



# News Release

## **RDCRS welcomes new First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students on Orange Shirt Day**

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Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools will welcome and bless new First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students with their families on September 30, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. This event is at Riverbend Golf Course in Red Deer and is open to Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten/Grade 1 students in the division.

“This event is a step for us in building strong relationships with our families’ right from the beginning of their journey in our school division,” said Selena Frizzley, coordinator of the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Support Team.

Families will be able to listen to drumming while participating in a group smudge and plant a reconciliation tree. In addition, students will have the opportunity to connect with local elders, Rosena Winnie and Corky Laresn-Jonasson.

*Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools serves over 10,468 students in 21 schools in Red Deer, Sylvan Lake, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail, and Olds. It also supports the learning of over 600 students in a Home Education Program. The Division is committed to serving children and parents with a complete offering of learning opportunities delivered within the context of Catholic teachings and within the means of the Division.*

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