

GETCA BOOKLETS

Convention booklets will arrive at your school site via IMC the week of January 28, 2008. We ask substitutes and those on leave to visit the Local office for their booklets. Student teachers may pick up booklets after January 28 at the Faculty of Education, U of A, or on the morning of the first day of convention at the Shaw Conference Centre.

CONVENTION BUS PASSES AVAILABLE

ETS bus passes for use during teachers' convention will be available at the Local office and at the Feb. 26 Council meeting (\$7-cash only).

MATERNITY LEAVE INFORMATION NIGHT—Wed., Feb. 20/08

If you are expecting a baby, or planning to start a family soon, we invite you to register for our Local's Maternity Leave Information Night being held Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2008, in Room 502, at Barnett House, beginning at 7:00pm. You and your spouse are most welcome to attend. Please register by calling the Local: 451-1196.

ATTENDANCE AT TEACHERS' CONVENTION—Employee Obligations

This year the Greater Edmonton Teachers' Convention will take place on February 28 and 29, 2008. Please note: In addition to having professional and legal obligations to attend convention, Alberta Teachers have **employee** obligations. Medical, bereavement, personal and other leave entitlements fall under the collective agreement and should be handled in the usual employer/employee relationship. For these matters the convention days must be treated as regular days for attendance purposes.

For more information, check out the Frequently Asked Questions at:

www.teachers.ab.ca/Professional+Development/Teachers+Conventions
or contact Catherine A Moir, ATA, Executive Assistant, PD (447-9473).

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT MASS AND BANQUET COMMITTEE

This year's teachers' retirement Mass and banquet will take place on Friday, May 30, 2008. Kathy MacIsaac, Chair of the Teachers' Retirement Committee, has scheduled the first meeting of this committee for Wednesday, February 13, beginning at 4:15pm in Room 402 at Barnett House. Please watch upcoming issues of the Intercom for more information and updates on retirees.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT—WEM WATER PARK—limited availability

This event is scheduled for Friday, March 7, 2008 from 7:30-10:30pm and is reserved for teachers, their families and friends. The venue is closed to the general public. Tickets for this evening are \$5.00 each and are available from your Local office. Please phone Jan if you are interested in obtaining tickets: 451-1196. Cheques should be made payable to the organizers of this event: "EDMONTON PUBLIC TEACHERS"

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"I believe in getting into hot water; it keeps you clean." ~ G.K. CHESTERTON

Included in this mailing: Posters: Political Engagement (cherry) and PD Book Club (pink) ... please post and share

Printed on reverse side: By request: Vice President, Markiana Cyncar-Hryschuk's reflection at CSR Mtg. #04

Meetings and Events

Monday, January 28, 2008

PD Book Share, 4:30pm,
Room 140, Barnett House

Monday, Feb. 4, 2008

Political Engagement
Committee Mtg., 4:30pm,
Room 410, Barnett House

Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008

Shrove Tuesday &
FAITH DEVELOPMENT DAY

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008

ASH WEDNESDAY

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008

Executive Mtg. #06, 4:30pm,
Room 406, Barnett House

Wednesday, Feb. 13/08

Teachers' Retirement
Reception Committee Mtg.
#01, 4:15pm, Room 402,
Barnett House

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Council Dates:

Tuesday, Feb. 26/08

Tuesday, March 18/08

Tuesday, April 22/08

Tuesday, June 3/08

Thursday, June 12/08-

President's Reception