

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Teachers' Retirement Mass and Banquet being held on Friday, May 25, 2007. Tickets on sale from the Local until noon on May 22 (\$25 each). Please phone Jan (451-1196)

THE 90th ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

The 90th Annual Representative Assembly of the Alberta Teachers' Association will take place in Edmonton over the Victoria Day long weekend. The ARA is the annual general meeting of the Association and, over these three days, delegates will debate and make decisions on matters related to your profession. Twenty-five Edmonton Catholic teachers will be among the over 450 delegates from across the province representing their colleagues in this important work. Guests will include representatives from both the Conservative and opposition parties of the Alberta Government, the Canadian Teachers Federation, AUPE and Alberta Federation of Labor. Education minister Ron Liepert will be addressing the Assembly on Saturday morning. With issues such as the Unfunded Liability and severe under funding of basic education receiving extensive media attention, we can expect reporting from numerous media outlets.

Many important decisions will be made this weekend and I would like to sincerely thank our delegates for their commitment to both their professional organization and education, during this holiday week-end.

Shannon McElroy, President

COUNCIL MEETING #08-June 5, 2007

Council meeting #08 will deal with next year's Local budget and the election of Executive positions and committee chairs. Included in last week's mailing was a list of the duties and responsibilities of the Executive positions available, as well as a list of committees requiring chairpeople. Please take some time to consider becoming involved in the Local. If you are interested in an Executive position, complete the Executive information sheet and fax it to the Local (454-1250).

OPPORTUNITY FOR NEWLY APPOINTED ADMIN!

The Educational Leadership Academy (ELA) will be held this summer from July 8-12 at the Banff Centre in Banff, Alberta. The Academy program is directed towards aspiring leaders whose goals are to achieve and maintain effective schools through strong leadership. Keynote speaker: Dr. Joseph Murphy presenting on *Learning-Focused Leadership*. The Local will sponsor one newly appointed principal or assistant principal to attend this worthwhile professional development opportunity. If you will be a new administrator in the Fall and are interested in attending this academy, please fax your name and email address to the Local office (454-1250) before May 31. We will draw one name from the submissions. The \$990 sponsorship fee covers tuition, a resource book, materials, meals, accommodation and GST. For more information concerning the Academy, please contact your school ATA rep.

Words of Inspiration:

"Science may never come up with a better means of communication than the tea break." ~Earl Wilson

Included in this mailing: Invitations to this year's President's reception being held June 14, 2007.
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Meetings/Events

May 19-21, 2007

Annual Representatives' Assembly, Westin Hotel, Edmonton

Monday, May 21, 2007

Victoria Day Holiday-
Local office closed

Friday, May 25, 2007

Teachers' Retirement Mass & Reception. Mass at St. Agnes, 6:30pm, followed by banquet at St. Basil Cultural Centre. Deadline for ticket purchases is 12:00 noon on Tuesday, May 22, 2007. Tickets are \$25 each. Phone Jan 451-1196.

Friday, June 1, 2007

Application deadline for the Bernie Lemay Junior High School Technology Scholarship

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

Final Council Meeting for this year! 6pm, Auditorium, Barnett House. Sandwiches ready at 5:30pm.

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Council Dates:

Tuesday, June 5/07

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION:

Thursday, June 14/07