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## Life's Little Instructions

Have a firm handshake ~ look people in the eye ~ say "thank you" a lot ~ say "please a lot" ~ be the first to say hello ~ don't gossip ~ treat everyone you meet like you want to be treated ~ make new friends but cherish the old ones ~ keep secrets ~ miracles happen every day ~ don't take good health for granted ~ make it a habit to do nice things for people who will never find out ~ pray not for things but for wisdom and courage ~ be romantic ~ praise in public, criticize in private ~ respect tradition ~ take good care of those you love ~ keep it simple ~ don't nag ~ never underestimate the power of love ~ be bold and courageous ~ never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them ~ be there when people need you ~ remember no one makes it alone ~ get your priorities straight ~ take care of your reputation ~ laugh a lot ~ never underestimate the power of a good word or deed ~ do more than is expected ~ and count your blessings!



~ H. Jackson Brown ~



# 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 Halton Elementary Unit Office, Burlington



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



**WHEN:** THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2012  
**WHERE:** Halton Elementary Unit Office  
**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  
**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  
**TIME:** 4:30 p.m.  
**TOPIC:** A.G.M. 2012



## PRESIDENT'S FORUM

### REMEMBER

#### JANUARY 11, 2012 PAY INCLUDES:

- E.I. (EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE)
- C.P.P. (CANADA PENSION PLAN)
- COLLEGE OF TEACHERS FEE  
(FIRST HALF - \$69.00)
- TEACHERS PENSION PLAN - 0.4% INCREASE



#### JANUARY 25, 2012 PAY INCLUDES:

- E.I. (EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE)
- C.P.P. (CANADA PENSION PLAN)
- COLLEGE OF TEACHERS FEE  
(SECOND HALF - \$69.00)
- TEACHERS PENSION PLAN - 0.4% INCREASE



May you have a prosperous, peaceful and healthy New Year!



# CATHOLIC CUP VOLLEYBALL

This year's edition was the biggest tournament ever! 24 boys teams and 28 girls teams entered the tournaments, vying for the President's Cup and Director's Cup respectively.

A very special thanks to the administration and physical education departments of Holy Trinity, Corpus Christi and St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary Schools for their amazing hospitality, assistance, support and generosity. It is very much appreciated.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the dedication and commitment of all the coaches who gave up their weekends!

## **PRESIDENT'S CUP** **(BOYS VOLLEYBALL)**

**CHAMPIONS:** **ST. BARNABAS (T.C.D.S.B.)**  
Coach: Gord MacLean

**FINALISTS:** **ST. BRIGID**  
Coach: Richard Brown

**BRONZE:** **ST. CLARE (Duff. Peel)**  
Coach: Rob Benec

**"B" CHAMPIONS:** **ST. JEAN DE BREBEUF (T.C.D.S.B.)**  
Coach: Name not known

**"B" FINALISTS:** **ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA**  
Coaches: Mary Bezzina/Marlene Leoni

**"C" CHAMPIONS:** **ST. JOHN, OAKVILLE**  
Coach: Meghan Araujo

## **DIRECTOR'S CUP** **(GIRLS VOLLEYBALL)**

**CHAMPIONS:** **ST. JOSEPH, OAKVILLE**  
Coaches: G. DeRosa/M. Hatzioannou/H. Arnds

**FINALISTS:** **ST. MATTHEW**  
Coaches: Nicole Biturejac/Karen Moskal

**BRONZE:** **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI (Duff. Peel)**  
Coach: Mark Naughton

**"B" CHAMPIONS:** **ST. GABRIEL LALEMONT (T.C.D.S.B.)**  
Coach: Maureen Drake

**"B" FINALISTS:** **ST. BRIGID**  
Coach: Dan Lefaive

**"C" CHAMPIONS:** **ST. MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE**  
Coaches: Melissa Dennie/Rebecca Hermann

Thank you to all coaches, players, parents, referees and volunteers who contributed to the success of these two weekends of volleyball. See you next year! ... Tony Ceelen, Co-ordinator, Catholic Cup.

# FLOOR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT WINNERS

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2011**



Justin Brens  
Clerio Fuciarelli  
Annalise Sofia-Starr  
Mike Starr  
Paul Wisniewski



Special thanks to Paul Wisniewski, St. Gabriel School, for chairing and organizing this very popular tournament and to St. Timothy's School for hosting this event each year!

## A 10-STEP PLAN FOR 2012

### **THE ROAD TO FINANCIAL PEACE OF MIND ACCORDING TO "THE WEALTHY BARBER":**

1. Make maximum tax-deductible contributions to a registered retirement savings plan (RRSP) each year. For your retirement income, select lower-risk investments.
2. Invest 10 percent of net income to become wealthy. This money should be invested for long-term growth.
3. Buy mutual funds, not individual stocks. They provide professional management and diversification.
4. Make a will.
5. Buy enough life insurance to adequately protect your dependents.
6. Buy adequate disability insurance. A 30 year old has a one-in-four chance of being disabled for a year or more.
7. Real estate is NOT always a good investment. People who do buy homes should not overextend themselves. Make as large a mortgage payment as possible each month, which will dramatically reduce the amount of interest that will have to be paid.
8. Don't abuse credit cards.
9. Use tax planning instruments such as spousal RRSP's, the capital gains exemption and income splitting to reduce taxes.
10. Learn for yourself. Nobody cares as much about your money as you do!

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Executive	Meeting #5	January 12, 2012	4:30 p.m.	O.E.C.T.A. Unit Office
Texas Hold'em Poker	Tournament	January 19, 2012	7:30 p.m.	O.E.C.T.A. Unit Office
Staff/C.B.C. Rep.	Meeting #2	January 26, 2012	4:30 p.m.	O.E.C.T.A. Unit Office
Labour Management	Meeting #3	January 30, 2012	3:00 p.m.	Board Office

## AROUND HALTON

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

- Paulette Campbell (St. Bernadette) on the passing of her mother, Isabelle Rose Rocheleau, on December 18, 2011.
- Lisa MacAndrew (St. Paul) on the passing of her father, Antonio Domenico Caruso, on December 18, 2011.

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

- Amber Vasilak (St. Anthony of Padua) and husband Jordon, on the birth of their daughter, Sophia Grace, born on November 19, 2011, weighing 7 lbs. 8 oz.

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## WINTER DRIVING TIPS!

### DO:

- ✓ Slow down gradually and drive at a speed that suits the conditions.
- ✓ Make sure the full lighting system of your vehicle is turned on.
- ✓ Be patient. Avoid passing, changing lanes and crossing traffic.
- ✓ Increase your following distance. You will need extra distance to brake safely.
- ✓ Stay alert. Keep looking as far ahead as possible.
- ✓ Reduce the distractions in your vehicle. Your full attention is required.
- ✓ Keep your windows and mirrors clean. Use defroster and wipers to maximize your vision.
- ✓ Try to get off the road when visibility is near zero. Pull into a safe parking area if possible.



### DON'T:

- ✗ Don't stop on the travelled portion of the road. You could become the first link in a chain-reaction collision.
- ✗ Don't attempt to pass a vehicle moving slowly or speed up to get away from a vehicle that is following closely.

### REMEMBER:

- Watch your speed. You may be going faster than you think. If so, reduce speed gradually. Leave a safe braking distance between you and the vehicle ahead.
- Be prepared and carry a winter driving survival kit that includes items such as warm clothing, non-perishable energy foods, flashlight, shovel, blanket, etc.