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SHANNON THUNDERBIRD BRINGS INTERACTIVE FIRST NATIONS EXPERIENCE TO ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

An exciting opportunity for students to experience the First Nations culture is coming to several St. Clair Catholic schools. *Spirit Thunder* is a fully interactive “show and tell” presentation that invites students to explore the richness of a variety of North American Native cultures.

Students will be 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 will be available for students to use, as they learn songs, some of which are in the original indigenous languages, including Sm’algyax, Seneca, Mohawk, Lakhota and Ojibwa.

“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 she is bringing her workshop to our schools.”

Shannon Thunderbird, who is descended from the Coast Tsimshian People founded Peya Productions in 1991, as a way to bring a First Nations perspective to people all across Canada.

The presentations are scheduled at the dates, times and school locations listed below. Members of the media are welcome.

Tuesday April 10	Wednesday April 11	Thursday April 12	Friday April 13
Holy Trinity – Sarnia 9:10 am- 10:10 am	St Joseph – Corunna 9:15 am – 10:15 am	St Christopher – Sarnia 9:35 am - 10:49 am	St Patrick, Sarnia 8:15 am - 9:29 am
Sacred Heart – Sarnia 12:3 pm - 1:30 pm	Sacred Heart – Port Lambton 1 pm – 2 pm	St Christopher – Sarnia 12:54 pm - 2:09 pm	St Matthew – Sarnia 12:45 pm - 1:45 pm