

# WELCOME TO ST. THERESA INDIGE-NEWS!

“Nothing about us, without us.”



## A Brief History

Before European settlers arrived in “Canada,” thousands of Indigenous people lived and flourished through the practice of their cultures and languages. When the European settlers first arrived, their relationship with Indigenous people was equitable, until colonization began. The past Canadian governments sought to assimilate Indigenous people into the dominant culture by forcibly enrolling Indigenous children into residential schools, which suppressed the vitalization of many Indigenous cultures, practices, traditions, and languages. It was estimated that at least 150,000 Indigenous children attended residential schools in between 1867 and 1996. The effects of these impure institutions yielded intergenerational trauma, which carried through generations of Indigenous people to this very day. Indigenous people continue to face contemporary issues that affect their communities and individuals. These histories and issues are important to address, because, as Justice Murray Sinclair said, “Education is what got us here, and education is what will get us out.”

## If you would like to know more, the following courses are available:

NAC10 – Art – Expressions of Indigenous Peoples.

This course explores various art forms, giving students opportunities to create, present, and analyze integrated art works infused with First Nations, Metis, and Inuit perspectives.

NAC20 – History – Indigenous Peoples in Canada.

This course explores the histories and impacts of social, cultural, economic, political, legal trends and developments on Indigenous people and communities from pre-contact to present.

NBE3U – English – Contemporary Indigenous Voices.

This course explores themes, forms, and stylistic elements of a range of literary, informational, graphic, oral, cultural, and media texts about and from Indigenous cultures in Canada.

## A Word from an Indigenous Student.

“Before I came to St. Theresa, I thought that there was no way that I would like it, because I'm Indigenous and it's a Catholic school. Now I am in my senior year, and my perspective of St. Theresa changed, because I felt like I was part of, not just the Titan community, but a smaller community that was built upon the development of Indigenous Studies at St. Theresa.”

- Logan Maracle, Senior Indigenous Student

**Did you know?**

**St. Theresa is located on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee people.**

**St. Theresa is approximately 17 minutes away from the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory.**

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