

Memo #32

Date: April 19, 2018

To: OECTA Elementary Teachers

Re: **National Day of Mourning; OECTA Golf Tournament; Provincial Committees; Walk for Social Justice**

National Day of Mourning

The National Day of Mourning, held annually in Canada on April 28th, is dedicated to remembering those who have lost their lives, or suffered injury or illness on the job due to a work-related tragedy.

Working people fought long and hard for their right to safe and healthy work, and yet too many still are killed, injured or made ill by hazardous work. We remember them April 28th.

On this day, Workers Health & Safety Centre joins with health and safety advocates to rededicate ourselves to supporting prevention measures based on fundamental worker rights.

Every year, WHSC helps promote Day of Mourning (DOM) events organized by constituent labour councils in communities across Ontario.

A National Day of Mourning was first recognized by the Canadian Labour Congress in 1984 to raise public awareness of worker injury, illness and death. **More than 100 countries** now observe a Day of Mourning.

Every day of the year

- educate others about health and safety rights, responsibilities and prevention measures
- insist on effective workplace prevention programs developed with full worker participation
- insist on training that supports the identification, assessment and control of workplace hazards
- press elected officials to support stronger regulations and better enforcement of existing laws

OECTA - Simcoe Muskoka Annual Golf Tournament

The OECTA - Simcoe Muskoka Annual Golf Tournament – which is less tournament and more fun and socializing - is scheduled for Saturday, May 26, 2018, at Innisbrook Golf Course. We will be playing a Scramble (best ball) with a 1:00 p.m. start time. The cost is \$75 per player. This is a great event to spend a bit of time with your colleagues – at a small cost. You receive round of golf, cart, prize and dinner!

Provincial Committees

Get more involved in the Association! Provincial Committees provide opportunities for teachers to contribute their expertise, be creative, and develop new interests, while serving the needs of members. Getting involved can be an opportunity for you to bring forward your ideas and concerns, and get the Association working for you.

The deadline to apply is May 1, so do not delay!

For more information, and to apply, visit catholicteachers.ca.

Walk for Social Justice

There is still time to [register](#) your school for the *Walk for Social Justice*.

You can see the art work on the *Walk for Social Justice* [webpage](#).

The *Walk* really is simple, and no effort required, except for walking and communicating the social justice causes embraced by your school community.

[Resources](#) are available to support the Walk. You will find ready-made posters with this year's logos.

Questions can be directed to any members of the team: Michele MacDonald, Shannon McGlynn, Stephanie Maher or Nicole van Woudenberg.

**If you have any concerns, please contact the Unit office at 705-733-9625 or 1-800-558-4815
Thank you for sharing this information with OECTA members.**