

Upcoming Events:

Beginning Teachers Conference,
Sept. 30 (eve) – Oct. 2, Fantasyland
Hotel, WEM.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings everyone and happy "Peace Day"!

Yesterday Kathy and I were at City Hall to meet our trustee candidates and invite them to our forum on the fourth of October. It was gratifying to see so many citizens getting involved in elections this year and City Hall was buzzing with the excitement of it all. Our new Board of Trustees will be faced with many decisions over the next four years with budgetary concerns as a huge priority. There will be an ever increasing need for all of us who partner in the enterprise of Catholic education to be able to articulate for our public the vital role that Catholic schools play in our evolving society.

Our local is very happy to provide a forum for an evening of dialogue with our trustees who have the opportunities to bring district needs and concerns directly to government. We need them to understand that they have our support in achieving their mandate. I think it wonderful that as Catholic teachers we can refer to a governing body as "shepherds". It puts the role of trustee in a very different light! As teachers we have the best view of the classroom and are able to paint the clearest picture of what is needed. We hope that there will be time after the formalities of the forum to "meet and greet". In closing, we thank all the candidates for their passion and commitment to education that we hold so dear to our hearts.

Continue to care deeply for each other! ~Sandy

CARING FOR OUR MEMBERS

Please advise the Local office of instances of bereavement, illness or births, so that the Local can have a Mass offered or flowers sent on behalf of all teachers. Contact: jan.bossm@ecteachers.ca

MATERNITY LEAVE INFORMATION NIGHT

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 Wednesday, October 20, in Room 140, 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 emailing: jan.bossm@ecteachers.ca

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.bossm@ecteachers.ca with your name, school, 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

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. For information and registration forms, please visit the ATA website: 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!

SPECIALIST COUNCIL MEMBERSHIPS-NO EXTRA CHARGE!

Just a reminder, that teachers are eligible for a Specialist Council membership. You may renew last year's membership or sign up for a new one by visiting: www.teachers.ab.ca The cost for these memberships is included in your ATA annual fees so please take advantage of this offer.

Meetings & Events

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
Everyone invited!

Tuesday, October 5

World Teachers' Day

Tuesday, October 5

Executive Mtg. #2, 5pm,
Room TBA

Monday, October 11

Thanksgiving Holiday

Tuesday, October 12

New Teacher Induction-
RSVP required-7pm,
Highland Golf Club-Dress
code in effect.

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is complete:
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