



Orange

Shirt

Day

September 30th



What is Orange Shirt Day?

September 30th marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day. This day honors the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of residential schools and the legacy they have left behind. A day for survivors to be reaffirmed that they matter, and so do those that have been affected. **Every Child Matters**, even if they are an adult, from now on.

[orangeshirtday.org](https://www.orangeshirtday.org)

Wearing an orange shirt is a national movement to recognize the experience of those who went to Indian residential schools, to honor them, and show a collective commitment to ensure that **Every Child Matters.**

orangeshirtday.org

Why September 30th?

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.

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Resources/ Actions

VISIT ORANGESHIRTDAY.ORG,
THE ORGANIZATION THAT
FOUNDED ORANGE SHIRT DAY.

VISIT CULTURALSURVIVAL.ORG,
A GROUP THAT ADVOCATES FOR
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' RIGHTS
AND SUPPORTS COMMUNITIES.

READ THE NATIONAL MUSEUM
OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN'S
CHAPTER ON BOARDING
SCHOOLS

WATCH NIKKI SANCHEZ -
TEDXSFU "DECOLONIZATION IS
FOR EVERYONE"

CONTACT YOUR GOVERNMENTAL
LEADERS TO ASK WHAT ACTIONS
THEY ARE TAKING ON
INDIGENOUS RIGHTS.

WEAR AN ORANGE
SHIRT ON
SEPTEMBER 30TH.

Books on Residential Schools

1: Indian Horse - Richard Wagamese

2: Orange Shirt Day - Phyllis Webstad

3: Shi-Shi-etko and Shin-chi's Canoe - Nicola Campbell

By wearing an orange
shirt on September 30th,
you commit to the
enduring truth that
EVERY CHILD MATTERS,
every day and
everywhere.