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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

A year ago this message was all about the state of negotiations and the struggles we were facing. I am pleased to say that we are hosting a Ratification Meeting this week and also holding our first ever online local ratification vote on Wed Jan 6 and Thurs Jan 7. I do wish we had more time left on this contract as we are already halfway through the new contract (It will be over August 2017. That means we will be asking for volunteers to sit on the Bargaining Committee before the end of this school year and begin the process all over again!

I would like to take this moment to thank our excellent Collective Bargaining Committee and Team starting with our Chief Negotiator Peter. David, Sheila and Laurence joined Peter and I alongside our Provincial Reps (Bruno and Katrina) at the table with the Board. This year we continued to meet with the entire Committee who stayed involved in the process as we debriefed after each meeting with the Board. Thanks Ed, Traci, Kevin and Ruthanne for your service to all our members.

Thanks also to our OTBU Bargaining Committee who also managed to obtain a deal for our OT's before the Christmas Break. Thanks to Tim who, like Peter, was a first time Chief Negotiator. He was joined by OTs Becka and Karen at the table with the Board and they represented all our Wellington OTs so well. More details will be released later this week regarding summary sheets (that are still all confidential) and the ratification process.

So business aside; we enter January a little refreshed and more de-stressed for a little while at least. So let's stay off the harsh topics and look ahead for the next few months. We continue to try to provide a variety of social, curriculum and union opportunities in our OECTA calendar. This Saturday kick back for some Trivia Fun at the Villa rsvp Mark or Tim for more details. On Thursday Jan 14th OTIP will be at the OECTA Office for a Wellness Workshop 'Getting and Staying Healthy'. On Friday Feb 12 we are hosting our first ever Coed Retreat Evening at the Villa with a pasta dinner at 6 pm. On Wed March 2 Kevin Welbes Godin will be back with another Building Inclusive Schools Workshop at the OECTA Office after school. After that there will also be a RTIP (Retiree Benefits) Workshop later in the month and don't forget our Annual In Appreciation Banquet to honour our Retirees, 25 Year Club Members and say thanks to all our Reps. Have a great start to 2016 and looking forward to seeing you soon!

**HEALTH
AND
SAFETY**

**Winter
Is Finally Here**

**Be careful on
those school
yards and
watch for ice.**



RATIFICATION INFO MEETING

There will be an important General meeting on Tuesday Jan 5 for all permanent members at the OECTA Office.

Greeting 4:00
Info and Q and A 4:30

Everyone was sent an email to their personal address last week. If you did not receive it please contact email oecta.wellington@rogers.com

The information was contained in the attachments and will be presented at

the General Meeting. There will be a chance to ask questions through the presentation. Remember this is for all Local issues and after ratification the Provincial issues will take effect in 30 days. Online voting will take place on:

Wed Jan 6 at Midnight until
Thurs Jan 7 at 11:59 p.m.

This is only for Permanent Teachers. The OT Bargaining Unit will be informed of dates for their meeting in the next few days.

All Committee Meetings

A new 2015-16 initiative to strengthen our local was the establishment of meetings for all our committees. Due to the Ratification Meeting and online voting this week and the Reps/Exec Meeting next week we will postpone the All Committee Meeting until

Wed Feb 17 so no one is double or triple booked. We believe the All Committee Meeting dates will increase the use of our committees in how we plan what we do for our members locally. It will also increase participation as committees will

meet at regular intervals. If you are interested in serving on a committee please give any of the Exec an email. If you have ideas we are always open to listening to our members. We welcome new committee members at any time of the year!

YOUNG AUTHORS CONTEST

REMINDER OF DATES:

Friday February 12th
Student entries received by the School Reps.
School selection process begins.
Friday February 19th

School entries received at the OECTA Unit Office.
Tuesday March 8th
Young Author's Unit Selection Committee
Thursday March 24th

Unit entries due at the Provincial OECTA Office.
If you have any questions please contact your school Rep or Peter for more details.

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday Jan 5th
Ratification Gen Meeting
OECTA Office 4:30

Wed Jan 6th and Thurs Jan 7th
Online Voting for Ratification

Saturday Jan 9th
Trivia Nite at the Villa
Doors open 7 Trivia at 7:30

Monday Jan 11th
Reps/Exec Meeting 4:30

Tuesday Jan 12th
Theo on Tap 7 p.m.
@ The Albion

Thursday Jan 14th
OTIP Wellness Workshop
OECTA Office 4:15 –5:30

Thursday Jan 21st
Joint Health and Safety pm

Friday Jan 22nd
Elem PD Day

Monday Jan 25th
Exec 4:15 @ OECTA Office

Tuesday Jan 26th
Joint Staffing Noon

Secondary Exams
Jan 28 to Feb 2

TRIVIA NIGHT AT THE VILLA

SATURDAY JAN 9
ST. BRIGID'S VILLA

Doors open 7:00 Trivia Starts 7:30

GET YOUR STAFF TEAM OR JOIN A TEAM
ALL ARE WELCOME AND INVITED

RSVP MARK OR TIM

SNACKS/MUNCHIES PROVIDED

BYO REFRESHMENTS

A Pass the Hat donation will support the Bracelet of Hope
Charity.

Sponsored by Wellington OECTA

OTIP Wellness Workshop

JOIN US AT THE OECTA OFFICE
ON THURSDAY JAN 14

FOR AN OVERVIEW OF SEVERAL OTIP BENEFITS
INCLUDING:

FEELING BETTER NOW

CAREPATH

UNDERSTANDING LTD

CAR AND HOME INSURANCE

EDVANTAGE PROGRAM

AND MORE!

MEET AND GREET 4 PM WORKSHOP 4:15-5:30

Wednesday January 21st

OECTA PROVINCIAL AQ COURSES

Spring Registration is Now Open:

Math AQ subsidy \$450 for all Math courses is still available and there are a few subsidies remaining for Computer Technology (IICT) courses. Please see the Provincial OECTA website.

Other courses available through OECTA are:

ESL Part 2	Guidance and Career Education Part 2
FSL Part 1 and Specialist	Kindergarten Part 1 and Specialist
Librarianship Part 1	Mathematics Part 1 Part 2 and Specialist
Integration of Technology in the Classroom Part 1 and Specialist	
Media Part 1	Primary Education Part 1 Part 2 and Specialist
Reading Part 1 and Specialist	Special Education Part 2 and Specialist
Use of Assistive Technology in the Classroom Part 1	Writing Part 2

Please use this link for registration details <http://www.oecta.on.ca/wps/portal/courses>

LABOUR EVENTS AND COURSES

The Annual International Women’s Day Breakfast is an event held in partnership between the Greater Kitchener Waterloo Chamber of Commerce and respected community leader Karen Redman. 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 most highly anticipated events of the year in the community with over 300 in attendance and is an excellent opportunity to hear from a distinguished speaker in the business community.

If interested please contact Mark or Sheila.

HEALTH AND SAFETY /WSIB EDUCATIONAL Courses in a variety of topics are being offered in Kingston running Tuesday March 29 or Wednesday March 30 and end on Sunday April 3. OECTA will pay all expenses.

- *WHSC Level 1 *WHSC Level 2
 - *MHCC Mental Health and Violence Prevention
 - *OFL-ODRT WSIB Program Level 1 and 2
- Please contact Mark or Kevin if interested.

WELLINGTON WORKS QUESTION OF THE MONTH

How and When will voting be conducted for the Local Ratification of our Permanent Contract?

Winners for December will be chosen at the Reps Meeting.



OTIP JANUARY OFFER

#OTIP is giving away \$25 Amazon.ca Gift Certificates when you get a car or home insurance quote.

Get a quote from #OTIP at: <http://bit.ly/22yJHuc>

OTIP is Wellington OECTA’s Official Partner

THEOLOGY ON TAP

ON TUESDAY JAN 12
THE THIRD THEOLOGY ON TAP NIGHT
FOR THE 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR

AT THE ALBION HOTEL
DOWNTOWN GUELPH

FROM 7 PM TO 9 PM

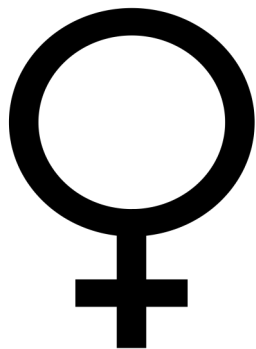
GUEST SPEAKER:
SISTER BERNADETTE
A SISTER OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE

TOPIC: FROM DOUBT TO THE HABIT OF FAITH

MUSIC BY
THE HOUSE OF GOOD CHEER

FREE FOOD COURTESY OF THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

COED RETREAT EVENING
AT ST BRIGID'S VILLA



FRIDAY FEB 12
DOORS OPEN 5:00
BEGINS 5:30
LASAGNA 6:00

RETREAT CONTINUES
FOLLOWING SUPPER



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