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Professional Development

OCSTA organizes workshops and courses for ongoing professional learning throughout the year and during the summer. The Professional Development Committee works in partnership with the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools, the Ontario Christian Schools Administrators Association, the Institute of Christian Studies and the Association for Christian Schools International and Redeemer University College to put together a unified summer program for its teachers. Some plans are already in place. Your **OCSTA PD Committee** is planning the following workshops for the summer of 2008:

Summer Professional Development 2008 July 7-11

Deadline for Registration: Friday, May 9, 2008

The plans have been made. The 2008 Summer Institute booklet is about to be produced. Professional development opportunities are numerous for Christian educators! We are pleased to be offering 12 workshops. We are very happy with our first ever CPC Workshop and we hope that you will take advantage of the expertise available in literature, math, writing, technology, volleyball coaching, language, and justice. Our OCSTA workshops are as follows:

- 1) **Contract Partnership Committee Training** — 2 days (July 7/8), general — Six sessions on the following topics: CPC mandate, partnership agreements, personnel manual, negotiation, mediation and arbitration, and negotiation topics. (minimum 10)
- 2) **Handwriting without Tears** — 1 day (July 7), grades K-6 — This workshop was requested by many teachers and it focuses on the developmental sequences involved in handwriting. (minimum 20)
- 3) **The Digital Projector** — 1 day (July 11), grades K-8 — This workshop is intended for elementary teachers. It will include tutorials on projectors, slideshow software, websites, internet searches, scanners, and any other needs that you have. (minimum 5)
- 4) **Restorative Justice: A Whole School Approach** — 3 days (July 9-11), general — This workshop is designed to introduce teachers and administrators to restorative justice as a way of being and to provide concrete practices to use daily within any school setting. (minimum 20)
- 5) **Teaching Beginning Writing: Using the Six Trait Framework** — 1 day (July 9), grades K-2 — same workshop as last summer. (minimum 15)
- 6) **Helping All Your Students Become Better Writers Using the Six Trait Framework** — 1 day (July 8), grades 3-8 — same workshop as last year. (minimum 15)
- 7) **Literature Circles** — 1 day (July 11), grades 3-6 — Recent studies point toward the value and educational merit of the Literature Circle strategy. Participants will leave with a practical and simple plan to implement the strategy, student handouts, assessment rubrics, and more. (minimum 10)

- 8) **Teaching Strategies for Mathematics Grades K-3** — 1 day (July 7 or July 8) — This workshop will increase your students' (and your) success with basic math facts. Each participant will receive the handbook "*Practical Methods for Teaching MATHFACTS and NUMBER SENSE (Grades K-3)*." (minimum 40)
- 9) **Teaching Strategies for Mathematics Grades 4-8** — 1 day (July 9) — This workshop is an excellent way to improve strategies for teaching math. Each participant will receive a comprehensive resource handbook, "*Strengthening Math Computation and Problem-Solving Skills: Practical Strategies and Activities for Meeting High Mathematical Standards (Grades 4-8)*." (minimum 40)
- 10) **AIM-Histories en action** — 1 day (July 10), grades 1-8 — This workshop will help teachers of French to teach Basic French. AIM has revolutionized approaches to language instruction (**same workshop as last summer**). (minimum 15)
- 11) **Volleyball Coaching @ HDCH -Level 1 Technical** — 2 days (July 7-8), general-OVA — (maximum 15)
- 12) **Volleyball Coaching @ HDCH -Level 2 Technical** — 2.5 days (July 7-9) general-OVA — (maximum 10)

The deadline for registration is MAY 9, 2008. Workshops will be cancelled at that time if minimum numbers of participants are not reached.

At this point, click on link to see what **Redeemer University College** is planning:
<http://www.redeemer.on.ca/coned/pdf/summer2008courses.pdf>

The Institute for Christian Studies is offering:

Advanced Educational Psychology

CSTC III; ICS1360/2360SM08

[Dr. Gloria Goris Stronks](#)

Dates: July 21 - 25

Location: Redeemer University
College, Ancaster, ON