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UPCOMING EVENTS: New Teacher Welcoming Ceremony Thursday, October 30, 2008 7pm, Auditorium, Barnett House

NOTE TO ALL NEW TEACHER WELCOMING INVITEES

Today was the deadline for responding to the New Teacher Welcoming Ceremony. Forty seven teachers will be honoured and inducted into the Alberta Teachers' Association on October 30, 2008. Most Reverend Joseph N. MacNeil, former Archbishop of Edmonton, will offer a blessing for our new teachers during the ceremony. For those invitees who could not attend this year, please know we look forward to including you in next year's program.

NEW TEACHER WELCOMING CEREMONY—Thursday, Oct. 30, 2008

The New Teacher Welcoming Ceremony has been scheduled for Thursday, October 30, 2008. This evening will provide an official welcome to teachers who are new to the profession and experienced teachers who are new to the province of Alberta. Invitations to this special evening were sent out at the beginning of October. Principals, mentor teachers, and guests of the new teachers, are most welcome to attend. Please note: a social will follow the welcoming ceremony.

COUNCIL MEETING #02

On Tuesday, October 28 the October Council Meeting of School Representatives will take place at 6pm in the auditorium of Barnett House. Sandwiches will be available at 5:15pm. Please note: there is no council meeting in the month of November.

LOCAL EXECUTIVE POSTER

Positive feedback was received at the Local office regarding the Local's group executive poster sent out to schools in the October 9 mailing. We appreciate hearing that the poster was "much warmer and inviting than the usual individual shots. It definitely represents the ATA Local executive as a team!" We appreciate all the hard work these individuals do for the members of the Local. We hope all schools have posted the group photo on the ATA bulletin board at their school site.

SUPPORT THE BREAKFAST PROGRAM AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

On Saturday, November 8, S.I.R.E.N.S. the charity, proudly presents "A Night of Rock & Blues" featuring Jack Semple & his band with special guests: The Cameron Bros. Band, at the Bonnie Doon Community Hall (9240 - 93 Street). Doors open at 7pm. Proceeds to support the breakfast program at St. Francis of Assisi School. Tickets are \$30 and are available at TicketMaster, Southside Sound and Myhre's Music. For more information visit: <u>www.sirensthechairity.com</u>

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE IS MEETING AT THE END OF OCTOBER The Local's scholarship committee will be meeting on Monday, October 27, to award the 6 Local scholarships. Due to FOIP regulations, applicant information will be held at the Local office until the committee convenes. Applicants will be notified of their status by the committee and the successful students will be invited to receive their awards at the December 2 Council Meeting of School Representatives.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"God always answers knee mail." ~Letendre kitchen sayings

Included in this mailing: Nothing Printed on reverse side: Notes of appreciation from two seminarians who received study bursaries from the Local

Meetings and Events

Monday, Oct. 27, 2008 Scholarship Committee Mtg., 8:30am-4pm, Room 120, Barnett House

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2008 Council Mtg. #02, 6pm, Auditorium, Barnett House. Sandwiches available at 5:15pm.

Thursday, Oct. 30, 2008 New Teacher Welcoming Ceremony, 7pm, Auditorium, Barnett House. Social to follow.

Friday, Oct. 31, 2008 Happy Halloween!

Sunday, Nov. 2, 2008 Catholic Education Sunday

Monday, Nov. 3, 2008 ARA Meeting, 4:30pm, Boardroom, Barnett House

Wed., Nov. 5, 2008 Teacher Info Session, 7pm, Room TBA, Barnett House

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Council Dates:

Tuesday, Oct. 28/08

- Tuesday, Dec. 2/08
- Tuesday, January 20/09
- Tuesday, Feb. 24/09
- Tuesday, March 17/09
- Tuesday, April 21/09 Tuesday, June 2/09