



We acknowledge that our water is sourced from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation. We are gathered on Treaty one land, les terres sur lesquelles nous sommes rassemblés aujourd'hui font partie du territoire traditionnel des personnes Anishinaabeg, Ininiwak, Anishininiwak, Dakota, et Déné, et de la patrie de la nation métisse de la Rivière Rouge.

We stand with the Indigenous community and commit to building an ongoing process of reconciliation, collaboration, and resurgence. Nous restons déterminés à travailler en partenariat avec les Premières Nations, Inuit et Métisses dans un esprit de vérité, réconciliation et collaboration.

Monday Announcements – September 21

Day 4

Sept 21 – 25th is the National Week for Truth and Reconciliation, a time to reflect on and remember First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Survivors of Canada's residential school system, as well as the children who never returned home, and the families and communities who were forever altered. It acknowledges the forced removal of Indigenous children, loss of language and culture, and the enduring intergenerational trauma caused by these institutions. Throughout the week, please listen for announcements written by grade 9 and 10 Indigenous studies students, and come by the office to view posters and other visuals. Today's message is from Lily and Emma: did you know that Orange shirt day first began on September 30th, 2013 by a woman named Phyllis Webstad? In 1973, Phyllis was 6 years old and arrived at St. Joseph's Mission Indian Residential School near Williams Lake. Her grandmother bought her a shiny orange shirt for her first day of school, but when she arrived, the staff took away her clothes and confiscated her orange shirt, never to be seen again. That moment made her feel like her feelings didn't matter, and now serves as a symbol for us to remember what happened in residential schools.

September 21st to 25th is also School Support Staff week, in recognition of the commitment and dedication of the folks who help support students at GC every day, such as educational assistants, our office staff, custodians, library technicians, SAFE team, bus drivers, and cafeteria staff. Make sure you give them all a big thank you at some point this week!

Have you ever thought of setting up or running a company? Do you have what it takes to be your own boss? Then Junior Achievement's Company Program is for you!! We are looking for interested student entrepreneurs to enroll in the after-school Company Program. It's hand-on and there's no cost to join – its free! Work in teams with other students from high schools across Manitoba to

market and sell your own product. Learning this skill and networking early, can transform your life! A representative will be at Garden City Collegiate near the office at lunch tomorrow. For more information check out the JA Manitoba website.

Stitch Club's Knit Circle! The Knit Circle is a new part of Stitch Club, led by Ms. Shauna Jones, a quiet and welcoming space to learn, practice, create, and connect through knitting. Whether you are brand new to knitting or already love it, come join us! Drop by Room E104 to sign up!

There will be a meeting in Ms. Sharma's room in W105 this Thursday at lunch hour for any students interested in creating our Diwali display. All students and any grade level are welcome!

Intramural beachball volleyball sign ups continue today outside the center gym at lunch. Sign up in teams of 7 to 9.

Reality Check Auditions Part One is today after school in SOPAC. Students must be changed and ready to go by 3:45 PM. We start at 4:00 PM sharp.

If you are interested in writing of any kind, come to a meeting in E302 TODAY to talk about what a writing community at GC could look like. That's a meeting today in E302 to discuss a writing club here at GC.

The AWRC opens today! Come to the library starting today at lunch to meet our tutors and get some help with any academic work!

Any staff interested in being a teacher supervisor or coach or play intramurals are invited to a meeting today in the weight room at 11:40 am.

Boys indoor soccer tryout today at 4:00 pm.

Girls indoor soccer tryout Wednesday at 2:30 pm.

There is a Staff Professional Development Committee meeting today at 11:45 in the Conference Room. The PD committee will begin planning for our first PD day on October 22nd. All staff are welcome to join.