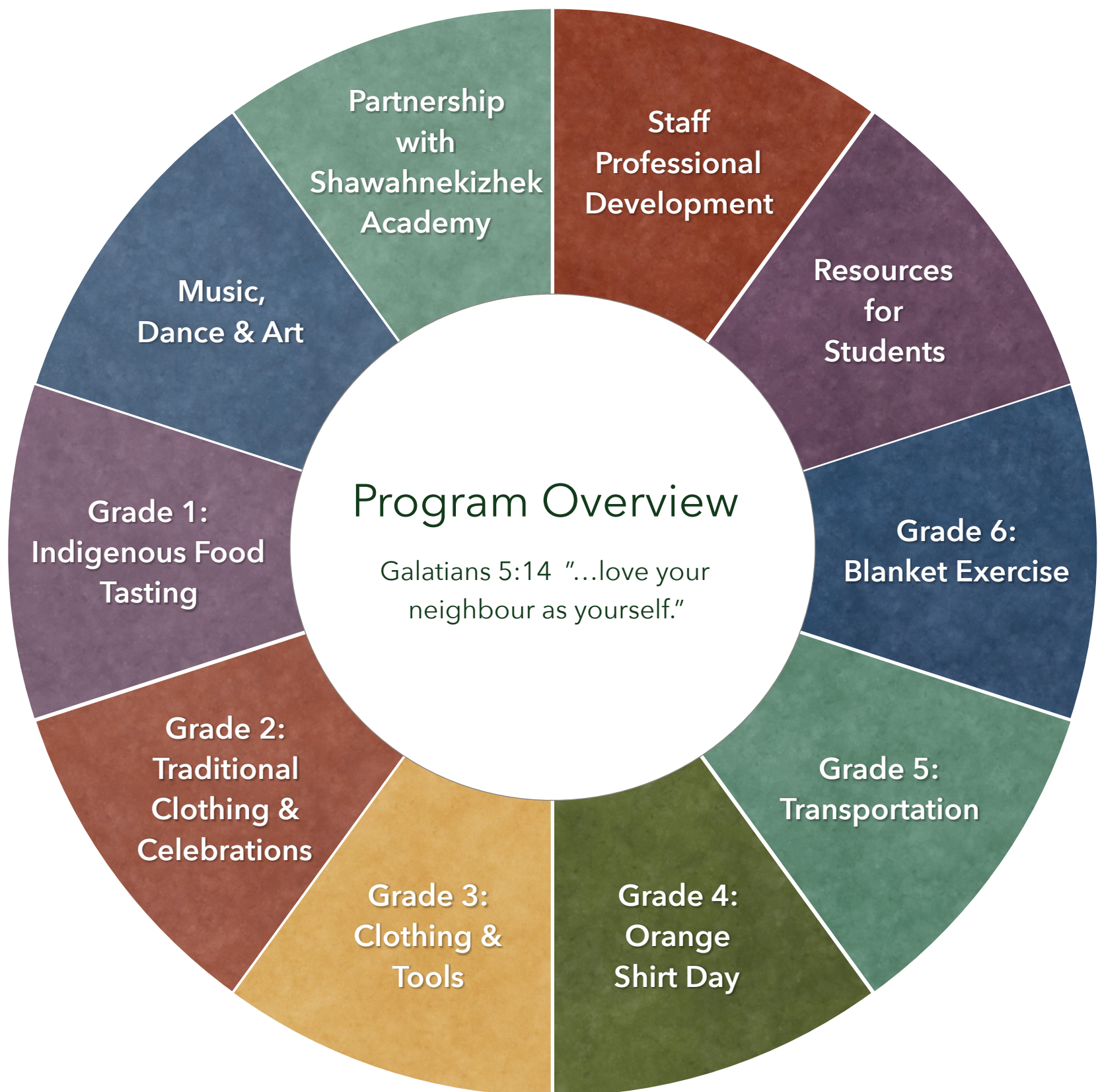


Strathcona Christian Academy Elementary School

First Nations, Metis & Inuit Education



Grade Experiences

In addition to the curriculum, each grade will focus on a different aspect of First Nations, Metis and Inuit culture. In the course of a school year, every grade will have a unique experience which will increase knowledge, generate empathy and encourage conversation amongst students, staff and parents.

Library Resources

Our library is equipped with a vast collection of books related to Indigenous education. We have a good balance of both fiction and non-fiction, at every level of understanding and age appropriateness. Our librarian is deeply invested, well informed and very relevant and current with her knowledge of authors and resources and communicates this effectively to students of every age.

Staff Professional Development

Each staff member is in possession of a collection of resources to deepen their knowledge of Indigenous culture. They also have access to many resources with lesson plans, activities and other varied learning experiences that can be used in the classroom. Professional development is ongoing throughout the year and collaboration happens naturally and effectively.

Partnership with Shawahnekizhek Academy

Our school continues to have a partnership with a Christian school in Saddle Lake, AB called Shawahnekizhek Academy. We provide financial support, professional support and prayer support to the staff and students of this school. Throughout the school year, staff from SCE visit Saddle Lake and share ideas, resources and collaboration with them. Mavis Giant also shares her expertise about Indigenous culture with our staff and students.

Prayer

We as a school ascribe to the Bible verse in Galatians 5:14 which says "...love your neighbour as yourself." The First Nations, Metis and Inuit people of Canada continue to be our neighbours, our colleagues and our friends. We, as a Christian school, teach our staff, students and parents to love and celebrate those around us, just as Jesus Christ would have.

Music, Dance, Art

Throughout the year, staff and students experience various projects that engage students in the Arts and celebrate First Nations, Metis and Inuit culture. This allows students to celebrate the beauty of nature that our Creator exhibits. It also builds camaraderie amongst our student body and gives us the chance to recognize our students who identify as First Nations, Metis or Inuit.