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NEWS RELEASE

Shannen's Dream is Alive and Well at O'Gorman High School

Timmins, April 26, 2011:

On **April 28th**, O'Gorman High School will be hosting two assemblies for the students of OHS about "Shannen's Dream".

Shannen Koostachin of Attawapiskat First Nation had a dream - safe and comfy schools and culturally based education for First Nations children and youth. She worked tirelessly to try to convince the federal government to give First Nations children a proper education before tragically passing away at the age of 15 years old in 2010.

Sharon Maissonneuve, OHS Vice-Principal shared *"Shannen's Dream is an inspiration to all young people to work in positive ways to have their own dreams come true. May 1st to May 6th is Catholic Education Week and we want students to celebrate the dream of Catholic education that so many people have worked tirelessly to realize. Students will be invited to reflect on the quality of education they enjoy and to work in positive ways to help Shannen realize her dream of quality education for the people in Attawapiskat First Nation on James Bay."*

Louis Claus, President of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association, will be present to explain about Shannen's Dream to have better quality education provided to Aboriginal students.

Our media partners are invited to attend and view one of the two planned assemblies (grades 9 & 11 at 9:30AM and grades 10 & 12 at 10:15AM) on Thursday, April 28th, 2011.

Students will do a follow up activity at the beginning of Catholic Education Week, taking place from May 1 to May 6, 2011, where they write down their dreams and hopes on the cut out of a hand – all of these hopes and dreams will be collected and posted in the school for all to see.

For more information about Shannen's Dream, please visit www.shannensdream.ca.



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