



Acalanes Education Association

Newsletter


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AEA SOCIAL

Our next social will be **Thursday, October 7th** from 3:30-5:30 PM at The METRO. The location is near the corner of Mt. Diablo Blvd & First Street in Lafayette. You may bring your significant other and children. **Please join us!** We look forward to some long-overdue fun together.



QUARANTINE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

When does COVID Leave end? September 30th. This pays for 2 weeks of quarantine if you are positive for COVID or have symptoms. Your sick leave should not be used for COVID leave through September 30th. If it did get deducted make sure you get your sick days reimbursed.

Starting October 1, 2021 if you get infected with COVID at school, your sick leave will be covered by Workers' Comp. You will need to use your own sick leave if you are infected outside of school.

What if I'm vaccinated and get exposed to COVID? If you *don't* have symptoms you can go to school. If you *do* have symptoms you should stay home and get tested.

How many days do I need to quarantine? If you have COVID-like systems you should quarantine for 10 days. You can return to school before 10 days *only if* you receive a negative test during that time and get a note clearing you to return to work.

FREE WEEKLY COVID TESTING

Every Tuesday from 11:30-5:30 out of the District Office. This is a PCR test: results will be sent to you directly. You need to create an account before you sign up by visiting the COVID-19 Information and Resources page on the district website. Click [HERE](#) and scroll to the bottom of the page to create your account or go to this website acalanes.k12.ca.us/covidtesting. Once that is done, testing sign up is easy. There is free PCR testing provided five days a week through our testing and our partner K-8 districts.

If you are not vaccinated you must get a weekly COVID-19 test. This requirement began September 13th.

Monday - Moraga SD

Moraga Library - 8:00 am
- 3:30 pm

Thursday - Lafayette SD

Burton Valley ES - 7:30 am -
4:00 pm

Tuesday - AUHSD

District Office - 11:00 am
- 5:30 pm

Friday - Orinda USD

Orinda USD District Office -
7:00 am - 3:30 pm

Wednesday - Walnut

Creek SD
Tice Creek School - 8:00
am - 4:00 pm

SAVINGS FOR RETIREMENT

We held a virtual workshop with retirement expert and CTA partner Gary Allen on August 31st. About 20 educators attended and learned about why they should save money above and beyond their CalSTRS savings account and which types of savings are best for us. You are never too young or too old to start saving!!

There are several viable savings plans that work with the AUSHSD school district and can easily be deducted from your monthly check and put directly into savings. The only CTA-endorsed 403(b) plan is called the CTA Retirement Savings Plan. They have very good rates and understand educators' needs. To enroll go to <https://enroll.ctaretirementplan.org/> or call CTA Member Benefits (650) 552-5200

SUBS

Due to the few substitute teachers who work in our district please put your absences into the Frontline Absence System as early as possible. If you can personally arrange your sub it helps to solidify the absence.

Educators at each school site should have been asked to be put on the "period sub list" if you would like the extra sub pay. Administrators may ask you to period sub even if you do not want to, however. If this is happening more than once a week please let your site rep know.

SPOTLIGHT ON A GREAT BENEFIT

Each month we will highlight a benefit that is part of your union membership. [CTA.org](https://www.cta.org) [Member Benefits](#) page lists amazing and budget friendly benefits!



This month we focus on **Auto & Home Insurance: California Casualty**.

California Casualty has great educator rates for both auto, home and renter's insurance. In addition to great rates they offer a summer and holiday skip-payment option, no deductible if your vehicle is vandalized or hit while at school, pet injury coverage and can include emergency towing services. This writer has been a

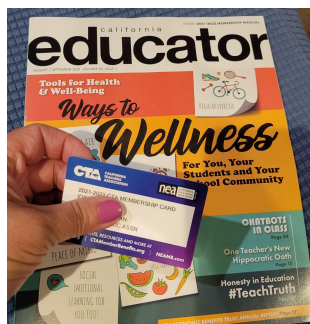
member for over 20 years and has been very pleased with the many claims she's had to endure through her daughter's teen-driver years. They do a nice home & auto bundle, as well.

Go to ctamemberbenefits.org/calcas for more information or call (866) 680-5142.



NEW MEMBERSHIP CARD

Find your new CTA/NEA membership card with your latest copy of California Educator Magazine. If you need to update your address please email communications & membership chairperson Sarah Morgan sarahcmorgan@gmail.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 22, 2021 – Governing Board meeting; 7pm in the Boardroom

September 30, 2021 – CTA/Alcosta Presidents Forum; 10am – 2pm; via Webex

October 6, 2021 – Rep Council Meeting; 3:45 at Campolindo

October 6, 2021 – Governing Board meeting; 7pm in the Boardroom

October 7, 2021 – AEA Social; 3:30-5:30 at the METRO

October 20, 2021 – Governing Board meeting; 7pm in the Boardroom