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[November 10, 2023](#)

This week I have some reminders for you regarding upcoming events as well as a reminder to complete Workplace Violence/Incident Reporting Forms. Information on reporting will be at the end of this email.

We have several upcoming events including our Seasonal Social and a joint Pregnancy and Parental Leave Session. The first event will be our Zoom Check-In on November 22 at 7:00pm. This is a drop in style meeting for anyone who has questions or concerns to ask "in-person." To register for this event, click [here](#). We will also be hosting our Seasonal Social on December 6, 2023 at the Best Western Hotel and Conference Centre in Brantford. This is a social event and an opportunity to mingle and share a meal with other OTs from the Local. To register for the Seasonal Social, please click [here](#). We will be meeting starting at 4:30 with games and prizes. The third event is the Pregnancy and Parental Leave Session with the Teacher and DECE Locals. This event will be held at the GEETF Office. To view the flyer please click [here](#). If you are interested in attending, please register [here](#). I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event!

Workplace Violence/Incident Reporting Forms are critical when it comes to getting support for students and recording incidents. When you completed your Mandatory Annual Health and Safety training, you completed a section on how to report an incident. While I know that reporting can be time consuming, it is important to complete the reports whether you are a Daily OT in an assignment or on an LTO. These reports are viewed monthly by the Joint Health and Safety Committee Workers and as a team we flag incidents and present them to Management to ensure that all available resources are in place. These reports aid in addressing the need for ongoing EA support in classrooms as well as Social Work, Behaviour Councillors and any other resources such as PPE are available to the classroom in need. If you have questions surrounding reporting, please reach out to the Local Office.

[November 3, 2023](#)

Happy Friday! As the cold weather starts to set in, remember that our clocks go back an hour this weekend. While we do not have an in-person event scheduled for this month, we do have a Zoom Check-In scheduled for November 22 at

7:00pm. The Zoom Check-Ins are a drop-in style and you can pop on with any questions that you might have or just to meet your Executive and hear answers to questions that other Members pose. We will be hosting our Seasonal Social on December 6 at the Best Western Brantford Hotel and Conference Centre starting at 4:30pm. This is not a business meeting but a chance to get out and meet other OTs and win some prizes while enjoying the buffet style dinner. Please register [here](#).

Also, reminders that our [PL Survey](#) will be closing next week and that there are funds available for your own professional growth. You can access up to \$450 for professional learning per school year. You can find the PL Fund Guidelines [here](#) and the Form 1 application [here](#). If you are purchasing a professional resource, you could also qualify for up to \$35 per school year. Find out more [here](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Local Office by phone at 519-427-6993 or via [email](#).

[October 10, 2023](#)

We will also be hosting our first General Meeting of the year. This meeting will be held at the Best Western, Brantford Hotel and Conference Centre on October 25, 2023. We will be sharing our Preliminary Submission for Local Bargaining as well as our Budget for the 2023/2024 year. A buffet style dinner will be provided. Our General Meetings start at 4:30pm and run until approximately 7:00 (including dinner). Please register [here](#) for this event. I hope to see you all there. Please bring any questions or concerns.

Our next Local Event will be the Seasonal Social which will be held on December 6, 2023 at the Best Western, Brantford Hotel and Conference Centre.

In November we will hold our first Zoom Check-In. The Zoom Check-Ins are a great opportunity to pop on with any questions or concerns and to meet with your Local Executive. Zoom Check-Ins will be held during months that we are not meeting in-person for a Local Meeting and will be open from 7-8pm. They are drop-ins and no registration is required.

Our PL Chair, Maryanne Goldsmith, has created a survey in order to develop a Professional Learning Plan for this year. Please complete the survey [here](#). I am looking forward to year filled with events both Professional and Social and I hope to see you out at these!

You can reach out to the Local Office with any questions or concerns at 519-427-6993 or via [email](#).

**Stay Safe and Healthy,
President Amanda**

[September 30, 2023](#)

My apologies for a second email today. This email is the one that many of you have been waiting for! The Itinerant LTO posting is active.

There is also an opportunity to attend an event at the Rope Factory in Brantford with our Education Affiliates. Please see the flyer [here](#). This event will take place on Thursday, October 12, 2023.

As always, the Local Office is available for any questions or concerns that you might have by phone 519-427-6993 or via [email](#).

**Stay Safe and Healthy,
President Amanda**

"United we stand, divided we fall." Aesop

[September 5, 2023](#)

Welcome to the 2023/2024 School Year! I hope that you had a restful summer and are excited to be back in the classroom this year!

We will be hosting the majority of our events in-person unless it becomes necessary for us to switch to a Virtual Format. I am looking forward to working with you this year and wanted to provide you with some important dates. While your Executive Members meet monthly (excluding February), we also have three Membership Meetings throughout the school year. These meetings are being hosted at the Best Western in Brantford and will be held on October 25, December 6 and May 22. While our December meeting is a Social, the October and May meetings will be business meetings including Local Elections in May. I hope to see you out at these events!

We will also be hosting various workshops and other Social (some Family & Friends) events throughout the school year. These meetings are great for bringing

your questions and concerns forward to the Executive.

We will also host Zoom Check-Ins throughout the year. These dates have not yet been set but I will send them out once they have been finalized. The Check-Ins are open for an hour and are a great opportunity to drop-in and ask any burning questions.

As we are still in negotiations, Centrally, we will be holding a Central Strike Vote in the next month or so. Details will be sent out when they become available. Local Bargaining will commence this year and we will be hosting a Local Vote on our Preliminary Submission in order to start these Local negotiations. Please keep an eye on your emails in order to ensure that you are able to participate in these meetings as it is so important that all Members have a say in our negotiation process and this will be your opportunity to ask questions of your Local Bargaining Team.

Please check out last Wednesday's Trending, August 30, 2023. There is information on the Mandatory H&S Training that must be completed by October 15, 2023.

I hope that you have a great first week back at school. The Local Office can be reached by phone at 519-427-6993 or via [email](#).

Stay Safe and Healthy,
President Amanda

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A Message from OTIP

Feeling refreshed for a new school year

Summer break is an excellent time to refresh yourself for the next school year. It's also an ideal time to align your goals, including those that support your health, wellness, and financial security. Let OTIP help you with that! Read more at www.otip.com/article168.

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