

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Autumn everyone.

Our fall season begins with the ATA's Beginning Teachers' Conference at the Fantasyland Hotel. New teachers from Edmonton Catholic Schools were invited by our Local to an opening get together before the conference began on Thursday evening. The group was given an overview of our mentorship program and had a chance to meet and greet before heading over to the conference. This professional development opportunity has earned the highest praise for the sessions offered in the past and this year will be no exception. Participants receive valuable information and encouragement as they begin their journey in the most prized of careers! I ask that our school reps ensure that their admin team is aware of this event and encourage our new teachers to attend (September 24-26).

With the promise of a sunny and cool weekend ahead, make sure to book some walk time in our wonderful river valley system and enjoy the smells and color of this awesome time of year.

Blessings to you all, Sandy

The world is charged with the grandeur of God. (Gerard Manley Hopkins)

ARE YOU A "SEASONED" TEACHER? WE NEED YOU!

Did you know that there are 62 first year teachers in Edmonton Catholic Schools this year? In conjunction with Human Resource Services, the ECT Local is offering a New Teacher Mentorship Program to assist these young teachers in their first year of a rewarding, but often demanding, profession. If you are a teacher with at least 5 years experience, who would be willing to share your skills and expertise, we invite you to become a mentor teacher. To become involved, please call or email Kathy at the Local office: kathy.macisaac@ecteachers.ca Mark your calendars for a meeting on Thursday, October 1st from 4:15-5:15 p.m. at Barnett House.

MATERNITY LEAVE INFORMATION NIGHT—Monday., Oct. 19, 2009

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, Oct.19, 2009, Room TBA, at Barnett House beginning at 7:00pm. Topics covered during the evening will include: the Collective Agreement, Employment Insurance, ASEBP, and recent developments regarding Maternity Leaves. You and a guest are most welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. Please register with the Local office by calling 780-451-1196 or by emailing: jan.bossmin@ecteachers.ca

BY-ELECTION FOR ECT LOCAL VICE PRESIDENT

Nominations for the position of Local V P opened Sept.16, 2009. Nomination forms are available by phoning Kathy: 451-1196. Completed forms must be returned to the Local office by 4pm on Tuesday, September 29 along with an 8 1/2 x 11 campaign poster to be copied and sent to each school. Candidate speeches will be delivered at the Council of School Representatives meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 20. Voting will take place from Oct. 21-26 with ballots returned to the Local office by 4pm on Oct. 27. The ballot count will occur on Wed., Oct. 28. For more information, please contact Kathy.

ATA SOCIAL STUDIES CONFERENCE

Global Footprints, A Legacy of Sustainability-Oct. 16-18 at Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise

Check our website: ssc.teachers.ab.ca Please sign up for your Social Studies Council membership and receive \$50 toward your hotel costs. Keynote speakers include: Simon Jackson; Kimberly Lasher Mitchell; Gwynne Dyer. If you have any questions, please contact Norma Jani: normajani@hotmail.com

100 SUBSTITUTE DAYS - Local draw on Sept. 30, 2009

A reminder that if you would like to enter your name in the draw for a sub day, please fax your name, your email address, and the name of the specialist conference you will be attending to the Local office on your school's letterhead (780-454-1250). Please indicate the day you will require the substitute. For detailed information about each conference, please visit the ATA's website: www.teachers.ab.ca

LOCAL PD GRANT APPLICATIONS-Draw taking place on Sept. 30/09

A draw for the Grants-In-Aid will take place on Sept. 30. All applicants will be notified of their status by the beginning of October.

Meetings and Events

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009

Nominations for Local
By-election close today-4pm.

Thurs., October 1, 2009

Meeting for Mentor Teachers
4:15—5:15pm, Room TBA,
Barnett House

Monday, October 5, 2009

World Teachers' Day

Monday, Oct. 5, 2009

Executive Mtg. #2, 4:15pm,
Room 406, Barnett House

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009

EPC Meeting, 4:30pm,
Room 402, Barnett House

Monday, Oct. 12, 2009

Thanksgiving Day Holiday

Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009

New Teacher Mentorship Program, 9-3pm, Barnett House

Website:

www.local54.teachers.ab.ca

Kathy MacIsaac, Exec. Director

kathy.macisaac@ecteachers.ca

Sandy Gillis, Local President

sandy.gillis@ecteachers.ca

Jan Bossmin, Office Manager

jan.bossmin@ecteachers.ca

Council Dates:

Tuesday, Oct. 20/09

Tuesday, Dec. 15/09

Tuesday, January 19/10

Tuesday, Feb. 16/10

Tuesday, March 16/10

Tuesday, April 20/10

Tuesday, May 18/10

On behalf of the 209 School Opening Mass Committee, we would like to thank the following people who gave their time and shared their talents to make this year's opening the special event it was:

**2009
SCHOOL OPENING
CELEBRATION COMMITTEE
MEMBERS:**

Floriana Bruni-Bossio, Chair
Sandy Gillis
Kathy MacIsaac
Jan Bossmin
Dan Alba
Azza Ghali
Brenda Hamilton
Heather Jamieson
Norma Jani
Kristina Kastelan-Sikora
Brett Mackey
Sandra Palazzo
Sandra Talarico

ACOLYTE:

Ron Zacharko

CANDLE BEARERS:

Helen Matsuba
Lyndsy Skilton

CHOIR:

Sheldon Biamonte
Maria Peet
Susie Martin
Jonathan Sirman
Shauna Rebus
Jayne Yuill
Corey Mahood
Rose Marie McGee
Louise Croome
Van Hua
Roseanne Mack
Louise Dawson
Ken Argent
Trish Hobden
Susan Moffett
Ray McLellan
Paul Gaudet
Donald Lee
Anna Filipowski
Maggie Fry
Michelle Sulewski
Cecilia Fenrich
Jodi Harding

Monika Kowal
Jeannie Cetinski
Beth Cooper
Monica Murphy
Diane Balatcha
Angela Dewing
Greg Dewing
Rachel MacLeod
Angela Anderson
Carol Walsh
Anne Ward
Shelley Smith
Shelley Lafontaine
Sandra Young

COORDINATOR OF MUSIC:

Ray McLellan

CROSS BEARER:

Jason Paniccia

FIRST READER:

Heather Jamieson

GIFT BEARERS:

Angela Hall
Stella Gluwchynski
Blaine Pelech
Fresia Pilquil

INCENSE BEARER:

Dan Durand

**INSTRUMENTAL &
VOCAL ARRANGEMENTS:**

Corey Mahood

INSTRUMENTALISTS:

Marino Coco
Frank Dunnigan
Laura Gaudry (Hyndman)
Taina Lorenz
Terry Machtemes
Marty Majoriwicz
Audrey Ochoa
Chris Pardel
Wayne Prokopiw

INTENTIONS:

Erlene Monteith

LEADERS OF SONG:

Amber Nicholson
Fernando Runco
Susan Sarich
Lynn Smarsh
Denise Yasinsky

ORGAN:

Monica Rist

PARKING:

Kyle Porter
Ron Zacharko

USHERS:

Lynnette Anderson
Darrin Bauer
Shelley Bell
Emilia Borruso
Barbara Brilz
Greg Carabine
Karen Craig
Heidi Dempsey
Valerie Dowell
Carol Durnford
Rania Eshak
Joseph Estephan
Elizabeth Evaristo
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Felicia Iacchelli
Robert Jong
Joan Kabotoff
David King
Marijana Lange
Karen Letwin
Shannon McElroy
Edith McElwain
Kevin McGoey
Mauri Maynard
Isabella Pierce
Margret Perry
Sarah Platero
Kyle Porter
Raymond Rouleau

**SPECIAL THANKS TO THE
CLERGY WHO ATTENDED:**

Archbishop Richard Smith
Bishop David Motiuk

Fr Martin Carroll
(St. Matthew)
Fr. Bernard Gilliece
(St. Dominic Savio)
Fr. Mark Gazin
(St. Alphonsus)
Fr. Bob Kasun
(St. Alphonsus)
Fr. Roger Keeler
(St. Michael-Resurrection)
Fr. Michael Kowalchuk
(St. Josaphat's Cathedral)
Fr. Adam Lech
(St. Joseph's Basilica)
Fr. Mike Mireau
(St. Angela-St. Pius)
Fr. G Neumann
(St. Boniface)
Fr. John Reddy
(Good Shepherd)
Fr. Timothy Scott
(St. Joseph College)
Fr. Josef Wroblewski
(St. John the Evangelist)
Fr. Jim Corrigan
(St. Teresa)
Fr. William Hupalo
(Dormition Parish)
Fr. Roman Dobrianski
(Holy Eucharist Parish)
Fr. Paul Moret
(St. Anthony-St. Agnes)
Fr. Paul Kavanagh
(Assistant to Archbishop Smith)

Also: Sister Annata Brockman