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Newsletter

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Welcome to Fall 2013!

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Have you applied for
Fall 2013 Convocation?



Convocation Ceremony
Saturday, December 7th

Have you registered for
Winter Session?

http://sites.stfx.ca/continuingeducation/sites/sites.stfx.ca/continuingeducation/files/CalendarFW13-14%20Master_11.pdf

Winter / Spring Registration
remains opened to all
eligible MEd students.



Frustrated when
courses are cancelled;
register early as possible to
avoid course cancellation.

Best wishes as you begin the fall term at X. We had a very successful summer school as attested by the photos included. We welcomed 60 graduate students to the residential campus program. Among those students were students who are beginning a Masters cohort with a specialization in Physical Education. In Sydney a cohort with a specialization in Diversity began in the Cape Breton Victoria Regional School Board and in Halifax the 4th cohort in French Immersion Resource teaching was launched.

We are inspired by the professionalism of the educators who pursue graduate education. We are amazed by busy educators who finish school on June 30 and return to school a week later for their own learning which ultimately is aimed at improving the learning for their students. Thank you for demonstrating just how much teachers care about their profession.

September has been busy and exciting as graduate students have tucked themselves into their classes or are working on their theses/projects. For those of you taking courses please be reminded to **register now for Winter and Spring courses** so that you will not be disappointed to find that the course is closed because it is filled up. There were several folks who were disappointed because some fall courses were already filled up when they went to apply last week. Graduate courses usually have a cap of 20 people in them and we try to respect that to allow for thoughtful learning to occur.

One of our aims is to be both responsive to your needs as educators and to also provide leadership in learning for in-service teachers. In the next few weeks we will be sending out a survey asking you for ideas about courses we could offer next summer (already)... Please share your thoughts with us.

Thanks and have a great Fall term!

Joanne

Important Information

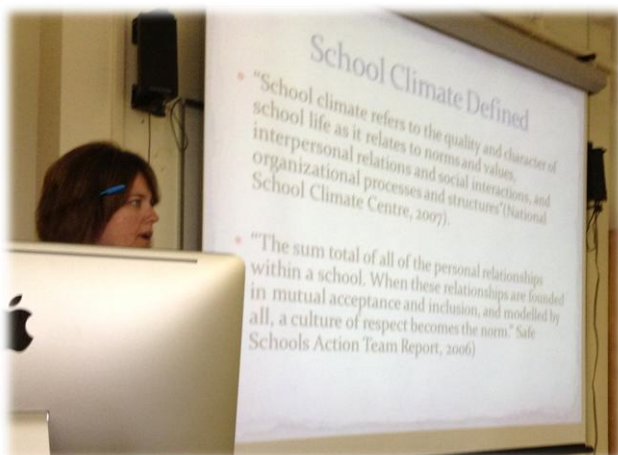
- **Apply to graduate:** All students intending to graduate must apply to do so. The application to graduate is located in your personalized mesAMIS account. Please note that a student cannot be considered a candidate for graduation unless an application has been submitted.
- **Please note:** Students enrolled in fall term courses are not eligible for Fall Convocation.
- **Registration for winter and spring** remains open to all eligible students. If you have not done so we ask that you register as soon as possible. Course offerings are contingent on enrollment numbers and courses may be cancelled (including core courses) if there is insufficient enrollment. Following is the link to our course offerings:
http://sites.stfx.ca/continuingeducation/sites/sites.stfx.ca.continuingeducation/files/CalendarFW13-14%20Master_11.pdf
- Students are able to register for as many **EDUC 569s** (Selected Topics) as their elective requirements allow provided the course title of each is different.
- **X-ring eligibility** for our Program requires a total of 36 credits earned, in progress or a combination of both. X-ring is a Student Union initiative. Please contact the Student Union office directly regarding your eligibility at 902.867.2495.
- **Need assistance** selecting your courses? Please contact the program office for assistance at med@stfx.ca or 1.877.867.3906.



[StFX Email Accounts:](#)

Frustrated because your StFX email account has expired? TSG has addressed this problem by allowing students to have '**Self-serve Password Manager**' which means you can control the activation of your email account. Please follow the guidelines in the tutorial provided on the following link: [Guides & Tutorials](#). With the webFX Self-serve Password Manager, you can activate your webFX account, reset your webFX password, update your webFX challenge questions, or unlock your webFX account.

Summer School 2013



Sheila Hawley presents the findings from her 593 Capping Experience presentation to members of the Strait Regional Diversity Cohort who completed their program in July. These capping experiences provide helpful board-based action research for other teachers in the board.



Greg Hadley discusses his research project with Dr. David Young during the 505 Research Showcase held on the last day of summer school.



Over 80 M Ed students attended the residential program this July participating in EUC 534 and EDUC 505. Many students comment on how being on campus in a face-to-face environment helps build their confidence and their sense of a professional learning community. Students in Professor Wendy Kraglund-Gauthier's 534 class are shown demonstrating their X spirit!

Goodbye Cheryl! Welcome Jen! We want to thank Cheryl Chisholm for her tremendous work as Program Assistant in the MEd program. Cheryl is now working in the Registrar's Office at StFX. As of August 6, 2013 Jennifer Farrell has joined our MEd team. Jen comes to us having worked in the Advancement office at StFX. Jennifer can be reached at med@stfx.ca.