

# ATA LOCAL 8 January Memo

February 1, 2026

Welcome to the second half of the school year. As we move forward, we also recognize Black History Month, a time to honour Black excellence, resilience, and contributions, past and present. This year has already been a journey, marked by challenge, growth, and perseverance, and your continued commitment to students and one another does not go unnoticed.



## **Important Dates**

- February 4: Local Executive Meeting (virtual) (4:15 - 6 pm)
- February 5: **Local 8 Pub Night at Canadian Brewhouse Ice District Banquet**
- February 5 & 6: [NCTCA](#)
- February 6 & 7: Presidents' Meeting
- February 18: CSR Meeting 4:30 pm
- March 4: Executive Meeting 4:15 pm
- March 9: PD Day
- March 12: Induction
- March 18: CSR Meeting 4:30 pm



## **Teachers Convention ATA Local 8 Pub Night**

Our annual Pub Night will take place once again on Thursday, February 5, 2026. The event will occur shortly after the convention ends. This year, we are trying a new (larger) venue: The Canadian Brewhouse Ice District Banquet.

**Arrive anytime after 4:00 p.m.** in the Banquet Room (main floor). Megan Zaremba will be at the door with raffle tickets for door prizes.

Enjoy **free bowling from 5:00–7:00 p.m.**, with snack food available starting at **5:30 p.m.** A DJ **kicks off at 7:00 p.m.**, along with the first round of door prizes.

---

Members are encouraged to download the **Banquet Rewards app** for exclusive specials, discounts, and points on personal purchases.

**Bonus perk:** Thanks to Pat Kehdy, our school board is now registered as a **Canadian Brewhouse “team.”** Members can download the app and sign up to access year-round discounts—and for every two members who join, you’ll earn a **free appetizer** at participating Canadian Brewhouse locations (excluding the banquet venue, but valid in the city and Leduc).

## NCTCA

February 5-6 – Convention Days!



 **Keynote & Featured Speakers:** We’re excited to bring you inspiring voices in education and creativity: Peter Liljedahl, Joanna Johnson (Unlearn 16), Christina Crook (Luncheon Speaker), Bored Teachers, and author of “Fatty Legs”, Christy Jordan-Fenton

- We are incredibly grateful to have two of our teachers, Cindy Christou and Tia Martini, serving on the NCTCA executive. Their leadership, knowledge, and insight are a tremendous gift to our Black Gold community, and we are proud to have them representing and supporting us.

## Date Set: New Teacher Induction

The New Teacher Induction is Thursday, March 12, 2026. More details will be sent to the new teachers at Black Gold.



## **January Winner and February Draw**

January’s winner is Yolanda Chang, and here is the link for the [February draw](#).

Should you ever have any questions or concerns, suggestions, or ideas, you can email me at [president.ata8@gmail.com](mailto:president.ata8@gmail.com)

