

OT UPDATE

WELCOME BACK!

- The 2008-2009 school year looks like a busy one and I'm sure you'll be part of our Board's progress.
- Have you picked up your OT lanyard at one of your OT assignments? If none are available, contact the office at (613-723-0959) or marymajor@ottawacatholicschools.ca and I will forward more to the designated school. Wear the lanyard with pride!
- Negotiations will resume in October. To date our Collective Bargaining Committee has put together many ideas gleaned from our 2008 survey and Provincial negotiators have also had input. Refer to your OT letter received earlier this month for Ministry PDT Framework details. We'll keep you informed.
- Check the OECTA Ottawa website, www.oectaottawa.ca, under the heading "Occasional" for details about a Classroom Management workshop with useful Tips and Strategies on Thursday, October 2, 4:30 – 8:00 at Immaculata High School (meal and refreshments are included in the registration fee).
- Make sure you request the presence of your school's staff representative should you be called to a disciplinary meeting with the school administration.
- "Life Beats" will provide Emergency First Aid/CPR"C" with AED certification in three workshops this year. This will be on a first-come, first-served basis and registration will be on-line. Watch for dates. The cost of \$80.00/person will be covered by Unit resources.
- Remember we have PD funds for OTs – one \$500.00 grant in a three-year period! Call/e-mail for more information.
- Have a great year and watch for a monthly OT Update.

Mary Major
President,
Occasional Teachers