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A NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINNING

ONTARIO ENGLISH

Catholic Teachers

ASSOCIATION

Hope you have had a great start to your new school year. Every September is challenging as we try to get back in to our schools and have our rooms ready for us to teach. This year has been challenging for some of our teachers. Teacher should never be required to move the furniture around their classroom from a pile along the wall. If this every happens after a break please contact OECTA.

As the new year begins take a walk around your school to stop and visit new colleagues and welcome them. A smile, hello and friendly face will make them feel at home. Remember we are on Facebook and Twitter, we have a Facebook Private Group and a webpage.

Have a great first week!

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World Teachers Day Breakfast

World Teachers' Day is celebrated on October 05, 2017

The day, which is held annually, commemorates teachers' organizations worldwide. Its aim is to mobilize support for teachers and to ensure that the needs of future generations will continue to be met by teachers. Over 100 countries recognize and support this UNESCO initiative. Come out and enjoy Breakfast with your family and colleagues!

OECTA World Teachers' Day Breakfast

Sunday October 1st @ the Italian Canadian Club

Breakfast served between 11 am and Noon

Cost: \$5.00 Children under 5 free

RSVP Mark, Yvonne or Peter

OECTA LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon Sept 5

Labour Day Riverside Park

Mon Sept 11

Exec Meeting 4 pm

Tues Sept 12

GWCSJ 4 pm

Wed Sept 13

Prov OECTA Visit 1 pm

Grievance 3 pm

Thurs Sept 14

GDLC 7 pm Mark Tim

Thurs Sept 14

Arbitration Peter Yvonne Mark

***OTBU AGM ELECTIONS**

OECTA Office 4 pm

Fri Sept 14

Arbitration Continues

Wed Sept 20

Union Presidents Noon

Thurs Sept 21

OTBU AGM ELECTIONS

OECTA Office 4 pm

Mon Sept 25

REPS/EXEC Meeting

OECTA Office Noon

Tues Sept 26-27

OTIP Conference Mark Peter

Wed Sept 27-28

OECTA GRIEVANCE WORKSHOP

Mark Yvonne Peter

Thurs Sept 28-29

OTBU Pres Workshop

Toronto

Thurs Sept 29 PD Day

OTBU PD half day

The OECTA Provincial Leadership program is once again available for members. Information has been posted on First Class and will be available on the Provincial OECTA website.

There are two parts to this program. For members who have not taken part in any of this program the Foundational Training is for you. Topics include a wide variety of OECTA topics and Teacher Professional topics.

For members who have taken the Foundational Training you should receive a personal email from Provincial OECTA regarding advanced specialized courses. If you do not receive this

email please let one of the Release Officers know as soon as possible.

Interested applicants can find out more details by calling Mark, Yvonne or Peter.

Information about both the Foundational and Specialized Programs for the 2017-2018 school year can be found in the For Your Career section on the Provincial OECTA website at

www.catholicteachers.ca

Foundational : Nov 2-3 and Apr 5-6

Specialized : Mar 1-2 May 31 June 1

Congratulations to

Yvonne and Peter

Congratulations to both Yvonne and Peter who were appointed as Chairs for OECTA Provincial Committees. Peter will be Chair of the Teacher Development Committee (former PD Committee) and Yvonne will be Chair of the Status of Women's Committee.

Over the last year many members of our local have served as members of OECTA Provincial's PD Network. We want to recognize Deb Watters and Kate Smyth for all their work on the FDK workshops and Joe Grabowski for several Tech workshops. Two more members were appointed to the PD network over the summer; Cathy Chaput and Jeff Cummings.

Get involved in Your OECTA!
Call for Prov Committees is in April
Local Committees are open now!

Guelph District Labour Day Picnic

Thanks to all who visited with the kids!
Thanks to Laurine, Linda, Suzan who helped Tim, Peter and Mark!



Maria, Suzan, Laurine and Linda
Teaching Lily how to shuck corn!

Another year of serving 100's of
cobs of corn and hot dogs!

Catholic Teachers working shoulder
to shoulder with all our union
colleagues in ETFO and OSSTF.

OTBU ELECTIONS AND AGM

The Occasional Teachers will have their Annual General Meeting and Elections on Thursday, September 21st. The following positions are up for election:

OT Executive (President, Secretary, Treasurer) and the reps to reps council. The OTBU President automatically becomes the VP OT on the Unit Executive.

Nominations for all of the above positions are due to the Election Chair, Mike Breadner by 4:00 p.m. on Friday September 15, 2015.

Please make arrangements to attend this important meeting.

Annual General Meeting
For
Occasional Teacher Members Of
Wellington OECTA Occasional Teacher Bargaining Unit
To be held
Thursday September 21, 2017
At the Wellington OECTA Unit Office
Orchard Park Business Complex
St. Ignatius Property Highway # 6
3:45 Refreshments 4:00 sharp meeting/elections

WHEN FAITH MEETS PEDAGOGY 2017

“Catholic Education : A Canadian Covenant”
Presented by Catholic Curriculum Corporation

OCT 26 TO 28 2016
INTERNATIONAL PLAZA HOTEL TORONTO AIRPORT

Teachers wishing to apply for this OECTA sponsored Conference should send their name to their site/school Rep. The Reps will forward each name to the OECTA PD Committee Chair Yvonne Runstedler. OECTA will sponsor one teacher from each school provided they qualify for funding. Please apply early. Details on First Class soon.

Thursday Speaker Mark McGowan Friday Speaker Michael Higgins

*Elections for
Association
School/Site
REPS*

*Each school or
site Rep must
be elected by
the staff at a
staff only
OECTA
meeting by
Sept 8th.*

YOUR PLANNING TIME

Every year teachers give us a call in May or June asking us about missing planning time.

Planning time is yours! It is not for meetings unless you initiate them or agree to them. This includes so-called division or department style meetings.

If an administrator requires your presence for a meeting (IEP, Community Workers, Team or Parents) you can ask for another time or ask to be paid back in Elementary or count as an oncall at Secondary.

OECTA WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Interested in bringing more Wellness opportunities to OECTA?

Consider joining the OECTA Wellness Committee. With Mental Health concerns becoming common in our workplace we need an active group of members to help bring your concerns to the Executive and organize workshop and discussion opportunities. Last year we organized a fall and spring Wellness workshop. This year we expect the Board's Wellness Committee to offer additional events. Our local OECTA Committee will help send our concerns to the Board Committee as well as implement our own Wellness events.

If Interested please contact on of the release officers.

Thanks Mark, Yvonne and Peter

Your ALP Annual Learning Plan

Your ALP is your professional personal plan and document. No one can tell you what you have to put on your ALP. OECTA does promote our members taking responsibility for their professional growth and planning. You are en-

couraged to fill out your plans and use a variety of anticipated goals. For everyone who is in a new role or new grade/subject that can be part of your ALP. For those in Kindergarten or in the grades affected with new resources that should be

in your ALP. Perhaps you wish to take advantage of after school OECTA PD or Wellington Workshop opportunities. All of you should include 'and any other PD opportunity that I believe is relevant to my professional growth'.

SOCIAL MEDIA FRIEND OR FOE?

Each year members are confronted with issues in how we interact with students, parents, and in the community. If you have the slightest question about whether you should do something

with students, after school, communicate through technology then you probably shouldn't. FACEBOOK, Twitter, Snap Chat, email and text messages plus all may place you in jeop-

ardy. Social media and technology are tools but they are not your friends in dealing with students in education in many cases. Protect yourself! Call for help or advice.

**ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION COURSE
UNIVERSITY OF LAURIER**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PART 1
INSTRUCTOR : YVONNE RUNSTEDLER**

CLASS LOCATION AT THE OECTA OFFICE

**\$500 SUBSIDY FOR WELLINGTON CATHOLIC TEACHERS
BY THE WCDSB AFTER COMPLETION OF THE COURSE**

Limited subsidy with teachers in
first two years of permanent contract considered first

**Early Bird Discount Deadline
Tuesday, Sept 5 Tuition Fee \$655**

Final Registration Deadline
Friday Sept 15 Tuition Fee \$685

Discount \$50 for U of L B.Ed alumni
And associate teachers

125 Course Hours
Face to Face hours - 68
Online hours - 32
Self-Directed hours - 25

Tuesdays 6 –10 pm
Sept 26 Oct 3, 10, 17, 24 Nov 7, 14, 21, 28
Wednesday Nov 1 6-10 pm
Thursday Dec 7 6 –10 pm
Saturdays 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Oct 14, Nov 4 and Dec 9

For more details contact course instructor
At yvonne.runstedler@wellingtoncdsb.ca

See full flyer on first class

STAY TUNED FOR SOME UPCOMING EVENTS

WOMEN'S RETREAT AT THE VILLA (FRI SEPT 29)

WORLD TEACHERS DAY BREAKFAST (FRI OCT 1)

MAT LEAVE WORKSHOP (WED OCT 4) PENSION WORKSHOP TBA

MEN'S RETREAT AT THE VILLA (FRI OCT 6)

OECTA INTERVIEW PREP WORKSHOP (WED OCT 25)

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

THEOLOGY ON TAP

TUESDAY SEPT 26

@ THE ALBION
7 pm to 9 pm

Join young Catholics and the young at heart in an
Evening of speakers, discussion, and music

Stay tuned for more details later in September

Catholicity Committee

The Catholicity Committee has openings for up to 3 OECTA appointed members to represent OECTA.

If you are interested please contact Mark or Yvonne asap.
The first meeting is on Sept 19th. Meetings take place several times a term.
Half Days release from 1 to 3 pm and After School 4 to 6 pm