

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Hello everyone.

This warm weather is the old double-edged sword--the promise of a lovely warm summer and the dread of non air-conditioned classrooms. The buzz of portable fans fills our spaces as everyone deals with the problems of seat work in the heat! Hopefully things will become more seasonable as exam time approaches.

This weekend, twenty-five of our peers are in Calgary for our Annual Representative Assembly (ARA). Every May long weekend this gathering takes place when close to five hundred teacher representatives from across the province come together to discuss all things related to our profession. This year, one of the topics that concern all locals is the re-districting of our District Representatives---DRs. Our DRs for Edmonton are Markiana, Quintin and Christine. Teachers from all local areas of the province are represented at provincial executive by fifteen of these brave souls. Their workload is being looked at in the light of geography and population and hopefully a resolution acceptable to all will be determined this weekend. Many other resolutions will be discussed and voted upon as well as discussions on budget and pensions. Following the weekend, the ATA news will provide a summation of everything.

At our local level, please get ready for our June 8th Council meeting which will be very busy. Carol Bahry is presenting on her work with children in Africa and a special presentation will be made to Michael Maimann from the Edmonton Examiner. We will be having elections for executive positions and for chairs of committees. This is a great time to challenge each other to get involved with the local in areas of interest.

As we head into the long weekend, I wish everyone a safe and restful few days. Take time to recharge the batteries for the end run to June. Say a little prayer to St. Christopher for safe travels and spread cheer to all you meet.

Happy, sunny days to all and please continue to take care of each other.

~Sandy

TEMPORARY CONTRACT TEACHERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SUBSTITUTE MEETING BEING HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 31

The Local's Substitute Committee, chaired by Dolores Gillett, is holding a meeting on Monday, May 31, 2010, at 7pm, in Room 410 at Barnett House. The topic for this evening is applying for EI benefits. Please email the Local office to register: jan.bossmmin@ecteachers.ca.

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to Greg Hopchin (St. Joseph High School) who was the winner of the \$900 Leadership Academy opportunity. This conference will be held in Banff in early July. Thanks to all who submitted their names.

RETIREEE LIST

In addition to the list of retirees published in the Intercom the last three weeks, we wish to add: **Christine Tabaka (Our Lady of Mount Carmel School)** and **William Adamoski (Archbishop O'Leary HS)**. We congratulate and extend our thanks to our retirees who have given so many years of dedicated service to Edmonton Catholic Schools.

SHARE YOUR ENERGY!

Your Edmonton Catholic Teachers Local provides all kinds of leadership opportunities for teachers. Please consider sharing your talents by becoming a member of any of the following committees:

New Teacher Mentorship	Communications & PR	Economic Policy
Political Engagement	Scholarship Selection	Social Justice
New Teacher Induction	Teacher Retirement Reception	
Continuing Teacher Development		

If you would like detailed information about roles or time commitments, please phone Kathy:780-451-1196.

SHAPING OUR FUTURE

The Local has a limited number of tickets left for the public lecture and discussion entitled "Learning our Way to the Next Alberta" to be held at the Mayfield Inn on Tuesday, June 1 at 6:45pm. Visit: learningourway.ca for more information and call Kathy at 451-1196 if you would like a complimentary ticket.

Meetings and Events

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

PD Smartboard Session 102, 4:30-6:30pm, St. James School, 7814-83 Street. Register by email: jan.bossmmin@ecteachers.ca Session is limited to 25. Presenter: Marcel Evaristo.

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Annual Teachers' Retirement Mass and Reception: 6:30pm Mass at St. Agnes; dinner and presentations following at St. Basil Cultural Centre.

Monday, May 31, 2010

Final Substitute Meeting being held in Room 410, Barnett House, 7pm. Topic: How to apply for EI. TC teachers invited. Presenter: ATA's Sandra Marcellus.

Tuesday, June 1, 2010

Joint Project Lecture: "Learning Our Way to the Next Alberta." 5:30, Mayfield Inn. Tickets available at the Local office.

Wednesday, June 2, 2010

Full day symposium, Mayfield Inn and Suites, "Learning our Way to the Next Alberta." More info: www.learningourway.ca

Included in this mailing:

Poster advertising the Local's Slo-Pitch Tournament and the Dragon Boat Race. To register or for more information please email:

Christopher.ferguson@ecsd.net
(Ultra green, 2 per school-please post and share)

Info sheet re: Committees/Executive positions for June 8 Council elections (Ultra lemon-please post and share)

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

"The most important things in life aren't things."

~Anthony D'Angelo