



# E-NEWSLETTER

## Winter Holiday Office Hours

The SGPS Office will be closed from Saturday December 20th until Sunday January 4th (inclusive) for the winter holiday. We will open for regular business again Monday January 5th. You only have until Friday December 19th at 4:30 p.m. to renew your ISIC card. Don't get stuck away from Kingston with an expired ISIC!

## TA TF UNION VOTE

At the time of publication of the E-Newsletter, we are still not sure of the outcome of the Union vote. In order to resolve the remaining segregated ballots, the Ontario Labour Relations Board has scheduled a meeting with a Labour Relations Officer for Wednesday, December 17, 2008 at 9:30 am in the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal, 11th Floor, 160 Elgin Street, Ottawa, Ontario for the purpose of trying to settle all or part of the vote. This meeting is intended to provide a forum for PSAC/TAFA and Queen's to reach a mutually agreed upon resolution to the remaining 93 ballots including the possibility of counting any remaining eligible ballots to determine if they affect the outcome of the vote.

## TUITION FEE INCREASES

The Board of Trustees approved a 4% (returning) and 8% (new) student tuition increase for the 2009/2010 academic year.

## NEXT EDITION OF THE SGPS E-NEWSLETTER

The next issue of the SGPS E-Newsletter will be published January 15th, 2009. The December 31st issue will not be published due to the winter holiday.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

In response to the financial difficulties faced by Queen's, the Deans, Vice-Principals and Principal have unanimously decided on a voluntary salary freeze (0% increase) for the upcoming year.

## FITNESS FOR LUNCH - REGISTER NOW

Queen's Recreation is pleased to offer... Fitness for Lunch... variety is the key to fitness success! Also, new programs starting in January! Registration is open for all programs... keep active this winter! Follow this link for all the details:

[http://www.gogaelsgo.com/news/2008/11/26/Rec\\_1126085038.aspx](http://www.gogaelsgo.com/news/2008/11/26/Rec_1126085038.aspx)

## LEARNING STRATEGIES DEVELOPMENT

### Workshop Schedule Winter/Spring 2009

Register online at [www.queensu.ca/qlc](http://www.queensu.ca/qlc)

All workshops in Room 121 Stauffer Library: **Cost \$2**

Free consultations 1:30 – 4:30pm with extended hours til 7pm on Thurs. at QLC Room 142

#### **Time Management for Grad Students**

Monday January 19 @ 5:30-7:00

#### **Effective Reading for Grad Students**

Monday January 26 @ 11:00-12:20

#### **Presentation Skills for Grad Students**

Wednesday March 4 @ 5:30 - 7:30

## WINTER IN THE CITY OF KINGSTON

**Winter parking:** Starting Dec. 1, and until the end of March, parking is prohibited on City streets from 1 a.m. to 7 a.m. Winter parking restrictions ensure snow plows can respond effectively to weather:

<http://www.cityofkingston.ca/residents/transportation/parking/regulations.asp>

**Crime prevention:** Secure your Kingston home and your belongings during the holiday season using these tips:

<http://www.cityofkingston.ca/residents/emergency/police/prevention.asp>

**Winter weather and snow removal:** Find out about storm warnings affecting Kingston, local weather updates, your snow removal responsibilities and when winter control efforts will arrive at your street:

<http://www.cityofkingston.ca/residents/transportation/streets/winter>

**Winter waste placement:** Make sure your garbage and recycling is seen and safe to retrieve when snow piles up. See below for the holiday garbage and recycling collection schedule or get your personalized collection schedule:

<http://www.cityofkingston.ca/residents/waste/recycling/calendar.php>

### Winter Fun

**The Grand Theatre** - the city's premier performing arts facility:

<http://www.kingstongrand.ca>

**K-Rock Centre** - Kingston's downtown sports and entertainment centre:

<http://www.cityofkingston.ca/residents/recreation/arenas/krock-centre>

**City events:** learn more about events taking place during the winter months: <http://www.cityofkingston.ca/residents/recreation/events>

## HOLIDAY HELPER AND MARCH BREAK CAMPS

Registration is now open for both our Holiday Helpers (Dec 13 & 20, 2008) and March Break Camp 2009 (March 16-20, 2009) programs.

Spaces are limited, to register, 613-533-2500 or <http://www.gogaelsgo.com/camp>

### **Holiday Helpers - December 2008**

Let Athletics & Recreation look after your children while you holiday shop! A day full of fun... swim, play games and stay active for children ages 5 and up.

**When:** Saturday December 13 OR Saturday December 20

**Where:** Queen's University, Physical Education Centre (PEC)

1/2 Day only \$25 (either 9am-1pm or 1pm-5pm)

Full day only \$40 (9am-5pm)

What to bring:

- Lunch and snacks, no canteen available
- Bathing suit
- Running shoes
- Warm clothes (we may head outdoors)
- Water
- A friend
- A big smile!

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### **March Break Camp 2009**

Stay active during March Break with sports, games, swimming, fun and friends!

**When:** March 16-March 20, 2009

**Where:** Queen's University, Physical Education Centre (PEC)

**Time:** 8:30-4:30pm daily

**Who:** Boys & Girls 5-13 years old

Early bird special until Feb 1 - \$160!

\$170 - full week

\$50 - single day registration

\* Staff/faculty discount available when registering in person at the Physical Education Centre customer service desk.

Spaces are limited, to register, 613-533-2500 or <http://www.gogaelsgo.com/camp>

## CANADA'S NEXT GREAT PRIME MINISTER

Dear SGPS members,

My name is Peter Ralevic, and I recently graduated from the Master of Environmental Studies program at Queen's, where I also completed my undergraduate degree in Biology. I also served as Senator for the SGPS in 2007-2008. I would appreciate your support.

I have entered CBC's annual competition Canada's Next Great Prime Minister.

I have made a video submission which features my platform and which can be accessed on the CBC website shown below. There are two ways to support me:

1. Vote for my video submission and platform. This is the most important step. How do you vote for my video? It's very quick and easy!

a) Go to <http://www.cbc.ca/nextprimeminister/candidates/peterralevic.html>, scroll to the bottom of the site until you see the orange 'Register' icon, click on it.

b) Enter the required information. Leave the boxes un-checked at the bottom if you do not want any emails.

c) Once you enter the information (takes a few seconds), click the 'Create' tab.

d) Log into your email (may take a few minutes to arrive), click on the link 'Activate account'.

e) Then go to back to

<http://www.cbc.ca/nextprimeminister/candidates/peterralevic.html>, watch the video, rate the video (you can rate with any stars, but only 4 and 5 star ratings count), comment on the video and that's it!

2. Join my facebook group at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=34856653439>

Thank you very much and good luck with your studies!

Yours truly,

Peter Ralevic