

Ontario Christian Teachers Academy - August 24-28, 2015

Hamilton District Christian High School

The Christian Teachers Academy is quickly being recognized as one of the most dynamic Professional Development opportunities for Christian Teachers. The Academy continues to grow. This summer there will be 3 levels to choose. We will again be offering the very successful Odyssey 101 – PBL Essentials and Odyssey 201 – PBL Digging Deeper. **New this year** is Odyssey 301 – Partnering in Change.

Odyssey 101 – PBL Essentials:

The focus of Odyssey 101 is to give a comprehensive exploration of designing, developing and deploying a project. Small groups of teachers, led by passionate, experienced and trained Critical Coaches will collaborate and workshop project ideas and practices that will benefit teachers for the coming years. Teachers will leave with a clearer understanding of the PBL process, unit plans, and curriculum they can immediately implement in their classrooms. Cost \$750**

Odyssey 201 – PBL Digging Deeper:

The focus of Odyssey 201 is to give teachers who have some experience with Project Based Learning the time, space and resources to dig deeper. It is also a place to come as a team of teachers to develop a collaborative project around a theme or unit. Teachers will leave with revised and refined projects as well as more ideas for how to design, develop, and deploy better projects. Cost \$750**

Odyssey 301 - Partnering in Change: (New 2015)

The focus of Odyssey 301 is to give school leaders an opportunity to discover and refine the best practices needed to support Project Based Learning. Participants will design and protocol a school-wide PBL strategic plan. This plan will spotlight how to support teachers, develop a school leadership team, and utilize learning spaces throughout the change process. School leaders will leave with a strategic plan for their school. Schools are strongly encouraged to send a leadership team. This is a 4 day Odyssey that begins on August 25, 2015. Cost \$600 for individual participant or \$1000 for a team.

**participants who are members of OACS schools are eligible for a \$250 bursary

Register for The Academy at <http://www.teacheracademy.ca/>

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As announced last June, 2014, the Edifide Credentials Committee has approved the “Christian Teacher Academy” (Odysseys 101 or Odyssey 201), held in August, as fulfilling one of the courses for the “Christian School Teachers Certificate” (CSTC). In order to qualify, an educator needs to go to the Edifide website and look under Services for the CSTC. Since this is not a course where a university or college sends a transcript, we ask you to fill in the application for an independent study. The link is:

<http://www.edifide.net/images/CSTC/application%20for%20independent%20study%20march%202012.pdf>

This independent study would have an expectation that you implement the project that you worked on in the summer. Your principal or learning leader would verify that you did this. At Edifide, we want to encourage you to take risks in your teaching, ask for feedback, learning from your “first” try in new pedagogical ways and to try again. We believe that Project Based Learning gives you a framework to do this well.

(This event is being sponsored by Edifide and the OACS)

