



Wednesday, November 16, 2005

**Joe Duquette High School celebrates
25 years of aboriginal education**

Students, staff, parents, alumni and community members are celebrating the 25th anniversary of Joe Duquette High School (**919 Broadway Avenue**) with a round dance on **Wednesday, November 16, 2005 beginning at 6 p.m.** in the school's gymnasium.

The round dance, in which participants dance in a circle while holding hands, symbolizes friendship. The dance is one of several special events, including a pipe ceremony, talent show, pancake breakfast and fashion show, being held this week to celebrate the anniversary.

Joe Duquette High School is an associate school within the Saskatoon Catholic Schools system. It was established in 1981 in an agreement between the provincial government, the school division and the Kitotiminawak Council, the school's parent advisory council.

The school, for students of aboriginal ancestry, stresses personal growth and accomplishment. It also provides students with the opportunity to recapture their aboriginal identity through spiritual growth in a variety of activities that focus on historical and cultural topics.

The school was first known as the Saskatoon Native Survival School. The name was changed in 1989 to honour Joe Duquette, an elder from the Mistawasis First Nation who had worked with students and teachers at the school in the early 1980s. The school's parent council proposed the change to honour the extraordinary influence Duquette had on the school's students and staff.

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