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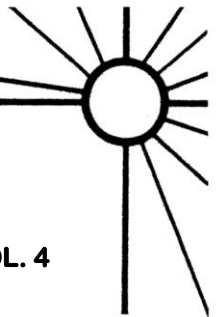
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Wishing you a Happy, Holy and Restful Holiday!

UNIT EXECUTIVE GOALS FOR 2011-2012

- a) To promote Catholic Education in Halton;
- b) To maintain our Partnership in Catholic Education;
- c) To ensure that our Collective Agreement is administered with procedural fairness for all members:
Procedural Fairness:
 - 1) timely and sufficient notice
 - 2) reason(s) for the decision, and
 - 3) an opportunity to be heard
- d) To promote assistance programs available locally and provincially;
- e) To continue to take relevant and appropriate issues to the Labour Management Committee;
- f) To promote quality education by supporting our members while they upgrade their skills and expertise through Professional Development programs and activities;
- g) To continue to support Executive activities;
- h) That the Boards budget be monitored to ensure that:
 - a) The expenditures adequately reflect the Boards accordance with the Education Act and Regulations made thereunder, and;
 - b) Grant acquisitions are expensed and allocated in compliance with the directives from the Ministry of Education.
- i) That our teachers are “harassment free” as per Board Policy.
- j) That the new P.D.T.:P.D. Fund is fully implemented and accessible to every teacher.

YOUNG AUTHORS’ AWARDS PRIX JEUNES ECRIVAINS

The purpose of the annual O.E.C.T.A. Young Authors’ Award is to celebrate the writing talents of students and the teaching talents of their teachers and to showcase students and teachers’ accomplishments.

LEVEL

JK/SK
Grades 1 – 2
Grades 3 – 4
Grades 5 – 6
Grades 7 – 8

CATEGORIES

Short Story/Poem/Nonfiction (reflection or report)
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- All entries must not exceed 3,000 words
- There are three (3) levels of competition: School, Unit and Provincial. First place winners at each level advance to the next level.
- Each school can submit one entry, per category, and division to the Unit level.
- Entries must be submitted to your School O.E.C.T.A. Rep. by: March 1, 2012
- O.E.C.T.A. Reps.: Send submissions to: Stan Tavani, Chair, c/o Halton Elementary Unit Office



E.A.P. (Hotline)

(905) 632-7916



TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER



WHEN: THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012
WHERE: O.E.C.T.A. Halton Elementary Unit Office
1182 Blair Road, Burlington
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
CHAIR: Brian MacDonald
COST: \$20.00 Per Player (entire amount goes to the pot)
CONTACT: Send cheques to: Brian MacDonald
c/o O.E.C.T.A., Halton Elementary Unit Office



STAFF/C.B.C. REP. MEETING #2



WHEN: THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2012
WHERE: Halton Elementary Unit Office
1182 Blair Road, Burlington
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
TOPIC: In-Service



OECTA HEALTH & SAFETY MTG. #2



WHEN: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2012
WHERE: O.E.C.T.A. Halton Elementary Unit Office
1182 Blair Road, Burlington
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
CHAIR: Nina March
GUESTS: Kim George, Health & Safety Officer, H.C.D.S.B.
Theresa Davis, Senior Administrator, H.C.D.S.B.
TOPIC: In-Service



GENERAL MEETING #3



WHEN: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2012
WHERE: Halton Elementary Unit Office
1182 Blair Road, Burlington
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
TOPIC: A.G.M. 2012



PRESIDENT'S FORUM



..... LEST WE FORGET JANUARY 2012



- COLLEGE OF TEACHERS FEE DEDUCTED (TWO PAYS IN JANUARY 2012)
- YOUR TEACHER PENSION PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS INCREASE – 0.4%
- YOUR EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DEDUCTION BEGINS AGAIN
- YOUR CANADA PENSION PLAN DEDUCTION BEGINS AGAIN



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Unit Executive Christmas Dinner December 16, 2011 7:00 p.m. Burlington, Ontario

AN EVENING WITH BISHOP CROSBY

On Wednesday, November 9, 2011, over 400 Halton Catholic community members gathered to celebrate *An Evening with Bishop Crosby*, in honour of the first anniversary of the installation of Bishop Crosby, Diocese of Hamilton.

The event held at Le Dome Banquet Centre in Oakville, raised an estimated \$25,000.00 for the Halton Catholic Children's Education Foundation. Funds were raised through ticket sales, donations, advertising, a silent auction and through a raffle draw, with the main prize being a scenic helicopter ride over the Niagara Peninsula and a wine tour and tasting at John Howard Cellars of Distinction.

The goal of the Halton Catholic Children's Education Foundation is to ensure that all Halton Catholic District School Board students enjoy equal opportunities that sustain and enhance the educational experience. The Foundation will make funds available to minimize the financial barriers that create impediments to learning and limit a student's full participation within the life of the community.

..... As posted on the H.C.D.S.B. web-site

..... See pictures of the evening at: www.haltonecta.com

Our sincere sympathy and prayers go out to the following members, as well as to their family and friends:

- Patricia Langdon (St. Dominic), David Langdon (President of CUPE 2888 and Custodian at St. Paul), Maureen Johnson (Notre Dame), and Patricia Davis (Notre Dame), on the passing of their mother-in-law/mother, Kathleen Langdon (retired secretary of the H.C.D.S.B.), on November 20, 2011.

Congratulations to the families and friends of the following members who experienced the joy of childbirth:

- Dana Hanson (Treasurer of the Halton Elementary Unit and teacher at Mother Teresa) and husband, Antony, on the birth of their daughter, Allie Maeve, born November 18, 2011, weighing 7 lbs. 4 oz.

On New Year's Day

And the whole year through,
I hope the kindness
You've given to others
Returns many times to you.

May hope, love, and warmth
Be in your heart's possessing,
And may the New Year
Bring you and yours
Many blessings.
Happy New Year!



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