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Coach's Corner - Orange Shirt Day

Good afternoon friends and families of MCS,

September 30 marks Orange Shirt Day where students and Canadians from across the country wear orange to remember and mourn the indigenous experience of Canada's residential school systems. At MCS, we will be

wearing orange and taking time to unpack this difficult topic through age-appropriate conversations at each grade level. Yes, it can be difficult to talk about injustices like Canada's residential school systems, but it is so very important to do so.

As Christians, we must follow the example of Jesus who championed justice and righteousness. Who commanded us to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind," before adding: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." (Matthew 29: 37-40). Part of Kingdom work involves hearing and understanding the stories of those who have been harmed by residential schools and recognizing the role church structures played. Why? So, we can move the needle on justice. In Micah 6:8, I love how the greatest commandment to love God and others is phrased: "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, love mercy (love others) and to walk humbly with your God (love God)." We see how God's heart for justice is at the very core of loving others well.

The work of justice does not begin or end on one National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. But today is a great reminder to keep learning, and to keep listening. This week, I've dedicated time to listen to the stories of survivors, and I encourage you to carve out time to do so as well. Here's a great resource to get started: <u>https://next150.indianhorse.ca/challenges/survivor-stories</u>

Blessings, Mr. Martín

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WEDNESDAY CHAPEL

This Week: Mrs. Nicole Lund

Notable announcements:

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October 3 Curriculum Night

October 7 PD Day (No School)

October 10 Thanksgiving Day (No School)

October 27-28 PD Days (No school & No pizza this week)

Yearbook coming soon. If you have ordered yearbooks for 2021 and 2021-2022, they will be available soon. Thank you for your patience.

Police Checks: Please if you would like to Volunteer, kindly get a police check from the **Halton Regional Police. Vulnerable sector check. Follow the link below:**

https://www.haltonpolice.ca/en/services-and-reporting/record-checks.aspx

(All applications are done online via the Halton Police website). Thank you.

Curriculum Night - October 3 (Parents only)

We have scheduled three sessions:

6:45-6:55pm - Greeting from the Principal in the chapel 6:55-7:00pm - Transition to session 1 7:00-7:30pm - Session 1

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7:30-7:35pm - Transition to session 2 7:35-8:05pm - Session 2 8:05-8:10pm - Transition to session 3 8:10-8:40pm - Session 3



Grade 6 class

When the boys were all gone for the soccer tournament, the girls took over for the day.



Grades 5-8 students competed in our annual soccer tournament @ Trafalgar Park.

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Prepping for Battle of the Books. Feels good to have these programs back at MCS!



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