



We acknowledge that our water is sourced from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation. We are gathered on Treaty one land, les terres sur lesquelles nous sommes rassemblés aujourd'hui font partie du territoire traditionnel des personnes Anishinaabeg, Ininiwak, Anishininiwak, Dakota, et Déné, et de la patrie de la nation métisse de la Rivière Rouge.

We stand with the Indigenous community and commit to building an ongoing process of reconciliation, collaboration, and resurgence. Nous restons déterminés à travailler en partenariat avec les Premières Nations, Inuit et Métisses dans un esprit de vérité, réconciliation et collaboration.

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## **Friday Announcements – May 3**

### **Day 1**

- A HUGE congratulations to Reality Check for winning the Judge's Choice Award for Best Choreography in the entire session times two, for winning Elite Gold times two, and for placing first times two at the Canadian National Dance Championships. They choreographed a hip-hop piece that blew the judges away and performed a lyrical piece that told a moving story and brought the crowd to tears. For the last three years in a row you have been recognized for something special from three different competitions and a variety of judges. You continue to represent Garden City Collegiate at a professional level and we are proud of you. Way to go, RC!
- May 5 is the National Day for Awareness of [Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls \(MMIWG\)](#), also known as "[Red Dress Day](#)". Canadian history has contributed to the ongoing violence of Indigenous women and girls in Canada. As a result, violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people is disproportionately high. On May 5, we honour the lives of MMIWG by raising awareness of this ongoing national tragedy, and we hold in our thoughts the families and communities who live with the grief of losing loved ones. To raise awareness and pay tribute on this day, wear red, inform yourself about MMIWG, and you can also find out what is happening in our community on Sunday by looking at our school Instagram page. One of our grade 12 students, Sarah Thomas has created a display to raise awareness. It will be placed in the Commons this morning. We will be smudging the display

this morning in the Commons. We ask our school community to wear red on Monday as May 5<sup>th</sup> is on a Sunday this year.