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The Unit office is located on the St. Ignatius Orchard Business Park. The Executive and Rep meetings all take place at the office.

The Executive meets early in the month on a Monday and the Rep meetings are held on the last Monday of the month except Dec. and June.

**Respected Teachers =  
Great Teachers =  
Happy Students =  
Great Schools!**

President's Message

With Christmas and New Years disappearing in our rear view mirrors we find ourselves right back at it with the real madness of January deadlines about to hit us like a northern snow storm. Don't get buried! Last week hopefully brought you some of the rest you needed. Exams and Report Cards are approaching take care of your colleagues and take care of yourself.

Looking back at 2016 we see a year of turmoil and at times world wide concern. If anything the election of Trump next door needs to be a lesson for each and every teacher of the important role we have as educators. We need to be on our guard to ensure that our students (and our communities) realize that comments made against other races, women, people with disabilities and sexual identification cannot become acceptable in our society. We are one of the only groups capable of changing society and we have a moral responsibility to raise everyone's awareness. More on this inside on GDLC and 40 Baker Street.

Looking ahead in 2017 we are approaching the deadline of our contract once again on August 31st. At the same time another Provincial election in Ontario is on the horizon as well. Teachers will likely be the focus of several attacks. As Catholic Teachers we can expect to be under attack as a School System as cries of those against our system continue to pressure all political parties and the media to defame us as an archaic intolerant religious school system.

Closer to home we will be preparing for the switch to OECTA run benefits administered through OTIP. We will have complete details when it rolls out later in the spring. Our OECTA site Reps will be serviced first in conjunction with OTIP support and then the Exec will assist rolling it out across each school. Non-school site teachers will receive invitations so they can see which school is most convenient to see the log in process and attend a Q and A session.

Breaking News:

Our colleagues in support staff (for us it is CUPE) have a tentative extension contract. Though details will slowly be announced expect another kick at the can from the Teacher Unions with the Government.

On behalf of the Executive we extend our best wishes for 2017 for you and all your family. Enjoy this year. Take time to relax, recharge and make quality memories with your family and friends.

All the best, Mark.

**HEALTH  
AND  
SAFETY**

**SAFE  
SCHOOL  
ACT FORMS**

Q When do I fill these forms out?

A If the action of a student is an act that is a suspension or expulsion act.

Q What if the student is on an IEP or is on a Safety Behaviour Plan?

A That doesn't excuse the act. It may explain it but the forms MUST still be filled out.

Q What if the student throws an object at me and it misses.

A It is ANY attempt regardless if it actually hits you or not.

Q Could I also have to fill out an incident accident report?

A Yes this form is very important for your protection.

# OECTA AND GUELPH LABOUR

On December 8th we participated in the Guelph and District Labour Council Annual Soup and Sock Drive. The venue was moved from City Hall directly to where it is needed most at 40 Baker Street. OECTA provided the soup while our sisters and brothers from other unions provided bowls, hot chocolate, desserts and helped serve supper to everyone there. Over 80 people were in attendance and over 60 of the community were fed.

On December 22nd OECTA spear-

headed the cooking of Turkeys for their Christmas Dinner. We could see the actual need and it reminds us how lucky most of us are compared to many not only in our city, country but around the world.

The participation of OECTA in our Labour Council and the wider Labour movement in general is absolutely crucial to not only our bargaining power but the entire social justice movement in Canada and around the Globe.

Solidarity = Fairness



## REMINDER OF DATES FOR YOUNG AUTHORS

**REMINDER OF DATES:**

Friday February 10th

Student entries received by the School Reps.

School selection process begins.

Friday February 17th

School entries received at the OECTA Unit Office.

Tuesday March 7th

Young Author's Unit Selection Committee

Friday March 24th

Unit entries due at the Provincial OECTA Office.

If you have any questions please contact your school Rep or Yvonne for more details.

Upcoming Dates

Tues Jan 10th 7-9  
GWCSJ @ the OECTA Office

Wed Jan 11th 4-6  
#WE Initiative After School PD

Thurs Jan 12th 7-9  
GDLC @ OPSEU

Mon Jan 16th  
Exec Meeting 4:15

Tues Jan 17th 7 pm  
Theo on Tap @ The Albion

Wed Jan 18th  
Art Gala @ the OECTA Office

Thurs Jan 19th  
Joint Health and Safety pm

Mon Jan 23rd 4:30  
Reps /Exec Meetings

Thurs Jan 26 to Wed Feb 1  
Secondary Exams

Fri Jan 27th  
Elem PD Day  
Elem Quiet Week Begins

GTA OECTA Pres Meeting  
@ Duff-Peel 10 am

EUCHRE NIGHT AT THE OFFICE



FRIDAY FEB 24  
OECTA OFFICE

Doors open 7:00 Euchre Starts 7:30

Progressive Euchre Style (rotate partners)  
ALL ARE WELCOME AND INVITED  
RSVP MARK

SNACKS/MUNCHIES PROVIDED  
BYO REFRESHMENTS

A Pass the Hat donation will support a local charity.  
Sponsored by Wellington OECTA

SAVE THE DATE

OTIP / RTIP BENEFITS WORKSHOP

With our OTIP Representative  
Anita Chamberlain  
Thursday April 4th at the OECTA Office  
Light supper provided  
RSVP Mark or Yvonne



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THAT YOU  
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***Annual International Women’s Day Breakfast***

The Annual International Women’s Day Breakfast is an event held in partnership between the Waterloo and Guelph District Labour Councils. This annual breakfast aims to celebrate all that women have done in our community and around the world. It is a time to come together and share past successes and look to the future to continue these outstanding achievements.

The breakfast is one of the best union gatherings of the year in the community with sisters from unions all across the area in attendance. It is an excellent opportunity to hear from a distinguished speaker in our community.

Saturday March 4 at UNIFOR Kitchener-Waterloo at 11:00 am. If interested please contact Mark or Yvonne.

**2ND ANNUAL OPEN RETREAT NIGHT**

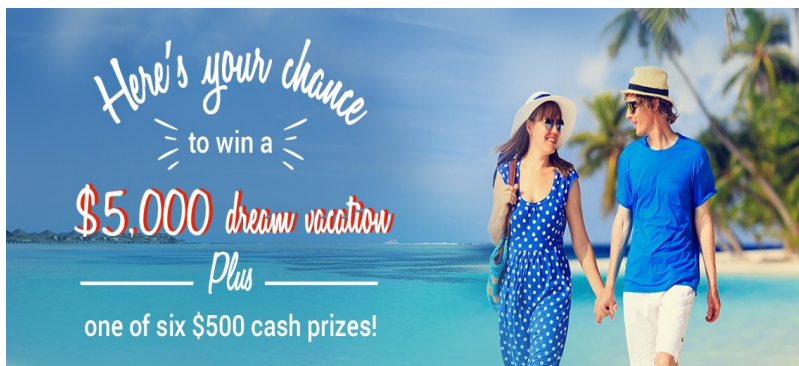
**MULTI-FAITH SEMINAR AT ST BRIGID’S VILLA  
ALL ARE INVITED**

**SAVE THE DATE  
FRIDAY FEB 5**

**DOORS OPEN 5:00 BEGINS 5:30  
PASTA SUPPER 6:00**

**RETREAT CONTINUES  
FOLLOWING SUPPER**

**Presented by the OECTA Women’s Com  
RSVP Yvonne Email [oecta.wellington@gmail.com](mailto:oecta.wellington@gmail.com)**



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**THREE KEYS TO A  
HAPPIER WINTER**

Winter is upon us here in Canada. The days are shorter, the weather is colder and sunshine is a rare sight. Often, this can lead to low energy and general malaise so it’s important to be proactive about keeping a positive attitude during the colder months.

Visit [www.otip.com/article14](http://www.otip.com/article14) to read the full article.

OTIP is Wellington OECTA’s Official Partner

# THEOLOGY ON TAP

TUESDAY JANUARY 17TH

@ THE ALBION HOTEL

7 PM

SPEAKER : MICHAEL HIGGINS

TOPIC : JEAN VANIER

*LOGICIAN OF THE HEART*

LIVE CELTIC BAND : HOUSE OF GOOD CHEER

ALL WELCOME

Theology on Tap is a Catholic Community Outreach Program that runs four times a year in Guelph. For more information contact : [theologyontapguelph@gmail.com](mailto:theologyontapguelph@gmail.com)

