



The Bare Essentials



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ETFO Children's Christmas Party

- ✓ 300 kids and teachers in attendance
- ✓ A special thank-you to members of ETFO Executive as well as student volunteers in making the event a success again this year

Reminder - Christmas Stockings For Women's Shelters

- ✓ Please help us provide support to our most vulnerable women and children
 - ✓ Stockings now in schools
- Stockings due to ETFO Niagara Office by Dec. 10**

Member Communication

- ✓ Steward E-mail messages will resume in January – Members are encouraged to contact ETFO Niagara if they are looking for specific information or direction
- ✓ Attachments to be sent in new formats to avoid accessibility issues
- ✓ Steward Training is tentatively set for January 21, 27 & 28. More details to follow in the new year
- ✓ Member feedback regarding communication always welcome: vp1@etfoniag.com

School Visits Now Underway

- ✓ ETFO Niagara released officers have begun annual school visits
- ✓ Opportunity for members to provide ETFO Niagara with direct feedback
- ✓ Please contact Todd Rimmington (vp1@etfoniag.com) to book visit

Pop Culture Trivia Night Filling Fast

- ✓ Still some room available – please contact Joe Coles: joe.coles@dsbn.edu.on.ca
- ✓ See flyer for more details

Winter General Meeting

(Local Constitutional Amendments and Resolutions to Provincial Annual Meeting)

- ✓ Winter General Meeting scheduled for February 10, 2010 – Club Capri
- ✓ Members can make amendments to local constitution (document that governs how local is organized) due by **January 22, 2010** (see forms in package)
- ✓ Members can put forth resolutions to provincial annual meeting in August. Annual Meeting sets the direction of the organization. Proposed resolutions due by **January 22, 2010** (see forms in package)

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Important Benefit Information For Teachers Travelling Outside Of Ontario

- ✓ Your Extended Health Benefits include out of province emergency travel benefits
- ✓ In the event of emergency – contact the phone number on your Medi-Passport Travel Assistance Card Immediately (Always travel with provincial health card, Sun-Life benefits card and Medi passport).
- ✓ More information regarding Sun-Life Medi-Passport available from members area of Sun-Life website at www.sunlife.ca

Staff Meetings (New Language Effective This Year in Collective Agreement)

- ✓ Article 18.07 in Collective Agreement now has language relating to Staff Meetings
- ✓ Highlights:
 - Regularly scheduled staff meetings shall be held no more than once per month on average
 - Each meeting shall be no more than 75 minutes in length
- ✓ Collective Agreement can be found on local website at www.etfoniag.com
- ✓ Questions: please contact any ETFO Niagara released officer

Dates to Mark on Your Calendar

January 8	ETFO Niagara Trivia Night
February 10	ETFO Niagara General Meeting (Club Capri)