

CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

Once again I had the pleasure of attending Edmonton Catholic's Celebration of the Arts at the beautiful Winspear Theatre, on April 29. I would like to publicly acknowledge the talented student dancers, musicians, and artists who, with the guidance, direction and encouragement of their teachers, showcased their diverse gifts. Congratulations to the many individuals who made the event so special - in particular, the staff of Learning Support Services along with other consultants, teachers and support staff who spent a hectic day in rehearsal and in organizing the many schools and students into a highly entertaining production. It was a wonderful event and I felt very proud to be a part of such an inspired and creative group of educators! ~Shannon McElroy, President

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION - June 12, 2008

Mark your calendars: This year's President's reception will take place on Thursday, June 12, 2008, beginning with cocktails at 7:00pm in the cafeteria at Barnett House. Invitations are in this week's mailing. This event is an evening of appreciation for all Past Presidents of the Local and for those involved with Local and Association activities and committees, including the schools mailing reps and Council representatives. Hope to see you there! We ask that you phone the Local office (451-1196) if you plan to attend so that preparations can be made for this special evening.

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT MASS AND BANQUET

The Local and the District will honour retiring teachers on Friday, May 30, 2008, with a Mass at St. Agnes Church beginning at 6:30pm followed by the annual Banquet at St. Basil Cultural Centre. Individual tickets are now available from the Local office (phone 451-1196) at a cost of \$25.00 each. An updated list of teachers being honoured at the annual Mass and banquet is printed on the reverse side of this week's Intercom. **The deadline for this year's retirement banquet was April 30, 2008. Those who retire after that date will be honoured at next year's banquet.**

COUNCIL MEETING #08 - June 3, 2008

Council meeting #08 will deal with next year's budget and the election of Executive positions and committee chairs. Executive positions available: Teacher Welfare, Professional Development, Member Services, Communications, Governance, Substitutes, 2 Members at Large. Included in next week's mailing will be 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.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"Life isn't above waiting for the storm to pass,
It's about learning to dance in the rain." ~Anonymous

Included in this mailing: School Opening Mass Posters (ultra orange) please post
Under separate cover: Envelope to school secretary with information for retiring support staff re: benefits
Under separate cover: Invitations to this year's President's Reception
Printed on reverse side: Updated list of 2008 Retirees being honoured at the May 30 Mass and banquet
New additions are bolded.

Meetings and Events

Monday, May 12, 2008

Local Political Engagement Committee Mtg. (being held with EdPub Local), 4:30pm, Room 403, Barnett House

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

Teachers' Retirement Reception Committee, 4:15pm, 402, Barnett House

May 16-19, 2008

Annual Representatives' Assembly (ARA), Calgary, Alberta

Monday, May 26, 2008

School Opening Celebration Com. Mtg., 4:30pm, Room 406, Barnett House

Friday, May 30, 2008

Teachers' Retirement Mass at St. Agnes and banquet immediately following at St. Basil Cultural Centre

Monday, June 2, 2008

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

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Council Dates:

Tuesday, June 3/08

Thursday, June 12/08:

President's Reception

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING TEACHERS WHO ARE
BEING HONOURED AT THE MAY 30 MASS AND BANQUET.**

The Local has received permission to publish the following names in the Intercom.

Patricia Anderson-Humble (St. Martha)

Therese (Terri) Andrews (St. Matthew)

Betty Barabash (H E Beriault Jr HS)

Dave Behiels (St. Lucy)

Isabelle Belair (St. Mary)

Catherine Bodmer (Annunciation)

Colette Bouthillier (École Frère Antoine)

Annette Boyle (St. Charles)

Marthe Brassard (Holy Cross)

Janet Campbell (Bishop Greschuk)

Shawn Carson (Bishop Savaryn)

Patricia Cleall (St. Paul)

Ludwig Daubner (St. Bernadette)

Patricia Deputat (Holy Family)

Mike Dumanski (St. Benedict)

Philip Fiorillo (St. Angela)

Elizabeth Green (St. Rose Jr HS)

Josephine Hofman (St. Rose Jr HS)

Marie Hontaryk (St. Matthew)

Colleen Hook (St. Charles)

Edward Hummel (St. Alphonsus)

Theodore Marchesi (Holy Trinity HS)

James Mazurek (St. Joseph HS)

Pauline McPherson (Our Lady of the Prairies)

John Rick (JR) Michielin (Louis St. Laurent HS)

William Myskiw (Archbishop MacDonald HS)

Marion Nielsen (Archbishop Joseph MacNeil)

Frank Omoe (St. Dominic)

Tony Petrone (St. Joseph HS)

Dr. Kenneth Podlubny (St. Francis Xavier HS)

Betty Posteraro (St. Philip)

Linda Remeika (Blessed Kateri)

Joseph Roberts (Good Shepherd)

Judy Robinson (Father Michael Troy Jr HS)

Joanne Rodriguez (St. Charles)

Michael Rousell (St. Francis Xavier HS)

Ray Roy (St. Matthew)

Sr. Susan Scott (St. Edmund)

Janice Semkow (Archbishop MacDonald HS)

Annette St. Arnaud (Our Lady of the Prairies)

Wayne Stelter (Archbishop MacDonald HS)

Leonard Tannas (St. Elizabeth)

Frank Tassone (St. Teresa)

Donald Turlock (Archbishop O'Leary HS)

Fr. Stephen Wojcichowsky (Catholic Ed Services)

John Zydek (Louis St. Laurent HS)