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Coach's Corner – Truth and Reconciliation

Hello friends and families of MCS,

Today is an important day of public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools. As the very first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, our school community honours survivors, their families and communities. We do this by taking time to learn about the truth of residential schools and the ongoing impacts it has on generations of Aboriginal communities.

Growing up, residential schools were something glossed over in my history books, presented as history from “long ago”. That understanding shattered a while ago for me when we learned a friend’s mother had been forcibly removed from her home at the age of seven, this was in the late 1960s. The last residential school closed in 1997. The history and impacts of residential schools are here in our present.

Truth and reconciliation are core tenants of the Christian faith. Jesus exemplified a radical concern and uplifting of marginalized people during His time on earth. One of the most powerful examples of this is in the story of the bleeding woman. This is recounted in three of the Gospels, but I like the version in Luke 8 the best, you’ll see why.

In this story we have Jesus making his way through a bustling crowd of people, all brushing up against one another. His disciples are trying to clear the way and get Jesus to the house of a synagogue leader whose daughter was dying. A woman, who had been suffering for years with bleeding and tried every remedy available to her, reaches out to touch Jesus’ robe and was immediately healed by her faith. This woman would have been ostracized and marginalized for her condition for years. But Jesus notices, He feels her touch.

And then he does something remarkable. He stops the crowd. And when his disciples try to urge him to keep walking, “Master, this whole crowd is pressing up against you,” He makes them stop too. He finds the woman, and then in verse 47-49 we see Christ engaged in a conversation with her, and “the whole crowd heard her explain why she had touched him...” **Jesus stopped the crowd, stopped his disciples, so this woman could share her story.**

Today, I invite you to pause and hear the stories of survivors. Let us continue this important work of truth and reconciliation. Check out the [“In their own words” project on CBC](#) for a great starting point.

Blessings, Mr. Martin

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Wednesday Chapel (Online)



This Week: Pastor Steven Rothery
(Knox Presbyterian Church)
Next Week: Pastor Jim Demarsh (MBC)

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Tuesdays and Thursdays at MCS.... Pick up students at 5pm in school.

Soccer tournament- October 5th @ Trafalgar Sports Park in
Georgetown

Volunteer Policy at MCS

All volunteers for sports, field trips or in school help will provide us with a recent police check. If it is still valid within the two years window, you will sign an offence declaration form. **From September 27**, a **proof of vaccination** should also be provided.

Thank you.

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Kindergarteners!

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Grade 3 class

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- Oct. 7th - Silas (JK)
- Oct. 10th - Jaxson (Gr. 2)
- Oct. 13th - Grace (Gr. 7)
- Oct. 25th - Caroline (Gr.2)
Seth (Gr. 2)
Silas (Gr. 2)
- Oct. 29th - Lailey (Gr. 5)
- Oct. 30th - Ms. Dors



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