

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The possibility that every employee in our District was in one room yesterday being challenged to make an individual effort, no matter how small, to care for our planet is quite amazing. Every year we get the opportunity to gather as community to celebrate the common faith embodied in our Catholic school system and take pride that we all play a part in its success. No other working group in the province has this wonderful opportunity afforded to them!

All employee groups are to be congratulated for the day's event and our Local makes special note of our many members who gave their gifts of time and talent to the proceedings. Thank you! The talks by Sister Alexandra gave us the opportunity to use scripture in a creative way to address global ecological concerns and this, combined with her peaceful and gentle presence, made the day a success. The one message I took away was the importance of us all being in right relationship. This term is used frequently but for us, who are in community, it calls us to be in right relationship with ourselves, with each other and in context of the day...with the earth. Let us take every opportunity in our places of work to be the active feet of social justice as we continue to enhance our working environments.

The furry guy saw his shadow but if the next six weeks are like this...bring it on!

Take care of each other. ~Sandy

## GETCA BUS PASSES

We ask that the council reps email Lily Ma: [lily.ma@epsb.ca](mailto:lily.ma@epsb.ca) if you need convention bus passes. Please include your school, the number of passes needed, and your name. Lily is the treasurer of GETCA and will set aside the passes you need for pick up at the February 24 CSR.

## GETCA CONTACT PERSON

Please direct any future problems, concerns or questions regarding GETCA to Amber Nicholson, the Local's Executive Liaison to GETCA: [nicholsonam@ecsd.net](mailto:nicholsonam@ecsd.net). Your messages will be answered or forwarded to the appropriate committee members.

## YES, THE LOCAL HAS A DISPLAY AT CONVENTION!

Even though Edmonton Catholic Teachers Local display booth was not printed in the convention booklet, we have been assured you can find us at the bottom of the escalators, outside the Exhibits Hall, next to the Edmonton Public Teachers' booth. Once again we will offer our teachers the opportunity to win a Sub for a Day. A draw will be made on both days of convention, so stop by the booth and fill out a form!

## E-MAIL ALERT!!!!!!

We are very excited to announce that the Local office has acquired a new domain for our email addresses. Our goal is to, one day, provide each of you with an address at this domain as well. We look forward to continuing to serve you. To contact us at the office, please use the new email addresses below:

Local President, Sandy Gillis: [sandy.gillis@ecteachers.ca](mailto:sandy.gillis@ecteachers.ca)  
Executive Director, Kathy MacIsaac: [kathy.macisaac@ecteachers.ca](mailto:kathy.macisaac@ecteachers.ca)  
Office Manager, Jan Bossmin: [jan.bossmin@ecteachers.ca](mailto:jan.bossmin@ecteachers.ca)

## MATERNITY LEAVE INFORMATION NIGHT- Monday, March 2

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 Monday, March 2, 2009, in Room 502, at Barnett House, beginning at 7:00pm. You and your spouse are most welcome to attend. Please register by emailing Jan at the Local: [jan.bossmin@ecteachers.ca](mailto:jan.bossmin@ecteachers.ca)

## LOCAL PD - INTERVISITATION OPPORTUNITY-Only 40 grants remain!

Would you like the chance to observe a colleague in another educational setting? This wonderful PD activity is offered each year by your Local. The cost of a substitute teacher for one half day will be covered. If you are interested in this opportunity, please complete and fax the form which was printed on the reverse side of Intercom No. 18. Uncompleted requests will be returned. Once your form is received, an email will be sent to you with your grant number. If you have any questions regarding the Intervisitation Grant, please email Jan at the Local office: [jan.bossmin@ecteachers.ca](mailto:jan.bossmin@ecteachers.ca)

Included in this mailing: Nothing

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## Meetings and Events

**Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009**  
Executive Mtg. #6, 4:30pm,  
Room 406, Barnett House

**Wed., Feb. 11, 2009**  
School Opening Mass  
Committee Mtg., 4:30pm,  
Room 410, Barnett House

**Monday, Feb. 16, 2009**  
FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY

**Wed., Feb. 18, 2009**  
An Evening with Keray  
Henke, Deputy Minister of  
Education, 6:30-8:30pm,  
Auditorium, Barnett House.  
Limited spaces available-  
please register by email:  
[sharon.thorn@edpub.org](mailto:sharon.thorn@edpub.org)

**Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009**  
Council Mtg. #05, 6pm,  
Auditorium, Barnett House.  
Sandwiches available at  
5:15pm.

**Website:**  
[www.local54.teachers.ab.ca](http://www.local54.teachers.ab.ca)

**Kathy MacIsaac**, Exec. Director  
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**Sandy Gillis**, Local President  
[sandy.gillis@ecteachers.ca](mailto:sandy.gillis@ecteachers.ca)

**Jan Bossmin**, Office Manager  
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## Council Dates:

Tuesday, Feb. 24/09  
Tuesday, March 17/09  
Tuesday, April 21/09  
Tuesday, June 2/09