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RTU-SER Newsletter

Here we are already into the Holiday Season, report cards are done, parent/teacher interviews are done, let the celebrating begin.

• QPAT CONVENTION

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As you know, our teacher's convention held November 25th – 26th was a great success!!! The keynote speaker, Mr. David Bouchard gave a humorous and entertaining presentation on Literacy. As well, there were many other informative workshops and conferences throughout the two days. Attendance was good both days even with the awful weather on the Friday! As well the social was a big hit! Assunta Grasso-Zuccaro even won a laptop. Congratulations!!

• COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

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Our collective agreement is just about ready! We should have the new text signed, sealed and delivered by January. Again our negotiators were called to Quebec to help with finalizing the text. We are looking forward to seeing it by the beginning of January.

• INSURANCE CHANGES

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As of January 2011, when you fill a prescription at the pharmacy, you will only have to pay the deductible. Once the annual deductible is paid, you will no longer have to pay the full price and wait for the cheque to be mailed to you. Ah technology!!!!

• HEALTH AND SAFETY

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The bad weather (winter) has arrived, so please be safe, but if some kind of accident does occur, remember to fill in the CSST log book located in every main office of every school.

• SENIORITY

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By now you have received a document indicating your seniority, scholarship and years of experience. Please verify your figures and if any changes need to be made please contact the school board and Union Office right away!

• PAY REMINDER

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Please note that the beginning of January, your net pay may be less due to certain deductions that had reached their maximum. These include the Quebec Pension Plan (QPP) the Quebec Parental Insurance Plan (QPIP) and Employment Insurance (EI)

• **EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE**

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This time of year can be a joyous occasion for some, but for many it can be a painful time of year, so please, if you or someone close to you, needs help, do not hesitate to use our Employee Assistance Program. They can be reached at 1-800-268-5211 or visit their website at www.shepellfgi.com/go/members.

• **2010 EDUBLOG**

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Congratulations to **Mary-Ellen Lynch's** classroom at St John's, for being nominated for Best Class Blog in the 2010 Edublog awards. The blog is called '**Look What is Happening in Room 102**'.

• **REMINDER**

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The RTU Office will be closed for the holidays from December 21st at 12:00 pm until January 4th, 2011 inclusively.

I'd like to, on behalf of all the staff, Frank White and Anne St Pierre, wish everyone a healthy happy, restful holiday. Enjoy your well deserved time off!

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