



The inspiration for Orange Shirt Day came from residential school survivor Phyllis Jack Webstad, who shared her story at a St. Joseph Mission (SJM) Residential School Commemoration Project and Reunion event held in Williams Lake, British Columbia, in the spring of 2013. Phyllis recounted her first day of residential schooling at six years old, when she was stripped naked, and her new orange shirt—bought by her grandmother—was taken away from her and never returned, which symbolizes how the residential school system took away the indigenous identity of its students.

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