

## Upcoming Events:

Beginning Teachers "Meet and Greet"  
4:30 – 6pm, in the Boardroom at  
Barnett House (11010-142 Street)

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Several years ago during a church history course, a visiting professor from Rome made a statement about the early Christian church which has stayed with me. A Holocaust survivor and specialist in the catacombs, he had an avid interest in looking at early communities from the time of Saints Peter and Paul. The earliest writings described the Christians as being very different from the many other sects that were in Rome and a phrase used often was "See how they love one another!"

As we begin another exciting school year, I ask that we all decide to let this phrase be the mark by which every one of our staffs is identified. We have the incredible opportunity as a Catholic community to be sources of strength and support not only to each other, but to all who enter our buildings. Let us not get so caught up in the hectic pace of school life that we do anything that erodes right relationship with each other. If we are truly Eucharist to one another, we will have an amazing year and will be a sign to all who encounter us that we are "community". Take some time at a staff meeting to celebrate how you are already doing this and to find creative ways to enhance the atmosphere in all our sites.

On behalf of your local executive and staff, I wish you every blessing for the new year and thank you for your gift of faithful teaching to our children.

*Sandy, Kathy, Greg Carabine, Jonathan Sharek, Patti Clancy-Novosel, Darrin Bauer, Christine Bowers, Amy Cooper, Sandra Esposito, Azza Ghali, Dolores Gillett, Mark Martin, Wayne Prokopiw.*

### ATTENTION SCHOOL REPS!

Our first Council meeting of the new school year will take place on Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm in the auditorium at Barnett House. Meet your colleagues, get informed, and maybe even win a door prize!! See you there! (A light dinner will be available @5:30pm).

### 100 SUBSTITUTE DAYS-Draw: October 4, 2010

The draw for the 100 sub days granted through the Collective Agreement 6.2(b) to attend ATA Specialist Council Conferences will take place on Monday, Oct. 4. If you would like to enter your name for one of these substitute days, please email: [jan.bossmmin@ecteachers.ca](mailto:jan.bossmmin@ecteachers.ca) with your name, your email address, the name of the specialist conference and the day you will require the substitute. For detailed information about all specialist conferences visit: [www.teachers.ab.ca](http://www.teachers.ab.ca)

### DO YOU NEED MONEY FOR PD?

PD Grant applications (white-1 per teacher) are enclosed in this week's mailing. The Local will distribute \$20,000 in PD Grants this year. Please complete the form and return it to the Local office by Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

### CALLING ALL TEACHERS NEW TO THE PROFESSION!

The annual Beginning Teachers' Conference will be held at the Fantasyland Hotel, WEM, Sept. 30 (eve)-Oct. 2, 2010. Registration is limited, so please apply early to avoid disappointment. There is NO registration fee. Posters and information packages were sent to schools in an earlier mailing from the Alberta Teachers' Association. For information and registration forms, please visit the ATA website: [www.teachers.ab.ca](http://www.teachers.ab.ca) (See Resources For...Beginning Teachers' Conference.) We strongly recommend that all first year teachers take advantage of this fantastic PD opportunity!

### MEMBER DIARIES AVAILABLE

The Local has a limited number of ATA Member's Diaries available. (This is a pocket-size personal agenda/calendar.) If you would like a diary, please inform your Council Rep. Orders will be filled at the Sept. 21 Council Meeting.

### Meetings & Events

#### Tuesday, Sept. 21

Council Mtg. #1, 6pm,  
Auditorium, Barnett House

#### Wednesday, Sept. 22

New Teacher Mentorship  
Program "Meet and  
Greet", 4:30-6pm,  
Boardroom, Barnett House

#### Thursday, Sept. 30 (eve) – Sat. Oct. 2

Beginning Teachers Conf.,  
WEM-Fantasyland Hotel

#### Monday, October 4

Council Mtg. #2, 6pm,  
Auditorium, Barnett House

#### Monday, October 4

Trustee Forum, 7-9pm,  
Auditorium, Barnett House

#### Tuesday, October 5

*World Teachers' Day*

#### Tuesday, October 5

Executive Mtg. #2, Room  
and Time TBA

#### Monday, October 11

*Thanksgiving Holiday*

### Website:

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

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### LIFE'S HANDBOOK OF WISDOM:

You'll miss your  
opportunities if you're  
too busy looking for a  
sure thing.

### Included in this mailing:

PD Grant In Aid form-1  
per teacher