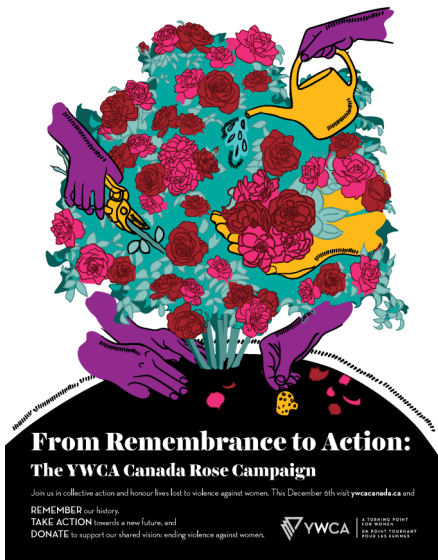


To: All Secondary Teachers
From: Allyn Janicki

Wednesday December 5th 2018
Memo #7

The National Day of Remembrance & Action on Violence Against Women: Classroom Resources



The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women is commemorated in Canada each year on December 6th. On this day in 1989, 14 young women were murdered in a tragic act of gender violence at the École Polytechnique in Montreal. This is known as the Montreal Massacre and the anniversary is marked across the nation by vigils, discussions and prayer. This day reminds us to consider the women and girls for whom violence is an everyday reality and to remember those who have died as a result of gender-based violence. One way to take concrete action to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls is to raise awareness in our classrooms and schools. On December 6th, please include school announcements and prayers that address gender violence. On the OECTA website in the Member's Area, <http://www.catholicteachers.ca/For-Your-Classroom/Curriculum-Resources/Other>, you will find *We Remember Through Action*, a commemorative resource guide for intermediate and senior grades, which provides ideas and links to classroom resources for teachers

to facilitate problem solving and discussion in the classroom. We have also attached the Status of Women Canada's Educator's kit to assist in starting the conversation on gender-based violence in your classrooms and communities.

We invite you to participate in the YWCA Rose Campaign. Ways of participating in this campaign are numerous: you can order buttons, posters, bookmarks, videos; you can send a message to your MP encouraging him/her to take action; you can participate in "Light the Night" and light your school/unit office with red lights on December 6th. Information about all the different aspects of the campaign, including ordering materials, can be found at:

<https://ywcanada.ca/what-we-do/create-change/end-gender-based-violence/rose-campaign/>.

Institute for Catholic Education: Seeking Teachers for an Indigenous Education Writing Project

Ontario Catholic Teachers are invited to submit proposals to develop lesson plans and Inquiry Units of study related to First Nations/Metis/Inuit history and culture based on the revised Ontario K-12 Curriculum documents. Proposals should focus specifically on treaty education, and the history of residential schools responsive to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission calls to action numbers 62 and 63.

More information can be found [here](#).

OECTA ELHT Information

The following ELHT reports are now available on the OECTA Members' Website, the link is: <https://www.catholicteachers.ca/Members-Area/Benefits-Leave-Provisions/Employee-Life-and-Health-Trust>

- i. Chief Administration Officer
 - ii. Actuarial
 - iii. Grant Thornton
- Plan administrator (OTIP)

This information was provided to the employer and OECTA representatives during the OECTA ELHT annual meeting. It will remain available on OECTA's website, until the Trust has its website operational.

Local Communications and Website Update

Accounts are currently being created for all Secondary teachers who have not yet accessed our local [OECTA Simcoe Muskoka Website](#). Once the accounts have been made you will receive an email providing your credentials (user name/email and password). This email will also outline the steps to have the emails sent to your OECTASM account forwarded to another personal email, how to change your password and where to update your personal information.

I expect these emails will be going out over the next few weeks. To not conflict with the creation of the remaining accounts I will not be creating individual accounts "on demand". If however you have an account, but can't recall your credentials—please contact me as I can continue to address these issues while we work to get everyone onto the platform.

PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO ALL OECTA MEMBERS