

Indigenous 101: Looking Back & Moving Forward

CCS is excited to invite you to a special learning session with **Holly Fortier**, who sees it as her mission to encourage a relationship of respect and understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians, on Thursday, March 9 at 7pm.

At this point in our country's history, many of us are wondering, what is Jesus' path to truth and reconciliation with our Indigenous peoples? We were not there when treaties were broken, so we can't feel guilty, yet how can we, together, move forward in a good way?

Let's fill the LINC with parents (Gr7+ students are welcome too) learning from an inspiring, Christian, who is a First Nations person. Holly's presentation will include:

- A brief history of Indigenous People (pre-contact and after contact)
- Cultural differences
- Helpful "dos and don'ts"
- Working with Indigenous Peoples and Communities
- Holly's thoughts on moving forward
- What can "Reconciliation" look like?

We encourage you to read more about Holly and her company, Nisto Consulting, <u>here</u> on her website.

<u>RSVP with this link</u> as space is limited. (80 attendees, 7-9pm) Hope to see you on Thursday, March 9.

Also coming to CCS, save the date(s):

This night is part of the CCS commitment to support the guidelines and calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Please save the date for your next CCS opportunity to participate in Truth and Reconciliation activities, BLANKET EXERCISES (<u>Kairos Blanket Exercise linked here</u>) with Rev. Tony and Gloria Snow:

- April 13, 7-9pm Grade 9-12 students and families
- April 17, 7-9pm Grade 5-8 students and families
- April 25, 3:45 5pm Kindergarten Grade 4 students and families

*If you have children in multiple grades, choose the date that works best for you. Watch the Weekly Tuesday emails for more details and RSVP soon.

You might remember that Reverend Tony has helped staff and students at CCS, acknowledge the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in the past. We're honoured to continue our relationship with him and now, his sister.

These events and activities are steps toward implementing the CSCE Board approved recommendations for Celebrating Racial Diversity at Calgary Christian School.