

SPEAKING TRUTH: TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION WEEK 2024

8:30-
9:00 AM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 OPENING CEREMONY, FRONT OF CHAMPLAIN

The entire Champlain-Lennoxville community is invited to a short ceremony. This opening ceremony will honour the children who never returned home from the Residential Schools as well as the Survivors and families.

12:30 PM-
3:00 PM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 NATIONAL TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY

All of Sherbrooke, including Champlain-Lennoxville, is encouraged to attend the National Truth and Reconciliation Walk the accompanying Speeches. The Walk will take place from Promenade du Lac des Nations to Station de la Gare in Sherbrooke (participants will include U de S, Champlain College, Cegep de Sherbrooke, and Sherbrooke community)

5 PM-
6:15 PM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 CONFERENCE WITH AUDREY-LISE ROCK HERVIEUX, U DE S

Audrey-Lise Rock-Hervieux, an Innu mother, writer, and blogger, will highlight the role of writing as a tool for resistance, reconciliation, and cultural preservation.

12:30 PM-
2:00 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1 INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVES ON FOOD SOVEREIGNTY- CHAMPLAIN LOBBY

Holly McComber (Kahnawake Mohawk Territory) will speak at this harvest event about growing food and restoring sacred responsibilities between humans and plant relatives. Students will gain an understanding of the history of food in Indigenous cultures and communities and about the disconnection with food created by colonialism. Students and staff can eat harvested foods grown over the summer.

5:00 PM-
8:00 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1 SCREENING OF THE FILM SOLEIL ATIKAMEKW, BANDEEN HALL

Jacques Newashish, an Indigenous actor, filmmaker, painter, and sculptor from the Atikamekw Nehirosiwi nation will be joining us as a guest and as an actor from the film Soleil Atikamekw. A discussion with Jacques Newashish will be held following the film screening.

12:30-2:00

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3 CHAMPLAIN STUDENT LEARNING ACTIVITY

Students participating in Champlain-Lennoxville new Truth and Reconciliation Enrichment Option will organize an event for the entire community. Its focus will be on the meaning and value of Truth and Reconciliation.

5:00 PM-
8:00 PM

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3
CONFERENCE WITH DARRYL LEROUX
AND THE W8BANAKI NATION, BISHOP'S U, GAIT**

Representatives from Odanak First Nation and Darryl Leroux, associate professor at the University of Ottawa, author of *Distorted Descent: White Claims to Indigenous Identity*, will be giving a conference on the creation of false Indigenous identities. He will be sharing about colonialism, self-identification, and the sovereignty of Indigenous Peoples. This presentation aims to show how the widespread availability of genealogical data, combined with the creation and circulation of family histories of Indigeneity in the 20th century, led tens of thousands of Franco-descendants in Quebec to transform their identities.

6:00 PM

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4
ROGER'S BATTLE COMMEMORATION VIGIL AND
WOMEN'S WALK**

Each October, the community of Odanak honors the W8banaki women, men, and children who lost their lives in Roger's Battle in 1759. This commemorative honour walk coincides with October 4th, a day to honour murdered and missing Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirited peoples (MMIWG2S). This walk shows love and support to the families affected by the MMIWG2S people. Everyone is invited to Odanak to support the W8banaki Nation and honor MMIWG2S people.

7:00 PM

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4
CHAMPLAIN WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM GAME
FUNDRAISER**

The Champlain-Lennoxville community is invited to the women's hockey team and partner and donate to the the Iskweu Project, an initiative by the Native Women's Shelter of Montreal to respond and assist families affected by a loved one (Indigenous women, girl, or two spirit person) who goes missing. The goal of the project is to reduce and help eradicate the number of MMIWG2S in Quebec.

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