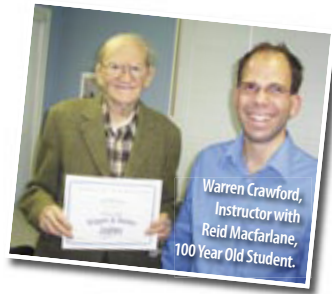


# WHAT'S THE BIGGEST ADVANTAGE OF GOING BACK TO SCHOOL AS A SENIOR?

Back to school at 100 years young! ▶

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- If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.
- Better yet, what is the biggest advantage of going back to school as a charming 100 year old senior?
- You get to redefine the 'age old saying'... "You're never too old to learn".
- The Bigger & Better Journey Learning Centre Team recently had the honour of teaching internet skills to a brilliant gentleman, who just happens to be coming up on his 101st birthday.
- There is an abundance of resources available to seniors of all ages and it is inspiring to see someone who has celebrated with 100 candles on their birthday cake, taking the initiative to learn new skills using today's technology.
- Our seniors should always be encouraged to learn and grow...to wake up every day and ask "How old would I be if I didn't know how old I was?" ■



Melanie Crawford & her husband Warren own and operate the Bigger & Better Journey Learning Centre with over 25 years of combined experience in educating & empowering others. Their commitment to fostering growth in the local community is made evident through their multiple volunteer engagements, relationships with local service agencies and through their Benevolence Training Program. For more information contact the Learning Centre or visit the website at [www.biggerandbetterjourney.ca](http://www.biggerandbetterjourney.ca)

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