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Credenda Virtual School Newsletter

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Principal's Message— New Beginnings

June is often a time of mixed emotions in schools. There is always the anticipation of the summer that was too long in coming but will end far too soon. It is also earmarked by students graduating and going out into the world to make their own way.

On June 15th this year, Credenda celebrated its sixth graduating class. As I sat through the ceremony I could not help but think about the familiar names who have been with us here for several years and now were moving on. It was a little sad. But then very quickly, I thought about those students who are still with us and we will welcome back in a few short months. That lifted my spirits. So whether you are a graduate preparing for new journeys or an undergraduate who was with us this year, it has been our honor to have walked with you for a while in your journeys. You have added richness and diversity to Credenda life and in your individual ways, you all have been that change in the world you want to see.

William Boyles, wrote these words a long time ago and I can think of no better way to say it....

“Never say good bye. Never give in to the sadness and loneliness of that word. I want you to remember instead the joy and happiness of those times when you first said hello to a friend. You take that special hello and lock it away within you-in that place where summer is an always-time. And when you and your friends must part, I want you to reach deep inside of you and bring back that very first hello”.



- Tyrone MacPherson, Principal



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Eye on Careers - Ahh Summer-Time... It can be an ADVENTURE

The summer between my 11th and 12th grade year, I decided to hitch-hike across the nation. So, I got up one morning packed my back-pack and headed out the door for 3 months on the road. Adventure awaited and believe me there were plenty of adventures ahead of me that at that time I knew nothing about. In many ways this was a life-changing experience that helped set a course for my future career. I don't recommend this particular method of discovering your career path, but

it is interesting how at times life (as it happens) can help form a career decision. Your career, whatever you choose, can be an interaction of all the things that are going on in your life. Whatever you choose as a career, why not think of it as an **ADVENTURE**.

Your career can be a reflection of the passions you have in life, an **ADVENTURE** to be **EXPLORED**. Have a wonderful summer vacation and I hope that this summer you may find your **CAREER ADVENTURE**,

but try not to do the "hitch-hike" thing.

If you need some help with deciding upon a **CAREER ADVENTURE**, why not contact the Credenda Guidance Counselor (Steve) he'd be **tickled pink** to help you out...Really!!!

- Steve Winkler, Guidance Counselor



A Virtues Triangle

Contentment

Affirmation: I am content with what I have and I have no desire for anything else.

Reflection: How many meanings can you find in this phrase, "Live well below your means"?

Curiosity

Affirmation: I practice a healthy curiosity for life-long learning.

Reflection: Bored? A guaranteed cure is practicing curiosity. It is worth the effort and also a powerful anti-depressant.

Decisiveness

Affirmation: I stand firmly rooted in my decisions.

Reflection: While some virtues are interconnected, the practice of decisiveness requires discernment in choice and courage in

action. How can you use decisiveness to improve your practice of another virtue like respect for all people or honesty in all situations?

Interested in learning more about the Virtues Project? Visit: www.virtuesproject.com

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Credenda Honours Grads and Award Winners

Credenda Virtual High School honoured graduating and award winning students in a virtual assembly on June 15, 2011. Principal Tyrone MacPherson was emcee, Mayor Jim Scarrow gave opening remarks, and Rachael Andrews was valedictorian.

Mayor Jim Scarrow congratulated the students on their accomplishments and the Credenda staff for their commitment to providing synchronous online learning. He noted that Credenda's delivery mode

is a valuable alternative and mentioned that he is gaining more experience in virtual conferencing as some of his meetings are now online.

The ceremony recognized 29 Grade 12 graduates and subject award winner in Grade 10 to 12. It also listed 27 Cameco bursary winners. These bursaries are part of Cameco's

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she found the courage to register. When she felt guilty for spending time on homework instead of her home life, she practiced determination by reminding herself "my sacrifice is temporary but I will be a high school graduate forever." She expressed thankfulness for her husband's and children's helpfulness and support. She said, "I would like to thank all my teachers, for making my learning experience at this school a fun and exciting one. Each and every

commitment to helping young First Nations, Métis, and northern students by providing funds to access math and science classes in order to pursue higher education.

one of them has helped me achieve my goal. I cannot thank them enough for all of their hard work. They are all amazing and dedicated teachers." Andrews ended with these words of encouragement, "I just want everybody to know it's never too late to follow a dream and with the right amount of determination you can accomplish anything—all you have to do is set your mind to it."

Hidden between the lines of her valedictorian speech, are many of Rachael Andrews virtues. Andrews thought she was too old to return to school and feared failure but

The assembly is archived at http://www.credenda.net/eSocialNetworks/assemblies_files/index.htm.



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Final Exam Schedule

DATE	TIME	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
Wednesday, June 22nd	9:00 am	WORK/ APPRENTICE MATH 10	MATH 20	ELA A30
	1:00 pm	FOUNDATIONS MATH 10	ELA 20	MATH A30
Thursday, June 23rd	9:00 am	ELA B10	BIO 20	MATH B30
	1:00 pm	SCIENCE 10	PHYSICS 20	PHYSICS 30
Friday June 24th	9:00 am		CHEM 20	CHEM 30
	1:00 pm			MATH C30
Monday, June 27th	9:00 am			CALC 30
	1:00 pm			LAW 30 BIO 30



Upcoming Events

June

15 High School Grad
 21 Aboriginal Day - No School
 22, 23, 24, 27 Final Exams
 28 - 29 Admin Days - No School
 30 Report Cards



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Fall Registration Now Open: Fall 2011 Timetable Below

TIME	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
9:00 am	ELA A10 Wellness 10	Math App/Work 20	Psych 30 Physics 30
10:00 am	Sci 10	Biology 20 Math Foundations 20	Math A30 Leadership 30
11:00 am	Info Pro 10	Chem 20 Media Studies 20	Math B30 Entrepreneur 30 Nat St 30
1:00 pm	AW Math 10 Math Foundations 10	Physics 20 Psychology 20	English A30 Math C30 Biology 30
2:00 pm	Math Foundations 10 Mines & Energy 10	ELA 20 Math Pre-Calc 20	Info Pro 30 Chem 30

To register, visit www.credenda.net and click 'Register'! Questions? Call 1.866.910.2847.

New! Adult Education

Credenda is excited to announce that beginning in August 2011, they will be offering a series of evening classes online. We recognize that many of our students are trying to further their education while holding a job. The evening classes will be a series of eight classes offered over a two year plan. Students will be able to take all of the required classes needed to complete the Adult 12 Graduation requirements. Courses will be offered in:

1. Introductory Studies
2. ELA A 30
3. ELA B 30
4. Math 20
5. Biology 20
6. Native Studies 30
7. Life Transitions 30
8. Elective at 20 or 30 level TBA



For more information, contact Tyrone MacPherson, Principal or Lori Gay, Registrar at 764-2847.