



Sault College News Release

For immediate release

Popular CBC Host Bob McDonald to Visit College

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON May 25, 2011) As part of the annual Spring professional development line-up at Sault College, CBC's Bob McDonald will be visiting the College's multimedia centre to speak to those interested in learning more about the planet. The lecture will focus on how the face of the planet has changed over time, how human activity is altering that face today, as well as examine ways we can take care of the little bit of air and water that clings to its surface for the future.

A dynamic and entertaining speaker, Bob McDonald has been communicating science internationally through television, radio, print and live presentations for more than 30 years. He is the host of CBC Radio's Quirks and Quarks, the award-winning science program with a national audience of nearly 500,000 people. He is also a regular reporter for CBC Television's The National as well as Gemini winning host and writer of the children's series Head's Up. McDonald has also hosted Greatest Canadian Invention and the seven-part series Water Under Fire.

As a print journalist, McDonald has authored three science books and contributed to numerous science textbooks, newspapers and magazines including The Globe and Mail, Owl Magazine and many others. His latest book is Measuring the Earth With a Stick, and he has written the introductions to The Quirks & Quarks Question Book, The Guide to Space: 42 Questions (and Answers) About Life, the Universe, and Everything as well as Nasty, Brutish and Short, the Quirks Guide to Animal Sex.

Beyond his work in media, McDonald is Chairman of Geospace, an exciting new environmental centre and planetarium for the Toronto Waterfront.

McDonald has been honoured for his outstanding contribution to the promotion of science in Canada as the recipient of the Michael Smith Award from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, the Sir Sanford Fleming Medal from the Royal Canadian Institute and the McNeil Medal from The Royal Society of Canada. McDonald was also the recipient of a 2008 Gemini Award for Best Host in a Pre-School Children's or Youth Program or Series.

He has received six honorary Doctorates, from the University of Guelph, Carleton University, Laurentian, McMaster, University of Winnipeg and University of Calgary.

McDonald's talk is among several exciting offerings through the spring-summer professional development series, including a teacher's conference with the theme "Conversations about Teaching and Learning," with an opportunity for educators to interact with faculty from Sault College, Algoma University and Lake Superior State University and learn more about their innovative projects.

The College invites interested citizens to join any of the PD sessions, including McDonald's, free-of-charge. If you are able to attend, we request you email humanresources@saultcollege.ca or call Patty at 705.759.2554, ext. 2699.

Perspectives on a Planet
with Bob McDonald
Monday, May 30th, 2011
1:00 – 2:30pm
Sault College Multi Media Centre

About the presentation

We live on a single living organism called planet Earth. By planetary standards, it is a small world, with only one quarter of its surface poking above a salty sea, frozen poles and spotted with brown deserts. When you think about it, there really isn't much room for 7 billion humans to live on. Yet according to our current knowledge, there is no other world like it. Of the more than 500 planets found around other stars, and the other seven planets in our own solar system, none of them are suitable to life as we know it. We live in the garden of Eden.

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About Sault College

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