

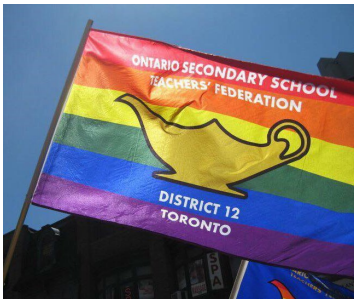
T.O. TEACHERS' BUZZ

Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation Toronto

OSSTF Toronto Pride

OSSTF has been officially participating in Toronto Pride of for several years now as a result of a motion from our Bargaining Unit that was subsequently passed at Provincial Council.

OSSTF Toronto and the Elementary Teachers of Toronto will again co-host our Annual Dyke March Lunch from 12:30 - 1:30 at [Spirits Bar and Grill](#). OSSTF members of all sexual orientations and gender identities and allies are welcome to join in celebration, and then for those who wish, join in the Dyke March under the OSSTF Rainbow Flag.



Provincial OSSTF has a permit for a marching contingent in the parade. The parade starts at Church and Bloor and ends at Dundas Square. OSSTF will have music, T-shirts for marchers, and swag to hand out along the parade route. The Provincial Office and OSSTF Toronto both encourage members to attend this festival and end their visit by marching with OSSTF in the parade.

Provincial OSSTF will also have an booth at the Street Fair on July 2nd and 3rd and members are encouraged to volunteer to take a shift as an OSSTF ambassador. To put your name in as a volunteer, [contact Wayne Milliner](#) at provincial OSSTF.

Keep in Touch

Over the summer, it may be very important for you to keep up to date with OSSTF news. If you are not already a registered user of our website, please to www.osstftoronto.com to register. Doing so will give you access to all-member emails and other notices related to bargaining.

If you are already a registered user, please make sure your profile—including school and email address are up to date.

Upcoming Events

- * July 2 — GSA Dyke March and Lunch
12:30pm—1:45pm at Spirits Bar and Grill
- * September 5—Labour Day parade
- * Sept. 22—STBU Council meeting
- * November 11/12—Branch Presidents' Workshop
- * Call the office or visit our website for more details

Adding AQs for Staffing

One of improvements gained by OSSTF for this year's staffing process is the ability of members to have successfully completed AQ's considered for the current staffing round immediately upon successful completion. Prior to this year, new qualifications would only be considered for subsequent rounds of staffing and so a

surplus teacher could not have that new qualification considered for placement.

To have an AQ obtained after submission of the Seniority Verification Form for the current staffing you will need to provide evidence of successful completion of the qualification to the TDSB Secondary Teaching Office. It can be faxed to

416-397-3484 (keep your fax receipt to prove submission); you can drop it off in person to that office at the Board – 2nd floor (get a receipt indicating the date and time you dropped it off), or you can email it to the staffing officer responsible for this year's school – Lynda Brewer in the West and Sandi Tierney in the East.

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Action:reAction Conference

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Chair of the D12 Human Rights Committee

If anyone ever asks you if student activism in our schools is alive and well, make sure you tell them about the *Action:reAction* Student Social Forum.



On April 28 at Vaughan Road Academy, the Human Rights Committee played host to well over 300 student activists from across the TDSB who gathered for the 3rd year of the event. Over the three years, participation has more than doubled from the first year's 150 students. The theme of the gathering is creative resistance, so we celebrate art and cre-

ativity as powerful tools for building community and creating positive social change.

The student social forum is also the venue for highlighting the winners of the Camille Natale Awards, which recognize outstanding human rights and social justice work done by TDSB secondary school students. This year's winners were Makwa Baskin from Central Tech for his work on the subtleties of racism and advocacy of aboriginal rights, and the Redefining the Man Dem, a group of 17 black male students from Weston CI who undertook a special project to cast off stereotypes about low academic achievement among black students



Upcoming Committee Meetings

Thanks to the numerous members who volunteer their time to participate in our local committees. The work of OSSTF Toronto could not be done without you. Meetings will resume in September. Please check our website for dates and times and for more information on the various committees. If you are not already a committee member, please consider joining. Most committees meet on a drop-in basis, so feel free to check it out. Have a good summer!



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