

## WHERE DOES OUR NAME COME FROM?

*Edifide is both a modified spelling of the word "edified" as well as a hybrid word made from the words "educators" + "fide" (Latin for faith). This name clearly describes an association focussed on Christian Educators but it also describes the mission of the organization namely the edification of its members.*

## Announcements:

Please note the following announcements and information.

### In Brief:

1. Greetings and Welcome Back!
2. Thanks to: Redeemer University College, The Buck Institute, OCSAA and HDCH for hosting such amazing summer workshops!
3. Twitter-Follow us! @ed\_edifide and @dianestronks
4. Math Day 2013-Tuesday, October 29, 2013-Redeemer University College
5. Edifide Convention 2013, October 24 and 25, 2013.
6. Shalem Mental Health Network 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration-Saturday, October 5, 2013, 7:30 p.m.
7. Christian School Teachers Certificate (CSTC)-New Courses Approved.
8. Institute for Christian Studies, Toronto-Fall Distance Education Courses (Masters Level)
9. CLC Network-Inclusive Education-An invitation.

### MISSION

To enlighten, equip and encourage Christian educators.

### VISION

A vibrant, stimulating community of Christian educators on the leading edge of new ideas and best practices.

## 1) Greetings and Welcome Back!

Greetings from the Edifide Office! We trust that you had a time for relaxation, rejuvenation and renewal!

## 2) Thanks to Redeemer University College, The Buck Institute, OCSAA and HDCH

The summer was busy for many in our schools. The Summer Institute served approximately 115 educators in various workshops. Thanks to all the workshop leaders and particularly the Buck Institute's, Andrew Miller and Charity Allen for leading Project Based Learning 101. Also thanks to our sister organization, the Ontario Christian Schools Administrators Association (OCSAA) and particularly Ren Siebenga and Jim VanderKooy, for hosting an excellent week with the Talent Consortium on *Building Strategic Leadership Capabilities*. Dina Barazza and Vesna Lovelock (along with Louie Marrocco and Jordan Rodney ) led the group the best practices in Human Resources, Branding for Institutions/Organizations, Accountability Structures and Strategic Planning. The highlight was Jordan Rodney's (of MaxPeoplePerform) praise for the new Contract Partnership Committee Manual developed by the OACS and Edifide.

## 3) Twitter – Follow Us!

Social Media Presence: Edifide invites you to now follow us on Twitter @ed\_edifide and/or @dianestronks

## 4) Math Day2013 – Tuesday, October 29/13 @ Redeemer University College

Redeemer's Mathematics Department is hosting [MathDay 2013](#), on Tuesday October 29. This event is for grade 12 students who enjoy the art of mathematics. It is also excellent preparation for the [Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge](#).

The focus of the day is problem solving, in particular, exploring multiple approaches to problems and finding beautiful connections in mathematics. A light lunch will be provided. A tour of a campus is also available.

There is no cost to the event, but pre-registration is required. For more information, or to register, please visit <http://cs.redeemer.ca/math/>, or contact Dr. Kevin Vander Meulen, professor of mathematics, at: [kvanderm@redeemer.ca](mailto:kvanderm@redeemer.ca)

## 5) Edifide Convention 2013, October 24 and 25, 2013

Welcome to our new and hopefully improved website. Thanks to both Eagleye Production and Gateway Software for the new look and feel. Online registration for the 2013 Edifide Educators Convention is now open. Follow the link to explore and register. [www.edifide.net](http://www.edifide.net)

## 6) Shalem Mental Health Network 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – Saturday, October 5, 2013 @ 7:30 pm

Edifide shares in the excitement of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Shalem Mental Health Network. On Saturday, October 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Peoples Church in Hamilton. Join together in "Refreshing Hearts in Christ". For more details and to order tickets, please follow this link.

<http://shalemnetwork.org/uncategorized/50th-anniversary-celebration-refreshing-hearts-in-christ/>

## 7) Christian School Teachers Certificate (CSTC) – New Courses Approved

Christian School Teachers Certificate. The following courses have been approved and are now listed on our website:

### ***From Redeemer University College:***

REL 351 Spiritual Formation – fulfills Area 1

EDU 325 Collaborative Workspaces and Restorative Practices – fulfills Area 3

EDU 322 New Literacies in Education (Primary, Junior, Intermediate) -1.5 credit course – fulfills (half of) Area 3

PSY 370 – Counseling Skills and Practice with Adolescents – fulfills Area 3

### ***From Trinity Western University:***

EDU 540 Christian Teaching and Pedagogy – fulfills Area 3

EDU 545-Assessing and Evaluating student learning – fulfills Area 2 or 3

## 8) [Institute for Christian Studies, Toronto – Fall Distance Education Courses \(Masters Level\)](#)

The Institute for Christian Studies would like to share the following listings for two distance courses (Masters level) to be offered this Fall, either of which would be beneficial to the professional development of your staff.

*Curriculum: Organizing the World for Learning* offers critical tools for evaluating the criteria employed in curriculum development and encourages reflection on how teaching and learning can be shaped to better serve the vision and mission of Christian schools. This course is certified by Edifide (formerly OCSTA) as a Christian School Teachers Certificate credit in Instructional/Curricular Studies (Study Area III).

*Creative Communication: Culture, Art and Politics* considers why the arts are important and addresses issues that face contemporary creators and interpreters of culture. The course's aim is to develop imaginative, faith-oriented participation in the arts and culture.

Both courses are open to individuals with a bachelor's degree or higher and will begin in the third week of September. Registration will be accepted up to the start of the course. Please register at <http://www.icscanada.edu/academics> or email [s-services@icscanada.edu](mailto:services@icscanada.edu)

## 9) [CLC Network – Inclusive Education – An Invitation](#)

The Christian Learning Centre Network (Michigan) is dedicated to "Inclusive Education". The network invites educators to be part of a fall book study. Follow the link for this amazing opportunity.

<http://www.clcnetwork.org/announcements/online-book-club-theology-of-inclusion>

Also featured is this 12-minute video about a young boy, Isaac, who has Spinal Muscular Atrophy and the community at Byron Center Christian that has completely welcomed him in. This story was filmed by the Kala Project and you can access it at: <http://kalaproject.com/featured-video/> If you or any of your colleagues are interested in resources, practical tips, or support on creating an inclusive environment in schools, I'd invite you to subscribe to the blog, 'Making Us Whole' <http://makinguswhole.wordpress.com/>