

# FEATURED STUDENT



## JAKE SOLTYS

MAY 2024

Jake Soltys, a Grade 11 student at Sturgis Composite School, penned a poem titled 'A Tribute to the Brave' for the Norquay Legion's annual Remembrance Day literacy contest. His exceptional work garnered first place recognition at the Branch, Zone, District, and Provincial levels in the Gr. 10-12 poetry category. Below is a copy of the poem:



*"A Tribute to the Brave"*

*In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow,  
A symbol of the lives we owe.  
We honor those who fought so brave,  
Their sacrifice, our freedoms pave.*

*On Remembrance day we gather near,  
To remember those that we hold dear.  
Their courage and strength we never forget,  
In our hearts their memory is set.*

*They stood tall, with hearts so true,  
Defending what they loved and knew.  
For peace and justice they did strive,  
Their legacy, forever alive.*

*So, let us pause in solemn grace,  
To honor them, in a sacred place.  
With gratitude we bow our heads,  
To honor the brave, the living, and the dead.*

*In Flanders Fields the poppies grow,  
To remind us of the debts we owe.  
On Remembrance Day we stand as one,  
To remember those whose battles are done.*

As part of Jake's award, he will receive a monetary prize, be flown to Ottawa in November for the National Remembrance Day Ceremony, have his poem exhibited at the National War Museum for one year, and a commemorative plaque will be placed in the school to honor his achievement. Congratulations Jake on this prestigious honour!