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Dates of Interest:

Oct 4: District Meeting 4:00 pm

Oct 9: Thanksgiving



Oct 11: Pension Presentations:

TPP 5:30 pm
OMERS 7:30 pm

Oct 18: TBU Meeting 4:00 pm

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President's Message

Many of you have been integrated into the OSSTF benefits plan and are experiencing no difficulties. On the other hand, some of your experiences have not been entirely without issue. Sue and I recently attended the OTIP conference in Toronto and found that there are many districts that are still experiencing difficulties. It is a trying process to pull together so many diverse plans from across the province and meld them in to one. Should you be a member that has enrolled and not received your benefit card, or have yet to be contacted by OTIP to finalize your registration in the plan, **you are still covered** under the plan. Please retain any receipts that you have collected for benefit plan purchases and you will be reimbursed for all eligible expenses.

It appears that the most frequent concern involves computer coding systems that are causing certain integration issues. OTIP ensures us that they are requesting personnel information from boards every two weeks and are working diligently to resolve all outstanding issues. Please be patient and should you run into an emergency situation, call the office and we will try to deal with your specific issue, keeping in mind that many of the issues can only be dealt with between the RDSB and OTIP.

Oct 31: *Halloween*



Pension Presentations

There will be an Ontario Teacher's and an Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System Pension Plan workshop on October 11th at the Lively office presented by Shelley Page. The TPP presentation will take place at 5:30 pm and the OMERS presentation will take place at 7:30 pm. All members and spouses are welcome. Please RSVP to Donna your attendance by October 3rd latest.

OTIP Retirement Workshop

Save the date! OTIP's *Walk into Retirement with a Plan* workshop is scheduled to take place in Sudbury on Tuesday, November 28th. As it is open to all English - language education affiliates, it will take place at a hotel in Sudbury. We will provide details as to location and time when they become available.

OSSTF Benefits – Did You Know?

OSSTF members enrolled in the new provincial benefits plan are required to update their coverage following significant life event such as:

- An increase/decrease in contractual FTE status
- Birth or adoption of a child
- Common-law relationship or marriage
- Divorce or ending a common-law relationship, and
- A spouse loses health or dental coverage

To make changes to your existing coverage, log on to www.otip.com. Click on "Go to My Benefits." From there, click on the link to "Enrol/Make Changes." You will be taken to the Enrol/Make Changes Tool, which lists links by life event. **NOTE:** Several of these life events require you to make your changes within 31 days of the event occurring (birth of a child, divorce/separation, etc.). You can make changes to your beneficiary information, update coordination of benefits, or make an enrolment change at any time.



How to jump start a car

A dead car battery can happen to anyone. Maybe you accidentally left a light on or didn't close the trunk properly and the next thing you know, your car won't start.

Since jump starting a car isn't something they teach you in drivers ed, we've put together a simplified list to help you.

What you need:

- Jumper cables
- A charged battery either via a working car or a portable battery





What you need to know:

- Positive cables are indicated by the plus symbol and are typically red
- Negative cables are indicated by the minus symbol and are typically black
- Don't let the clamps touch each other during the jump start process

How to jump start a car from another car in 10 steps

- 1) Drive a car with a working battery near your vehicle, but not touching it. Make sure both cars are turned off and the keys are removed from the ignition.
- 2) Open your hood. Connect the positive clamp (the red cable) of the dead battery first. Clamp it on the positive terminal indicated on the battery by a plus sign.
- 3) Place the negative clamp (the black cable) aside somewhere where it is not touching anything metal. You'll go back for it in a minute.
- 4) Go over to the car that's working. Connect the positive clamp to the positive battery terminal and the negative cable (the black cable) to the negative terminal, as indicated by the minus sign.
- 5) Go back to the car that won't start and take the negative clamp but don't connect it to the negative battery terminal. Doing so can cause sparks and may cause an ignition or even an explosion. Instead, you need to find a grounding point like a bare piece of metal that is not a moving part or attached to any wires. Check your owner's manual as it may have a recommended grounding point.
- 6) Turn on the working car and allow it to run for a minute or two so it has time to send a charge to the dead battery
- 7) Now, you can try to turn on your car. If this doesn't work, turn the car off and allow the running car to charge your battery for 2-5 minutes before trying again. If this still doesn't work, turn the cars off and check to make sure your negative cable is securely connected to a bare/unpainted piece of metal.
- 8) Once the car is up and running, you can turn both vehicles off.
- 9) Remove the negative terminal first on the dead battery, followed by the positive cable (don't allow the clamps to touch).
- 10) Remove the positive cable followed by the negative cable on the working car. Don't allow clamps to touch anything until all are disconnected.



Watch this video from YouTuber Chris Fix showing a detailed process [here](#).

How to jump start a car with a booster pack in 5 steps

The other option is to jump start the car with a portable booster kit. These can be handy, especially when no other vehicles are around. They are small and can be kept in your trunk, but they do need to be charged again after you use them.



- 1) Open the hood and make sure your booster pack is turned off
- 2) Connect the positive cable to the positive terminal
- 3) Connect the negative cable to a grounding point – a bare, unpainted piece of metal such as a bolt (some models may allow you to clamp directly to the negative terminal. Be sure to read your manual)
- 4) Turn the booster pack on to begin charging. Some models may not have this feature and may automatically start charging once a connection is felt.
- 5) Try turning your vehicle on.

	<p>Here's a video from Canadian Tire that shows the process of jump starting a car with a booster pack.</p> <p>Always consult your owner's manual before jump starting a car to find out where the recommended grounding points on your vehicle are.</p> <p><i>We hope you found these guidelines helpful. For more auto and driving tips, check out our blog here.</i></p>
 <p>OTIP RAEO.</p>	<p>Members!!!! Check out the <u>new</u> link to OTIP OSSTF members page:</p> <p><u>https://www.otipinsurance.com/OSSTF3</u></p>