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2013-2014

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MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
WELLINGTON



President's Christmas Message

The Executive wishes each of you and your families a Blessed Christmas. We know how hard our Catholic Teachers strive to show our Catholic values all year round to our young people in our care. You are the main reason this season will always be remembered by so many students as the most wonderful time of the school year. Your actions and example are key for putting Christ back into Christmas. As the entire Western world moves further and further from celebrating Christmas, OECTA members can proudly celebrate the birth of Jesus. Have a Merry Christmas and we'll see you in the New Year!

OECTA OPEN MIC SESSIONS OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday Dec 4  
Dept Heads/Guidance

Thursday Dec 5  
Secondary

Wednesday Dec 11  
JK/SK and FDK

So far these Sessions have allowed 17 members to discuss contract concerns and workload issues with the Release Officers. Members also expressed their concerns in emails to be

used for discussion and to present these ideas to the Collective Bargaining Committee. In addition, over 25 TICs were given time to discuss their concerns during their Workshop.

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## December Dates

Mon Dec 2—Tues Dec 3

OECTA Regional Bargaining

London (Mark, David, Heather, Tim)

Thursday Dec 5th

Merry Advent

Loyola Retreat Centre 4:50

Monday Sept 9th

Exec Meeting 4:15

Tuesday Dec 24

Christmas Eve

Wednesday Dec 25

Merry Christmas

Wednesday Jan 8th

Inclusive Schools Workshop

OECTA Office 4-7 RSVP

## Wellington OECTA New Daily OTs

As some of you already know there are some new faces walking our schools this Fall. The Board has released the new OT Seniority list and we would like to welcome the following new colleagues: Joseph Carere, Dana Parisotto, Karla Janssen, Anthony Spanopoulos, Natash Yussyp, Kristina Natale, Ryan Chisholm, Ashie George, Kandice Ambroise, Mariella Stradiotto, Patricia Walsh, Dominika Tomczyk, Joanna Ciolfi, Steve Hartfiel, Jennifer Brydes, Ashley Prattis, Joanna Conversano,

Daniel Byckalo, Christina Hosszu, Natalia Wiercigroch, Philip Carrer, Natalie Orr, Hector Barber, Alicia Feren, Michael Pellizzari, Caitlin Chaput, Katharine Stott, Heather Pecore, Vittoria Fonte, Megan Peterson, Justin Lensen, Alison Kelly, Brittany Green, Alexander Finoro, Sean Shoemaker, Brittany Walsler and Jessica Gloor.

Lindsey Moran received a Part Time Permanent Contract.

We also had some LTOs assigned over the past few

months: Matt Ort, Rosanna Gobbi, Yvonne Bendo, Xuan Nguyen, Dina Fisher,

Agata Bochenek, Catherine Grmek, Ashley Pembleton, Krystyna Donafeld, Teri-Ann Contini, Kathryn Smyth, Brittany Fraser, Trevor Smith, Rachel Del Duca, Bernadette Best, Melissa Bennett, Jessica Hutchinson, Megan Bacchus, Alessa Saturno, Anne-Marie McGeragle, Greg Freeman, Daniel Bonin and Lucas LeBlanc.

Welcome all.

## Wellington OECTA Committees

Thanks to all members who have started work on our various committees without your work our union would be weaker!

The **Finance Committee** reviewed last year's audit, worked to prepare this year's budget. The budget was then reviewed by the Executive passed and presented to the membership at the Fall General Meeting. The balanced budget was then passed at the Fall General Meeting. The **Legislation Committee** reviewed last year's election process and presented many changes to the process, including staggered election advance polls, alternate two year VP terms opposite of the President and Treasurer and making the OTBU President part of the Unit Executive. The **Communications Committee** started to look at how the website (though up to date and working) can be improved. We also appointed a new committee under Provincial request on the **Status of Women**; chaired by Sheila Hynes with members, Suzan Reid, Yvonne Rundstedler and Echelle Nunan. **The OT, Secondary and Elementary Committees** will also have meetings scheduled or taking place in December. Finally the Executive will form the Collective Bargaining Committee next week at their Monday night meeting

For a full description of these committees and their duties please check our website [www.oectawellington.ca](http://www.oectawellington.ca)

All our valued member volunteers are also listed there!

# FALL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

The Fall General Meeting was held on November 25th. The Reps, Executive and any members at large examined the Treasurer's report including last year's audit and the proposed budget for this year. The Executive also brought forward proposed changes to bylaws that will affect elections, make up and terms of the Executive and the AGM in May. In addition, we had our regular Reps meeting and released our Rep Notes for November.

The Audit from last year showed our income was over spent by our expenses for the 2012-13 school year. This was the second year in a row that the Unit had surpassed our income. In response the Treasurer, the Finance Committee and the Executive worked to pass a balanced budget for the 2013-14 school year. Of note a closer eye needs to be used in regard to our PD expenditures and our donations. We also need to ensure we are gaining everything we can when it comes to the amount we can claim from the Provincial Reimbursements.

The President also informed everyone of the current release time and allowance. That information was given out at the meeting and is available upon request. Of note, all three release officers will share the additional allowances available equally. The Provincially funded release time of 2.0 FTE teachers will be used with the President at 1.0 release and the two VPs both released 0.5.

The proposed bylaw changes were all passed and the complete changes can be found on our website under the bylaws page and also as posted under the first class OECTA conference. They included:

- \*Change to the VPs from one year term to two being elected in even years which alternates with the President and Treasurer in odd years.
- \*Change to the election for VP OT who will in fact be whoever is elected as the OTBU President at the OT General Meeting.
- \*Establishment of a formal Nominations Committee to be chaired by the Elections Chair
- \*Open ended language for the Nominations Committee to decide on the best format for the election in regards to electronic, additional advance polls or by site.
- \*New advance polls of two days and different ballots that allow for drop down days inbetween the stages of Pres/VP or Secretary/Treasurer and then the AGM and Councillors.

## SICK DAYS - SHORT TERM - BEREAVEMENT —SPECIALIZED

David has posted a complete breakdown of these days on the conference and on the website. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact the OECTA office or Joanne Gibson.

**Religious Education Parts I, II and the Specialist  
Spring 2014  
At Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic High School  
54 Westmount Road  
Guelph, Ontario**

**Start Date:** Tuesday, February 4, 2014

**Finish Date:** Tuesday, May 20, 2014

**Times:** Tuesdays – 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
Saturdays – 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Class Dates:** February 4, 11, 18, 25  
March \*1, 4, 18, 25  
April 1, \*5, 8, 15, 22, 29  
May 6, \*10, 13, 20  
\*Saturday sessions  
Plus 20 hours online

**Tuition Fees:** Part I - \$500  
Part II and the Specialist - \$600

**Registration:** Pre-register your spot by emailing  
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**For more information please contact:**

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**MERRY ADVENT THURS DEC 5TH**

*Thursday, December 5th, 2013  
Gathering 4:40- Loyola Chapel  
Post Snacks & Music in Lounge*

*followed by light tapas and  
amuses-bouches, reception,  
and an evening of festive Celtic music...*

*Merry Advent  
...celebrates The Feast of St. Nicholas...  
Our Patron Saint of Children*

*RSVP...  
via FirstClass to Peter Stoop  
Merci*

*Advent Caroling - 4:50  
Mass- 5:15  
Join your WCDSB colleagues at our  
Advent Mass*

*Ignatius Jesuit Centre & Farm  
Loyola Retreat Centre*