



**Laichwiltach Family Life Society**  
**5th Annual Every Child Matters Orange Shirt Day Walk**  
**National Day of Truth & Reconciliation**



**Who: You! Families/Community Members/Children/Youth**

**Where: Campbell River Spirit Square**

**When: September 30, 2021, 11:00am**

**COVID-19 Rules in effect: safe distancing, mask wearing, hand sanitizing**

11:00am Opening Prayer – proceed to walk

11:30am Wedlidi Speck Keynote Speaker & Speeches, Welcome Song

12:00 pm Handing out bagged lunches

12:30/1:00pm Honouring Survivors

3:00pm Closing

September 30 has recently been known as Orange Shirt Day, a day that is meant to recognize the tragic history of loss, and the lasting effects of Canada's residential school system. It honours Indigenous residential school survivors, their families, and communities as a vital part of the process of reconciliation.

### **Why orange shirts?**

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of *Phyllis' story* of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually.

The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. It also gives teachers time to plan events that will include children, as we want to ensure that we are passing the story and learning on to the next generations.

