



SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

EPC Survey

Please take the time to complete the survey and return to the Local office in IMC

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Greetings all

This past month has been a whirlwind of activity on every front! On the political landscape we have a new premier and new Minister of Education. Locally we have had a wonderful evening with our trustees thanks to the efforts of our Mark Martin (St. John Bosco). In terms of the Catholicity piece that surrounds us and helps give us meaning, we had an interesting evening of information at St. Michael Resurrection on October 5th. Additionally, our Archbishop Richard Smith has just been named president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. On behalf of all of you, I will be extending our congratulations and best wishes to him.

This week we have the honour and pleasure of inducting our new teachers into the profession. The ceremony itself is quite somber in that the responsibilities we take on in this career are onerous. Our professional Code of Conduct can help direct us in our dealings with each other and help us avoid the pitfalls of harming relationship.

The trust given to us by parents and the confidence we enjoy is something that should be a source of inspiration and pride. We are so fortunate to be "teacher" and a model for today's youth.

Within our Catholic context we take this to a higher level as we explore as community the vocational aspect of the work we do. My hope for us all is that through our collective prayer and support our new teachers will experience the deep and abiding nature of community within our Catholic schools. I encourage all of us who have new teachers to the profession on staff this year to be mindful of them and reach out to them from your experienced position. Take care of each other.

Sandy

Meetings & Events

Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011

Scholarship Committee Mtg.,
4:15pm, Room TBA, Barnett House

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011

PD New Teacher Mentorship
Mtg. #01, 8:30-11:30am,
Rooms 213 and 215, Barnett House

Wednesday, November 2

Executive Mtg. #3, 4:30pm,
Room 402, Barnett House

Tuesday, November 8

Economic Policy Committee
Mtg., 4pm, Room 402, Barnett House

Friday, November 11, 2011

Remembrance Day Holiday

PD NEW TEACHER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM BEGINS

The Local's PD New Teacher Mentorship Program, co-chaired by Azza Ghali (Annunciation) and Joe Dumont (St. Clare/Ben Calf Robe) is hosting its first half day session on Wednesday, November 2nd from 8:30-11:30am at Barnett House. Substitutes will be provided by the Local. New teachers will be receiving detailed information from Azza and Joe regarding the morning's activities. If you have questions, email Azza.Ghali@ecsd.net or Joseph.Dumont@ecsd.net

REIMAGINEERING OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS THROUGH WELCOME, WITNESS, AND WONDER

October 26 – 28, 2011 Jasper Park Lodge

Congratulations to **Marcel Evaristo** (assistant principal, St. Brendan) and **Janice Zwing** (teacher, St. Lucy) for being the lucky winners of the Local's draw to sponsor them to attend this international Catholic Conference.

ECONOMIC POLICY COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS

At the October 18th Council meeting the two available positions on EPC were filled by Simon Pryma (representing administrators) and Lisa Etty (representing substitutes).

EPC SURVEY

Your Economic Policy Committee is preparing for bargaining and needs your help. Please take a few minutes to complete their short survey that was distributed at Council on October 18th. Those schools not in attendance were sent the survey in IMC. Completed surveys should be returned to the Local office, Room 402, Barnett House as soon as possible.

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Quote of the day:

"It is impossible to walk rapidly and be unhappy."

~Mother Teresa