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Last Sunday we had a small celebration for World Teacher's Day at the Italian Canadian Club as about 100 people gathered together for breakfast. OECTA teachers were able to bring their family and join friends and share a meal. It was great to see so many teachers from all across the Board having a chance to relax for an hour, not worry about serving or cleaning and talking with their friends over coffee.

Having a chance to come together gives us pause to reflect and be thankful for our many blessings. Despite our daily challenges, both in the classroom and in our own lives, it is important to remember that we have followed a vocation that helps others. It is easy to forget that wonderful aspect of being a teacher when confronted with the modern challenges of teaching today.

Another challenge facing us is the existence of our very Catholic School system. This month you can directly voice your concerns and vote in our local trustee elections. We have asked the Wellington Catholic Trustee candidates a variety of pointed questions and their responses have been posted on our website and on first class. Take a moment to make an informed choice.

Protect Teaching and Protect our Catholic School System. Get informed!

Your Executive is planning more events that can bring us together in a variety of ways as a community. Check the calendar and more events inside.

Mark, David and Peter

OTBU AGM AND ELECTIONS

The Occasional Teacher Bargaining Unit had their AGM and elections last month. Tim O'Brien will represent the OT both as OTBU President and VP OT on the Wellington Unit. Roy Coughlin returns as Treasurer as does Becka Dupuis. Karen Salens joins Roy as OT Rep on Rep Council. Thanks to everyone who volunteers for OECTA.

OECTA OFFICE HOURS

Mark All Day

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PETER PM

TIM VP OT as needed

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday Oct. 13h
Thanksgiving Day

Tues Wed Oct 14-15
CB Workshop Toronto

Thurs Oct 16
Waterloo Unit Visit p.m.

Sat Oct 18th
Pension Workshop 9:30-2:00
OECTA Office

Mon Oct 20th
Reps Council 4:30
EXEC Meeting 5:45

Wed Oct 22nd 4-6
Wellness Walk OECTA Office

Thurs Fri Sat Oct 23-24-25
WFMP Conference
Toronto

Mon Oct 27th
EXEC Meeting 4:15

MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY
VOTE FOR YOUR TRUSTEES

Fri Oct 31st
Happy Halloween
Trick or Treat!

Wellington OECTA Workshops

MATERNITY WORKSHOP

On Wednesday Dec. 11 we will host an OECTA Provincial Workshop led by Joe Pece our Staff liaison from Members and Counselling Services.

The Workshop will begin at 4:15 and end before 6:00 at the OECTA Office. Everyone is invited. This is a great opportunity for members who may be thinking ahead or the new arrival is already on their way! RSVP Peter.

PENSION PLANNING WORKSHOP

On Saturday Oct. 18 we will host an OECTA Provincial Workshop led by Joe Pece at the OECTA Office from 9:30 to 2:00 with lunch included.

Our Provincial expert on what you need to do and plan ahead for your retirement. This workshop is for everyone who is within ten years of retirement and for those who are almost ready. Coffee, Muffins at 9:00 a.m. RSVP Peter.

OECTA BUILDING INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS

4:00 to 7:00

On Tuesday Nov. 25th Kevin Welbes will return with his well received workshop to the OECTA Office. Kevin led three workshops in Wellington last year and we are very glad that he will return. This thought provoking workshop will include supper We hope to see you there.

RSVP the OECTA Office by email.

OECTA BEGINNING TEACHERS CON

This yearly conference was moved from February to the beginning of October so that our new colleagues can use these workshops to assist them in their assignments. Our delegates, Tara, Diane, Jessica, Nicole, Erin and Brittany all had positive experiences and we look forward to an opportunity to share their experiences with you on our website. It was exciting to see our young members ask questions and add their comments on the floor of the conference and during workshops. The conference is geared towards new teachers in their first five years of teaching. Next step a round table discussion of recent delegates in early Dec.

FALL GENERAL MEETING NOV 25

The Wellington OECTA Fall General Meeting will take place on Monday Nov. 25th at your OECTA Office. The meeting will consider any bylaws proposals and will pass the proposed budget for this year

In addition, there will be a bi-election at this meeting for the vacant position of Councillor. The nomination of candidates will be taken from the floor at the meeting. The successful candidate will take the place of our two temporary Councillors (Cathy Whyte and Roberta Casagrande) following the meeting.

Check out the calendar of dates to the left to see all the events that are planned for the few weeks!

The Social Committee and the Executive Present:

OECTA CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

FRIDAY DECEMBER 19TH

THE ITALIAN CANADIAN CLUB

RECEPTION 6:00

DINNER 6:30

COST \$ 25.00

BUFFET DINNER FOLLOWED BY DANCE

ALL WELCOME

PLEASE BOOK YOUR TICKETS THROUGH

**YOUR SITE OECTA REP OR
EMAIL ONE OF THE OECTA OFFICERS**

COME SHARE A MERRY WELLINGTON CHRISTMAS!

OECTA IN ACTION—WELLNESS WALK

The Executive, inspired by our members, have re-formed our Wellness committee. Ten members are planning a series of Workshops, Activities and Events. If you have ideas for topics on Wellness please feel free to forward them to Mark or our co-chairs Suzan Reid or Marianne Sullivan. The first event planned will take place on Wed. Oct 22nd at the OECTA Office beginning at 4:00 and ending at 6:00. We will gather together at 4 for a meet and greet before heading out on our Walk at about 4:15. Following the Walk there will be social with some light refreshments and comfort food. Please RSVP for numbers to Mark by email.

WELLINGTON OECTA NIAGARA MYSTERY TOUR

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22

MYSTERY ROAD TRIP—12 HOUR TOUR

**Join colleagues and friends as we discover the hidden secrets of
Our Niagara Vinland!**

Estimated cost 90 \$ - seats are limited RSVP Peter Stoop

Includes

Morning coffee - light lunch— 4-5 stops—dinner included

Bus partially sponsored by Wellington OECTA

THEO ON TAP

At the Albion Hotel, Guelph (7 pm)

Ania Krysciak

Tuesday Nov 4, 2014

Is the good news of the Gospel good news for me?

Live Celtic Band House of Good Cheer

The music starts the evening off at 7:00 with our local favourite House of Good Cheer Celtic Band.

It is followed by Ania Krysciak who will speak for a 30 minute talk before discussion and comments.

Free appetizers will be served.

All are welcome at this free event

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CB Provincial and You

Every teacher in the Province should be receiving OECTA Bulletins, Updates and OECTA Event emails from Provincial. This functions to keep you informed and up to date on the state of Provincial bargaining. More importantly, this form of communication will be the only way you will be able to vote on any contract ratification or strike votes. It will also advise on any additional contract and strike actions including any strike pay.

YOU must have an updated email with Provincial OECTA to have your say. There is nothing we can do about this locally. You need to log on to the Provincial website and log in to a member's only account. See link below:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/OECTACollector2

Please update your information if you have been missing these Provincial email blasts.

SUGGESTION?

Drop us an email or call us.
We welcome your ideas and input!
Serving all 700 members!