

SGTA Executive Board

May Newsletter

May 1, 2015

From the President

by: Ric Decarlo

**Date to Remember:
SGTA
General Assembly Meeting
June 11, 2015**

We have a new position for the Executive Board next year. We are adding a Scholarships/Events Chairperson. This person will be paid a stipend. This person's responsibilities would include, but not be limited to:

1.Coordinate some kind of community event for raising funds for our scholarships (in past years we have done a Lasagna dinner, but this could be anything from a Community 5K or Brooks BBQ dinner, anything!)

2.Coordinate dress down days specific for Scholarship fundraising

News From the Contract

Article 27: Right to Representation

A unit member who, at the time of questioning, appears to be a potential subject of disciplinary action, shall have the right to representation by the Teachers' Association, or a representative of his or her choosing, and shall be notified in advance, in writing, of such right. If representation is requested, a reasonable period of time shall be afforded to obtain such representation.

Reminder!! Take Action Tuesdays- Wear your red SGTA shirt and NYSUT pin proudly every Tuesday!

New SGTA email address and website- Please send comments, concerns, questions to the following email address for quick responses!

sgteachersassociation@gmail.com

www.sgteachersassociation.com

[com](http://www.sgteachersassociation.com)

Do you want to run for a position on the SGTA Executive Board? Elections will take place in June!

May is Open Enrollment Month-All changes must be made by MAY 22ND!

Declination/Opt Out - Please remember that declination/opt-out forms are due by **May 22nd** to the Business Office and need to be **completed each year.**

Paycheck Election Forms (26 pays) - Paycheck election will continue each school year unless you notify the business office of a change.

Spring Fling!

Turf Tavern

Thursday, May 21, 2015

3:30 to 6:00 pm

* This is a free event put on by the SGTA, please consider attending to honor our members! RSVP!

From the VP of Elementary

by: Jeffrey Denney

We made it to May, which means the end of NYS testing for this year's 3rd-8th graders! However, NYS testing will continue to impact students, parents and teachers negatively if pressuring the powers that be to make necessary changes to current legislation also ends.

The Board of Regents will be finalizing the new APPR/Tenure regulations on June 30th. We must voice our concerns in large numbers to the Board of Regents and urge them to revise the policies adopted in the state budget (see link below).

<http://www.regents.nysed.gov/meetings/2015Meetings/April/BudgetPolicy.pdf>

Public comment on these policies are being accepted through email. Please take the time to share your views with the Board of Regents, urging them to make necessary revisions. Public comment on the pending evaluation regulations should be sent to eval2015@nysed.gov

From the VP for Assistants/Aides/ Monitors

By Pat Collins

Update on Contract Negotiations: An initial meeting was held with NYSUT's LRS Tom Sheraw. Tentative negotiation dates have been set for June.



Teachers above give back their time to support the Scotia Glenville Education Foundation at the Wizards game!

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