



Shannon Thunderbird Visits St. Matthew Catholic School

Students at St. Matthew Catholic School in Sarnia got to experience Canada's First Nations culture in an interactive "show and tell" presentation called *Spirit Thunder*.

Spirit Thunder's founder, Shannon Thunderbird, has been bringing her presentation to schools all across Canada since 1991.

"Shannon Thunderbird is passionate about the story of her peoples," says Caroline Van Roestel-Seward, Catholic Curriculum Consultant for the St. Clair Catholic District School Board. "We are very excited that she is bringing her workshop to our schools."

Through *Spirit Thunder*, students are able to handle a number of artifacts and sacred objects, such as a medicine wheel, eagle feathers, dream catchers, turtle shells and animal furs. In addition, authentic Native hand drums and shakers are available for students to use, as they learn songs, some of which are in the original indigenous languages, including Sm'algyax, Seneca, Mohaw, Lakhota and Ojibwa.

In addition to St. Matthew, Shannon Thunderbird also brought her presentation to six other St. Clair Catholic schools.