dining Services](#) space.

Orange shirts

September 30 is also **Orange Shirt Day**, a day to recognize the tragic history and impact of residential schools. You can purchase a Seneca Polytechnic orange shirt designed by Quinn Hopkins or [online](#). Shirts can be pickup once purchased at the Newnham Campus Store.

This year’s orange shirt includes an augmented reality (AR) feature which animates the images on the shirt once the QR code is activated. To view the animations, you will need to hover your mobile device's camera over the QR code.

Students and employees are encouraged to wear an orange shirt leading up to September 30.

Virtual backgrounds and email signatures

You can also submit a donation for a virtual background and email signature featuring Isaac Murdoch's mural design. More information is available [online](#).

Please note that donations will be tax deductible.

Peggy Pitawanakwat Bursary

All proceeds from Seneca's orange t-shirt sales, virtual backgrounds and email signatures, as well as partial proceeds from the Dining Services' Indigenous-inspired menu will go towards the [Peggy Pitawanakwat Bursary](#).

Resources available

A variety of learning resources and tools are available:

- [94 Calls to Action – Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada](#)
- [Acts of Resistance – Stand Up!](#)
- [First Peoples@Seneca](#)
- [History of residential schools in Canada](#)
- [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
- [Why we wear orange on Orange Shirt Day](#)

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