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April—May 2018

Students and teachers are back at work now that Easter break has come and gone. Part of the reason the school year is organized with this week off in it is that school is hard work. It can wear us down if we don't take time away once in a while. With over 650 students at NorthStar Academy, the staff are kept hopping. Hopefully, your teachers have caught up in their marking by now as a lot of assignments came in while we were taking our break.

You should have noticed some changes to Moodle when you logged back in. The company which hosts our Moodle worked with a couple of our lead teachers to upgrade our software over the Easter break. These upgrades allow for us to add new features to our Moodle such as the new navigation bar that toggles on and off and the links in the title bar. One of those links is PowerSchool, which takes you to the student/parent portal where you can access the latest information on your child's progress in his/her classes. An email was sent out with your log in information, but if you need any assistance with getting into the portal, just call the office.

We have had lots of questions about summer school but unfortunately, we don't have any definite answers yet. The changes Alberta Education introduced to the way senior high students are funded (45 credit cap) have led to concerns about whether or not we can operate summer school, since we don't know for sure we will receive funding for any classes we offer in July. We hope to hear from Alberta Education regarding their plan by May 1st.

Please join us in continuing to pray for the families touched by the Humboldt Broncos bus crash. The scope of this tragedy is such that its impact is being felt by many, many people. One of the side effects of being in education for a long time (32 years for me) is that the loss of young lives is familiar; rare but familiar. One funeral is too many – 15 young lives lost is hard to comprehend. May God have mercy.

~Randy Wood, Principal



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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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# See What's New at NorthStar Academy!

**Term 3 Activity Clusters are due to start April 17!**

**We have some spots still available in our clusters!**



**Edmonton 4 CATS Art Cluster**

**Red Deer Art Cluster**

**Didsbury Baking and Cake decorating**

**Airdrie gymnastics 2:30-4 slot**

**Calgary Karate**

**Contact Roberta: [activityday@nsaschool.ca](mailto:activityday@nsaschool.ca)**

## Upcoming Events!

**May 8, 9 –3pm NSA Curriculum Day, at Didsbury Office**

**May 26 is our 2018 Graduation**

**June 12, 9 –3pm NSA Curriculum Day, at Didsbury Office**

**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

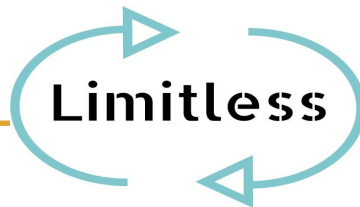
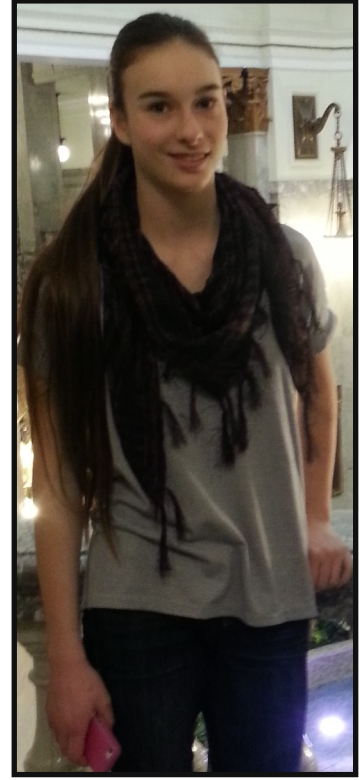
**May 18** Calgary Zoo, Calgary AB

**June 8** Ukrainian Village, Tofield AB

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# NorthStar Academy having fun!



**April 14: Dinos Center, Innisfail AB**

**May 11: Bowling, Shamrock Lanes Airdrie AB**

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](mailto:roberta.onyschtschuk@nsaschool.ca)

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# Bible Memory



## Matthew 5: 3-11 The Beatitudes

He said:

- 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.
- 5 Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.
- 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.
- 7 Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.
- 8 Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.
- 9 Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.
- 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and  
falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice  
and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same  
way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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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# 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.



**Take some time and enjoy coloring some spring pages!**

[http://www.momjunction.com/articles/spring-coloring-pages-your-toddler-will-love-to-color\\_0095249/#gref](http://www.momjunction.com/articles/spring-coloring-pages-your-toddler-will-love-to-color_0095249/#gref)

