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## “Calling All Substitute (Guest) Teachers!”

*“Those who have taught many people to do what is right, will shine like the stars forever.”  
(Daniel 12:3 TEV\*)*

We have chosen this scripture verse from the book of Daniel to headline our newsletter, and thereby provide a constant source of encouragement and inspiration for all of us, as we live out our vocation to teaching and fulfill our professional responsibilities in Calgary's Catholic schools. [*\* TEV: Today's English Version Translation*]

### NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER, 2010 – FIFTH EDITION

To: Substitute (Guest) Teachers - Calgary Separate School District

From: Calgary Separate Local #55 Substitute (Guest) Teachers' Committee

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## COMING UP

### 1. Smartboard Sessions for Guest Teachers

*If you missed the first set of Beginner / Intermediate sessions in November / December, 2010, you can REGISTER NOW FOR THE JANUARY / FEBRUARY SESSIONS. Notice that they will be held at St. Leo's in the Southwest.*

Place	Level	Dates	Time
<b>St. Paul Centre</b> 124 – 24 <sup>th</sup> Ave. NE	<b>Beginner</b>	<b>Wed. Oct. 27 &amp; Thur. Nov. 4</b>	<b>4 pm to 6 pm</b>
St. Paul Centre	Intermediate	Mon. Dec. 6 & Mon. Dec. 13	4 pm to 6 pm
<b>St. Leo Centre</b> 6220 Lakeview Dr. SW	Beginner	Wed. Jan. 12 & Thur. Jan. 20	4 pm to 6 pm
St. Leo Centre	Intermediate	Wed. Jan 26 & Wed. Feb. 2	4 pm to 6pm

Register online,

- a) on the CSSD Staff intranet, through the “Our Services” tab ⇒ Professional Development, OR
- b) follow the instructions on the [attachment](#) to this newsletter: *“How to Register in a District PD Session..”*

### 2. Third Annual Christmas Social for Guest Teachers - Wed. Dec. 8, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

**Mark this date on your calendar, and plan to attend!** This friendly gathering will be held **at the ATA Local 55 office**. See the [attached poster](#) for further details. All are warmly invited to attend and share not only in lively conversation with other guest teachers, but also enjoy wine, cheese and other nibbles.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Our Two New Committee Members

We are pleased to have Heidi Follis and Steven Navratil join us. They were voted in at the CSR (Council of School Representatives) meeting on October 26, 2010.

## LOOKING BACK

### 2010 Substitute Teachers' Conference, October 29-30, Edmonton

Two members of our Substitute (Guest) Teacher Committee attended the conference – Helen Rennie and Carmen Katulka. "Pathways and Pitfalls to Getting a Teaching Position," and "The Virtues Project and the Substitute Teacher" were just two of several sessions we attended. The following two ATA publications were also given out, with highlights reviewed, at two plenary sessions: *The Experience of Substitute Teaching in Alberta Schools*, (2010), and *The Courage to Choose: Emerging Trends and Strategic Possibilities for Informed Transformation in Alberta School: 2010-2011*. Both of these are available on the ATA website: [www.teachers.ab.ca](http://www.teachers.ab.ca) ⇒ Publications ⇒ Research ⇒ Updates ⇒ Current ⇒ click on the titles above.

## NOURISHING THE SPIRIT

***"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit." (1 Corinthians 12.4)***

**Recognize these? Knowledge, Wisdom, Understanding, Courage, Right Judgment, Reverence, Wonder and Awe.** They are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit that we all received in the sacrament of Confirmation. Hardly a day goes by when teachers do not need and use these gifts. Like the gas tank in our vehicles, we all need regular fill-ups. Regular "refills" are always available! Just ask in a simple prayer - especially when you are having a challenging day!

## NEED INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE?

Remember, if ***you need any assistance or have any concerns or questions*** related to substitute (guest) teaching, don't hesitate to ***contact Stephen Jones, Executive Assistant***, Calgary Separate Local #55, either ***by phone, 403-265-2678***, or e-mail [ea@ataloc55.ab.ca](mailto:ea@ataloc55.ab.ca). Your concern or issue will be put on the agenda for the next monthly meeting of the Committee.

**Yours in teaching,**

*Helen Rennie (Chair), Carmen Katulka, Heidi Follis  
Johnnie DesRochers, Lois Facca, Steven Navratil*

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**1. If you know of a guest teacher who has not yet provided our local office with their home (not cssd) e-mail, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible by phoning 403-265-2678, so that they can receive the newsletter, which is e-mailed from the ATA office after each Substitute (Guest) Teachers' Committee Meeting.**

**2. The newsletter is published after every meeting of the Substitute (Guest) Teachers' Committee.**