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Marc Garneau Visits Collège Sturgeon Heights Collegiate On Thursday, April 16

Dr. Marc Garneau, Canada's first astronaut into space, will visit Collège Sturgeon Heights Collegiate on **Thursday, April 16th at 1:30 p.m.** Dr. Garneau's visit is in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Flight.

On arrival, Dr. Garneau will first visit with the students of the school's Aviation Program. Then, he will address the entire student population of 1,250 at a Student Recognition Assembly.

"Dr. Garneau has participated in three missions aboard a NASA shuttle," said Joe Vodopivec, Commercial Aviation Pilot Program instructor. "This is an amazing opportunity for our students to hear about his work up close and in person. We're thrilled that such an inspiring role model will share his experiences with them."

Dr. Marc Garneau is one of the original six Canadian astronauts selected in December 1983. He became the first Canadian astronaut to fly in space as a payload specialist on Shuttle Mission 41-G in October 1984. A veteran of three space flights (STS-41G in 1984, STS-77 in 1996 and STS-97 in 2000), Dr. Garneau has logged over 677 hours in space.

Members of the media are welcome to attend this event. For more information, please contact Joe Vodopivec at Collège Sturgeon Heights Collegiate, 888-0684.

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