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The start of a new school year is always an exciting time. Teachers are busy getting to know their students so that they can support their learning in the most effective ways possible. The office support staff are hustling to get registrations done, books sent out, and financial records set up, while answering tons of phone calls inquiring about what exactly we do at NorthStar Academy. The Activity Day and learning Clusters program is rolling out with some great opportunities for our students to learn and connect with each other.

We added some new staff over the summer. Mrs. Rosanne Banks is in the office working with our home education families and we hired two teachers to assist us with some temporary vacancies due to a couple of teachers on leave. Mrs. Erin Kaupp is working on Math, Science, and PE/Health with our middle school online program and Mrs. Jill Schmidt is covering some junior high classes and some senior high options. Welcome to the NorthStar team!

Our teachers are hitting the books just like their students. On October 18 and 19 we will be at the Association of Christian Schools International teachers' convention where we will be studying under Dr. Christopher Yuan from Moody Bible Institute. We will be tackling the timely and difficult topic of a Christian response to homosexuality in our general sessions. The NorthStar teachers are also studying how we can create a culture of thinking in our school and classes in our monthly professional development sessions. This is challenging work as we dig into questions such as "What if our classes were less about preparing students for tests and more about preparing them for a lifetime of learning?"

I pray that all of our students will experience a great year of learning as you dig into God's word and explore his world.

~Randy Wood, Principal



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**"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1**

# See What's New at NorthStar Academy!

## Term 1 Activity Clusters are due to start **October 17!**

Calgary Climbing, **Oct 23-Nov 27**

Didsbury Music—Ukulele, **Oct 17– Nov 28**

Airdrie Gymnastics, **Oct 25—Nov 29**

Didsbury Web Design Course, **Oct 27—Nov 3**

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

## Upcoming Events!

**October 18-19** ACSI Teacher's convention.

**October 26**, Non-Instructional Day

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

## Activity Days

**October 2**, Blackfoot Crossing, **CANCELLED**  
TO BE RESCHEDULED

**October 22**, White Court gym and swim

**November 2**, YouthLink Calgary Police Interpretive Center,  
NE Calgary

**November 16**, Telus World of Science, Edmonton

**December 14**, Southern AB Christmas Party, Pioneer Lodge  
Sundre

**December 14**, Northern AB Christmas Party, Location to TBA



# NorthStar Academy having fun!

## Back to School BBQ!



**BUMPER  
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**November 27**, Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Processing, Calgary

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



## October Memory Verses

### John 1: 1-5

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

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.



## EXTRACURRICULAR OUTSIDE OF NORTHSTAR

We have a new Facebook Page that is a closed group for our NorthStar families

### NorthStar Academy Community Connections

NorthStar Academy Community Connections is a way for NorthStar families to connect and discuss different events

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