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Upcoming Events:

Monday, Oct. 4:

6pm- Council Mtg. #2 followed by
7pm- Trustee Forum-This is a public
forum. You are all invited. Bring a
friend!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A most interesting time ahead! One of the building blocks of a democracy is the ability to cast a vote in an atmosphere of security and openness. The press and radio have given a lot of time in the past four months to the low voter turnout and apathy of stakeholders across our nation. Something very positive, however, has happened in our Alberta this past while and, here in Edmonton, the interest in the upcoming municipal election has been heightened. The mayoral race has seven in the running and all wards are contested. The number of candidates running in our own trustee election proclaims a renewed interest in Catholic education, giving us all a reason to be proud. Our Local is excited about holding our forum here at Barnett House and our Political Engagement Committee has been pivotal in bringing the idea forward and making it happen. (They were re-energized by Summer Conference!) We look forward to a full house this coming Monday and an evening of a positive exchange of opinions and ideas. One thing we are absolutely certain of is this: everybody engaged in this beautiful enterprise of Catholic education cares deeply for the welfare and success of every child in our schools. Thank you, in advance, for taking advantage of this splendid opportunity to meet and greet the upcoming board who will be our new shepherds for three years.
Take care of each other, *Sandy*

NEW TEACHER INDUCTION CEREMONY

First year teachers have received their invitations to this year's New Teacher Welcoming and Induction Ceremony being held on Tuesday, October 12th at the Highlands Golf Club. This evening will provide a special and official welcome to teachers new to the profession. RSVP to jan.bossmmin@ecteachers.ca by October 5th.

IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE - COUNCIL MEETING #2

The October meeting for our Council of School Reps will be held this coming Monday, October 4th from 6-7pm. It will be immediately followed by our Catholic School Trustee forum. Both events will take place in the auditorium of Barnett House.

MATERNITY LEAVE INFORMATION NIGHT-Wednesday, October 20, 2010

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.bossmmin@ecteachers.ca

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

If you are interested in joining the Local's Social Justice Committee or have interesting/exciting ideas to share, please contact the Social Justice Executive Liaison, Amy Cooper: Amy.Cooper@ecsd.net or the committee's co-chairs, Gail Frost Gail.Frost@ecsd.net and Ann McFarlane Ann.McFarlane@ecsd.net

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY-Tuesday, October 5, 2010

Take time to celebrate each other.

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
Sandwiches at 5:15pm.

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,
Boardroom

Monday, October 11

Thanksgiving Holiday

Tuesday, October 12

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

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LIFE'S HANDBOOK OF WISDOM:

If all my friends jumped off
a cliff, I wouldn't jump with
them. I would be at the
bottom to catch them.

Included in this mailing:

Info on Oct. 4 Trustee Forum
with candidates' answers to
the Local's questionnaire-
one per rep... please share