



OCTU Newsletter

January 2013

IMPORTANT DATES

- **January 25**
P.D. Day, Queensdale School
- **January 26**
OFL Rally, Toronto
- **February 15**
Family Film Night
- **February 18**
Family Day
- **May 9**
Annual General Meeting
5:00 p.m.
St. Naum Hall

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Message from Mary Lou Matteucci, OCTU President

Happy New Year!! It's hard to believe we even had a Christmas Break.

New Contract

Provincial Office has completed an analysis of what is being imposed, and we have a clearer understanding of what the agreement means and what our position is. There will be further instructions next week on setting up meetings with the Board and how to implement the changes. I will send out details as they become available.

PowerSchool

PowerSchool is the new student system which will be implemented by the Board to replace the current database eSIS. Training for the users of this new system is tentatively set for the Spring, with a September start up. Please remember our Help Desk Administrators are responsible for training not only school support staff, but also now includes supporting school staff, students, parents, and administration staff. When calling the Help Desk Administrators please be cognizant of this information and be patient with our fellow OCTU Members.

Annual General Meeting

I have booked St. Naum Hall again for our AGM which will be held on **Thursday, May 9, 2013, at 5:00 p.m.** Please mark this date on your calendar and try to attend. This is an election year for your local executive!

Unit Meeting

The next scheduled Unit Meeting will be held on **February 26, 2013** at the District 21 Office.

OSSTF OCTU
District 21 Hamilton-Wentworth
<http://www.district21.ca/>

"STAND UP, STAND STRONG, STAND UNITED"

OTIP LTD

Due to the increase of LTD claims our premiums are going to increase this year as our group has seen an increase of **16.7%** in new claims.

- Current rate **0.80%**
- March 1, 2013 renewal rate is **0.84%**.

LTD Cancellation

Donna Morrison is the contact at OTIP regarding the cancellation of LTD payments if members are close to retirement. To cancel you must be eligible to collect 66% of your unreduced service pension = 33 years. To find if you are eligible for cancellation go to your OMERS statement and if you have the 33 service years please email, fax or mail a copy to Donna and she will take care of cancelling your payments through the Board You can get your OMERS information from

www.myomers.com

Donna Morrison
c/o OTIP
125 Northfield Drive West
P.O. Box 218
1-877-3892, ext. 2703

Scholarships and Awards

Every year OSSTF/FEESO offers scholarships and awards opportunities to assist members undertaking research projects, masters or doctoral programs, undergraduate degrees, diplomas, or travel plans. There are also scholarships available to our members' children.

The deadline date for such scholarships and awards is January 31, 2013. Applications forms and the criteria for qualification for the following awards are available on the OSSTF/FEESO website at www.osstf.on.ca/services or from Connie Ying at the OSSTF/FEESO Provincial Office. The forms may now be completed on-line.

- Brick Robb Memorial Scholarship for Educational Research
- Dr. S.G.B. Robinson Travelling Fellowship
- J.W. Ansley Memorial Award for Educational Research
- OSSTF/FEESO Educational Enhancement Scholarship
- S. Hunter Henry Memorial Fellowship
- Also available for 2012-13 is the Janet Cass Project Grant for Staff Development. This is an OSSTF/FEESO Scholarship Committee and Canadian Teachers' Federation co-operative initiative which supports members wishing to do a field project relating to educational practices, issues or concerns related to Staff Development.

Questions regarding these or other scholarship and awards should be directed to Suzette Clark or Connie Ying at the OSSTF/FEESO Provincial Office.

Telephone: 416-751-8300 or 1-800-267-7867
Email: clarks@osstf.on.ca (or) yingc@osstf.on.ca

There are scholarships also available to our members' children entering post- secondary education from Johnson's Insurance and the Canadian Labour Congress. Please check their websites for details.

FAMILY FILM NIGHT

Where: OSSTF District 21 Office, 1423 Upper Ottawa Street
When: Friday, February 15, 2013
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m

There will be a Family Film night held for all OCTU District 21 OSSTF members and their children/grandchildren. This is a fun night for everyone but space is limited to 50 people (kiddies included). Please call Brandie at 905-574-8285 to register.



JUST DANCE

Join us on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00 p.m. beginning February 6 at Queensdale School. We're going to put "Just Dance" on our big screen in the gym and you're on your own (no instructor). We will put out a jar for collecting loonies if you'd like to contribute...these funds will be donated to a local charity.

So, put on your dancing shoes and come out for some exercise, rhythm, and fun!!!

THIS IS YOUR **LIFE.**
DO WHAT YOU LOVE,
AND DO IT OFTEN.
IF YOU DON'T LIKE SOMETHING, CHANGE IT.
IF YOU DON'T LIKE YOUR JOB, QUIT.
IF YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME, STOP WATCHING TV.
IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR THE LOVE OF YOUR LIFE, STOP;
THEY WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU WHEN YOU
START DOING THINGS YOU LOVE.
STOP OVER ANALYZING, ALL EMOTIONS ARE BEAUTIFUL.
WHEN YOU EAT, APPRECIATE.
LIFE IS SIMPLE. EVERY LAST BITE.
OPEN YOUR MIND, ARMS, AND HEART TO NEW THINGS
AND PEOPLE, WE ARE UNITED IN OUR DIFFERENCES.
ASK THE NEXT PERSON YOU SEE WHAT THEIR PASSION IS,
AND SHARE YOUR INSPIRING DREAM WITH THEM.
TRAVEL OFTEN; GETTING LOST WILL
HELP YOU FIND YOURSELF.
SOME OPPORTUNITIES ONLY COME ONCE, SEIZE THEM.
LIFE IS ABOUT THE PEOPLE YOU MEET, AND
THE THINGS YOU CREATE WITH THEM
SO GO OUT AND START CREATING.
LIFE IS LIVE YOUR DREAM,
SHORT. AND WEAR
YOUR PASSION.

BULL DOG TICKETS DRAW

Many of you have been enjoying the Bull Dog games this season.

We will continue the draws until the April games!!!



Up and Coming Events

- January 25 P.D. Day, Queensdale School
- January 26 OFL Rally, Toronto
- February 15 Family Film Night
- February 18 Family Day
- March 11-15 March Break