

Calgary Catholic Teachers Mentorship Program

FOR TEACHERS NEW TO THE TEACHING PROFESSION

As teachers reflect on the beginning of their teaching careers, they often think of one particular colleague who helped support them with planning, assessment, shared their resources or coached them. To help support and formalize those relationships, ATA Local 55 and Calgary Catholic School District co-sponsor the Teacher Mentorship Program. This is a wonderful opportunity for new teachers to benefit from the expertise of a more experienced colleague, someone with a sympathetic ear, and someone who will be there to answer their questions. For mentors, working with new, enthusiastic teachers is always a rewarding and re-vitalizing opportunity! Please consider signing up as a mentor or new teacher.

What is the Mentorship Program?

Mentoring is a purposeful, voluntary collaboration between two teachers. The program provides timely and relevant assistance to new teachers, in a supportive and nurturing environment, in their respective schools.

Who are the participants in the mentorship program?

- ✓ *Mentors with a minimum of 5 years teaching experience*
- ✓ *Protégés who are entering their **first, second or third** year of teaching and have not previously participated in the Mentorship Program. (preference will be given to first and second year teachers)*

What is the requirement?

A commitment to attend three after-school whole-group sessions (dinner provided), informal meetings and communication with your partner, and provide an account of activities for which release days were used. The dates for after-school sessions are:

- ✓ *Tuesday, October 4, 2011: 4:30 – 7:00, Introductory Workshop facilitated by Joni Turville*
- ✓ *Tuesday, January 17, 2012 4:30 – 6:30, workshop TBA facilitated by Darci Fulton*
- ✓ *Tuesday, May 8, 2012: 4:30 – 6:30 Wrap-up Session and Celebration*

What are the Benefits?

- ✓ *Enables new teachers to learn, grow and share in a supportive collaborative school culture*
- ✓ *Provides an opportunity for mentors to share knowledge and experience, and take on a leadership role*
- ✓ *New teachers offer fresh perspectives and ideas*
- ✓ *Provide opportunities to reflect on teaching practice*
- ✓ *Increases professional growth through collaboration*
- ✓ *Enhances teaching practice*
- ✓ ***Each mentorship team is able to access THREE GUEST TEACHER DAYS.***

Where will the sessions be held?

At the first session, you will receive additional information about the program. In conjunction with ATA Local #38 (Calgary Public Teachers), the October and January sessions will be held at:

Location: St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Church and Cultural Centre.

404 Meredith Road NE (Memorial Dr. & Edmonton Tr.) Parking available behind hall.

Time: 4:30 – 7:00 First Session, October 4 (all remaining sessions 4:30 – 6:30)

(The third session will be held at the Greenwood Inn, from 4:30 – 6:30 pm.)

- ✓ Participants will be **limited to 20 teams** (10 teams sponsored by ATA Local 55, 10 teams sponsored by Calgary Catholic School District)
- ✓ All applications **must** be signed by participants' principal
- ✓ If beginning teacher and mentor teacher are from different schools, **each** participant must complete an application with principal signature.
- ✓ **Applications will close Monday, September 26 at 3:30 pm.**
- ✓ Participants will be selected by random draw.
- ✓ Confirmations will be sent out via email on or before September 28, 2011.

To apply, please complete and fax this application to the ATA Local 55 office at 403-263-7830.

Please print:

Beginning Teacher:

Name	Email Address
School Name	School Phone Number

Mentor Teacher:

Name	Email Address
School Name	School Phone Number
Years of Teaching Experience (5+ years)	I have previously been a mentor: Yes No

Principal:

Principal's Signature (required)	Date
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By signing this form you agree that both the mentor and protégée are suitable candidates for the Mentorship Program.

For further information, please email:

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