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Leading a group of teachers can be like trying to herd cats. No matter how hard you try, they tend to have their own ideas of where they should go. The NorthStar Academy staff are not exempt from this tendency, but thankfully, they also have the ability to focus on what is important and a willingness to see how individuality can be kept while supporting the needs of the group. We are blessed by God with a great group of people who desire above all to serve Him. Maybe that is where they get the ability to be cat like and still move in the same direction.

We are investing our energies as educators in discovering how we can guide our students to move to deeper levels of understanding. We are looking for ways to make our focus more on the learning than on the work – to shift from thinking too much about grading assignments to allowing students to follow their passion and go deeper into areas that matter most to them. It turns out that this is not a simple process for any school and may be even a bigger challenge for a school like ours, where students are learning at home. One theme that keeps coming up is relationships. It turns out that students don't learn well from teachers that they don't like, and I suspect the same is true for teachers they don't know. Connecting with our students in more ways and at deeper levels is a key focus for us at NSA. Home visits, Activity Days, Learning Clusters, student forums, teacher videos, class newsletters, our senior high fellowship group Limitless – these are all tools to build relationships that will allow us to speak into the lives of our students. That speaking often has elements of Science, Math, and Social in the conversation but so too is Christ a part of the conversation. It is a privilege to be able to learn alongside our students what it means to be true children of God. Give thanks with us for how well supported Christian education is in Alberta.

~Randy Wood, Principal



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January—February 2018

NorthStar will have a new program for the 2018-2019 school year. We will be offering our families a blended program. A blended program combines the benefits of parent directed home education with the advantages of teacher directed and online programming. In the past NSA parents have had to choose either a traditional home education program (parent directed) or a fully aligned program (online or teacher directed). We will now be able to offer the opportunity for a student to be a part of both of these worlds. There are some boundaries, so we will provide all the details in the days ahead, but here are the basics:

- Grades 1-9 – Aligned portion of the program must be 50% or higher
- Grades 10-12 – Aligned portion of the program must be 20% or higher

To find more information on all our programs please go to our website

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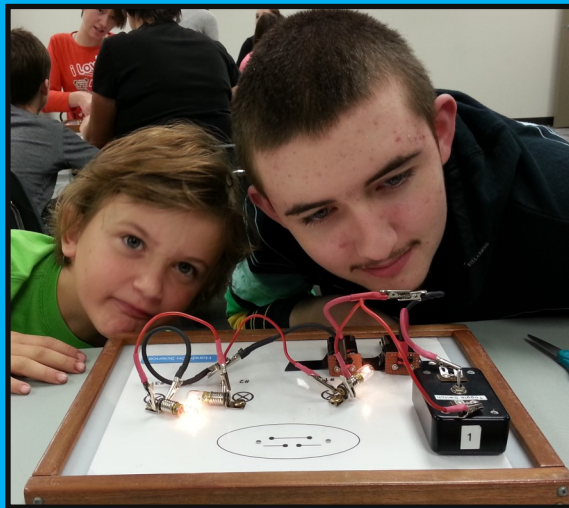


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See What's New at NorthStar Academy!

Term 2 Activity Clusters



Upcoming Events!

March 16 PD Day ~ Teachers Offline

March 30th Good Friday ~ Office Closed and Teachers Offline

Moodle is still up and running during all PD days, holidays and days when teachers are offline

Activity Days

April 20 Deer Valley Meadows, Alix AB

April 24 Edson Art and Drama, Edson AB

May 18 Calgary Zoo, Calgary AB

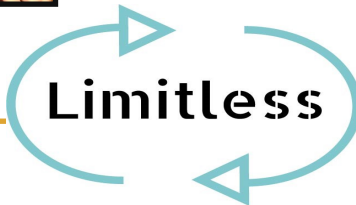
June 8 Ukrainian Village , Tofield AB

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NorthStar Academy Activity Days

Legislature Tour



March 24, 7-9pm Escape Room, Escape City, Edmonton

If you are an NSA student in grades 10-12 and are interested in joining our High School 'Limitless' Youth group, please email Roberta Onyschtschuk for more information at roberta.onyschtschuk@nsaschool.ca

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Bible Memory



Bible Verses Easter

- **Matthew 20:18-19** 18 “We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death 19 and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!”
- **Luke 23: 46-47** 46 Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last. 47 The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, “Surely this was a righteous man.”
- **Mark 16:1-4** 1When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus’ body. 2 Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb 3 and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?” 4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.
- **Mark 16: 5-6** 5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. 6 “Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.

This is open to all Teacher Directed, Online, and Home Education students. It is optional, and students and parents/supervisors can decide the extent of your involvement together. I know there are some students that want to do Bible Memory, but don’t have a Bible Memory program in their curriculum, or love it so much that they want to do extra, so here is one you can use!

Check Us Out



Did you know that NorthStar Academy posts updates about upcoming events, contests, homeschool tips, and more on our website and social media? Check out the links below for all of the updates:



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Instagram: [@northstaracademycanada](https://www.instagram.com/northstaracademycanada)

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Home School Community



<https://www.getassist.com/4-ways-homeschoolers-can-stay-connected-to-the-community/>

If you've chosen to educate your children at home, you won't have easy access to clubs and organizations that are often included in traditional school systems. But there are still ways you can stay connected and participate in sports teams, hobby clubs and other activities vital to healthy growth and development. Get Assist is the perfect tool to help you find different activities in the community for your homeschoolers. Here are a few tips to get you started.

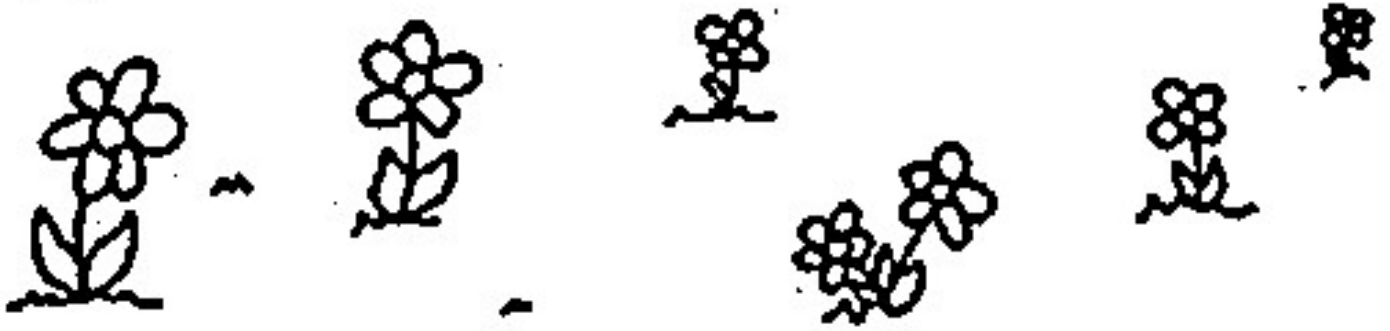
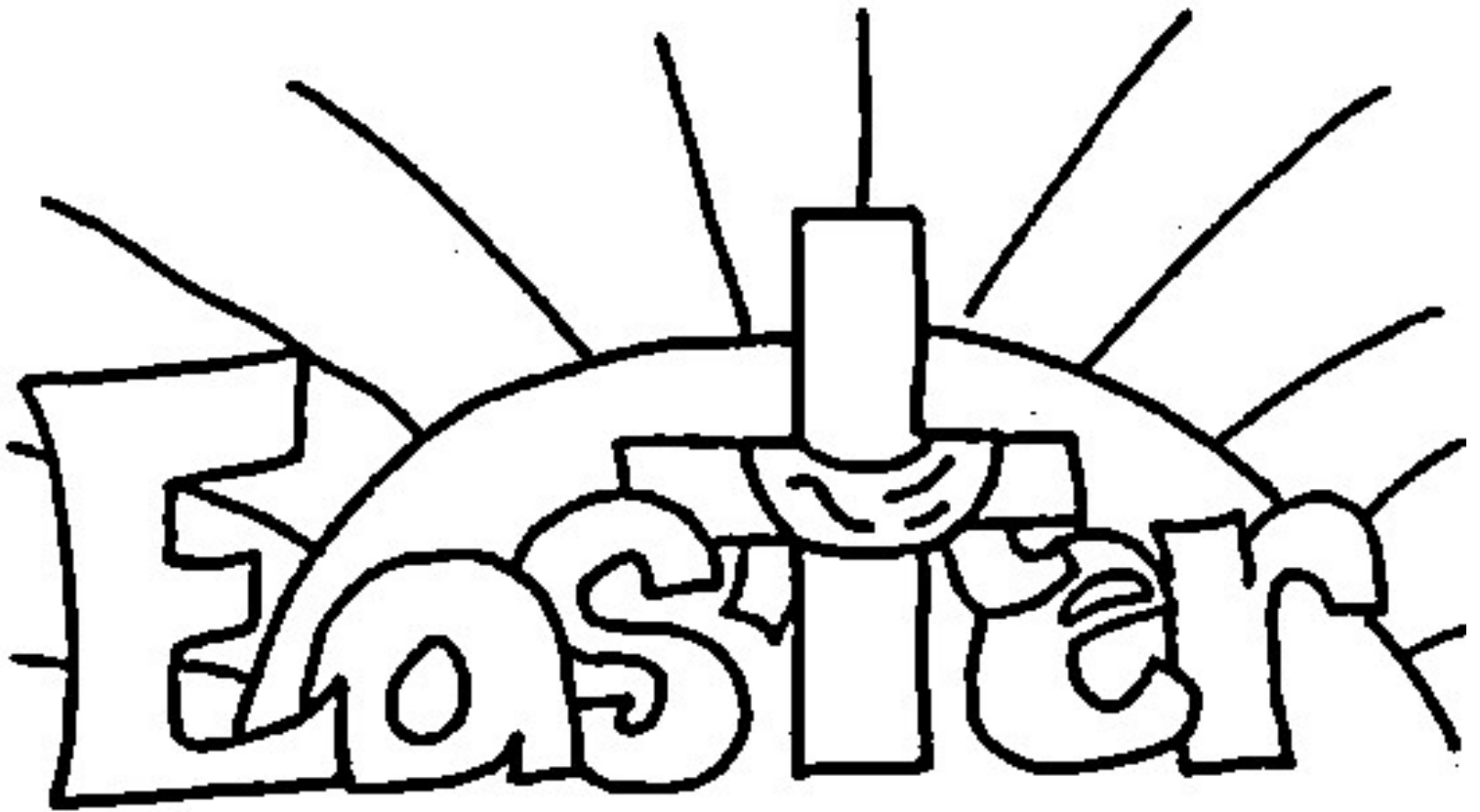


Looking for a good Easter Devotional?

<https://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/easter-devotionals/>

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