

Edmonton Catholic Teachers  
Local 54 of The Alberta Teachers' Association

## THE INTERCOM

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**Draws for fabulous prizes!!!!**

To be eligible, the Local must have your personal email on file. Contact your Council Rep for more info.

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi everyone

Last week I had the pleasure of attending the District's Continuous Contract ceremony, at which time about one hundred and forty employees were to be recognized. In this group there were eighty-five teachers including administrators who also received continuous designation. I find it interesting to think about the various stages of our careers: substitute, temporary, probationary and continuous. Each stage brings its own excitement and cause for joy within our circle of friends and family. The honor that comes with "teacher" is something we should never take for granted. Never mind what some detractors may say! Being a teacher is the most wonderful of professions and the work and dedication of all of you is something to behold. In our Catholic context, we see our role in light of vocation and while we don't necessarily begin our careers with this awareness, many of us come to this realization within a few years of being in a system that governs and regulates itself from a deep spiritual sense of itself as a sacrament to the world. This past Sunday, our parishes should have proclaimed the beauty of Catholic schools and, in doing so, called attention to all of you who, on a daily basis, bring the Good News to a generation so much in need of it.

Pat yourselves on the back and continue to care....deeply for each other.

Sandy

### Meetings & Events

#### Wednesday, Nov. 17

Diversity, Equity and Human Rights Committee Mtg.,  
4:30pm, Room 279,  
St. Joseph HS

#### Thursday, Nov. 18

Substitute Mtg. #2, 7pm,  
St. James School-7814-83 St.

#### Monday, Nov. 22

ARA Committee Meeting,  
4:30pm, Room 120, Barnett House

#### Friday, Saturday, Nov. 26-27

Fall Teacher Welfare Area Conference, Barnett House

#### Tuesday, Nov. 30

PD New Teacher Mentorship Program, 1-3pm, St. Peter Ed Centre, LSI

### KEEP EDMONTON ORIGINAL – NOVEMBER IS “SHOP LOCAL” MONTH

Shopping locally pumps more money right into our local economy. Studies show that for every \$100 that you spend locally, \$48 stays in our community, as compared to just \$13 when you shop at a big box or chain store. What would our community be without those distinct, one of a kind businesses that add flare and character to your neighborhood? For more information and a list of local businesses visit [www.live-local.ca](http://www.live-local.ca)

### WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU? –Deadline is Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>

Please complete and return the Economic Policy Committee survey to the Local office to gather the data needed for the next round of bargaining.

### MASSES/FLOWERS

If a colleague has celebrated the birth of a child or suffered illness or a death in the family, please email [jan.bossmin@ecteachers.ca](mailto:jan.bossmin@ecteachers.ca) so that the Local can send flowers or offer a Mass on your behalf.

### YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS, PLEASE!!-Deadline is Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>

School reps have been asked to collect the personal email addresses of the teachers in their schools so that we are able to communicate with you regarding issues related to contract negotiations. If you provide your email address (not ecscd.net), you will be eligible for a draw to be held in early December.

#### WEBSITE:

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### LIFE'S HANDBOOK OF WISDOM:

Knowledge of what is possible is the beginning of happiness.

~ George Santayana

#### Included in this mailing:

Intervisitation Grant  
Forms-white-one per teacher