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UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 22 Council Meeting Guest speaker: Paul Gagne, Manager Employee Relations Topic: Health Spending Accounts

LUMP SUM PAYMENT AND SERVICE WITH ANOTHER BOARD

If you are presently **under contract** with the Edmonton Catholic District and have taught **under contract** with another Alberta school jurisdiction **for part of the 2007-08 school year**, please advise Edmonton Catholic Human Resource Services prior to April 30, 2008, by phoning Paul Gagne, Manager Employee Relations (441-6097). All of this **contractual service** will be combined to determine the amount of your Lump Sum Payment from the government. **PLEASE NOTE: Daily substitute teaching is not considered as teaching under contract.** More details available at www.teachers.ab.ca ~Gerry McHugh, Executive Director

SCHOOL OPENING CELEBRATION

The School Opening Celebration Committee, chaired by Floriana Bruni-Bossio, has planned the opening Mass for Wednesday, August 27, 2008, at 9am. The theme for this year's Mass is "Reaching Out to the World - The Hands of Social Justice." Watch the Intercom for details and your upcoming mailings for posters advertising this special event. The Local will be asking for volunteers for ushers and choir starting in May.

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT AND BANQUET

This year's teachers' retirement Mass and banquet will take place on Friday, May 30, 2008. The theme for this year's event is *God's Blessing Be Upon You*. To date, the Local has received 54 names of retirees to be honoured. The list of the retirees who have agreed to have their names published will be printed in the Intercom at the end of April. Tickets will go on sale to the public on May I-after the retirees' requests have been accommodated. In order to facilitate organization of this event, the Committee must be informed by April 30 of those retirees who wish to be recognized. This information will be sent to us by Human Resource Services once you indicate your intentions. Those missing this year's deadline will be honoured at the 2009 banquet.

LOCAL REQUIRES 2 MORE REPS FOR GETCA

Our Local is required to provide 8 representatives to assist in organizing the 2009 teachers' convention. To date, the Local has 6 representatives who have agreed to sit on this committee. Dinner is provided for all meetings. Please call the Local office to volunteer for these positions and be part of the planning committee for next year's convention.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

'If the Creator had a purpose in equipping us with a neck, He surely meant us to stick it out." ~ ARTHUR KOESTLER

Included in this mailing: Nothing

Printed on reverse side: Draft agenda for April 22 Council Meeting of School Representatives

Meetings and Events

Tuesday, April 22, 2008
Council Meeting #07, 6pm,
Auditorium, Barnett House.
Sandwiches available at
5:15pm. Guest speaker:
Paul Gagne Topic: Health
Spending Accounts

April 27 - May 3, 2008 EDUCATION WEEK

Monday, May 5, 2008 PD Book Share, 4:30pm, Room TBA, Barnett House

Thursday, May 8, 2008Substitute Mtg., 7pm, Room 502, Barnett House

Monday, May 12, 2008 School Opening Celebration, 4;15pm, Room 402, Barnett House

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Council Dates:

Tuesday, April 22/08
Tuesday, June 3/08
Thursday, June 12/08:
President's Reception