



NorthStar ACADEMY



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December. 2018

Christmas is an exciting time, especially for young children. I remember fondly setting up the tree and then spending weeks trying to keep our kids from attacking all the ornaments on the lower branches. I now have grandkids who are hitting that same fun age and I'm looking forward to seeing their enthusiasm. A lot of their energy is about presents and all the stuff that Christmas brings so being deliberate about keeping the birth of Christ in front of them is pretty important. At 5, 3 and one and a half they are pretty young to appreciate all that it means to us to have a Saviour who came to earth to live among us. But they can know Jesus and His love for them which is a great place to start.

Mr. Hoeksema is back from medical leave. He loves his students and teaching so much that we couldn't keep him away any longer. Mrs. Brown is on leave for a bit and we are blessed to have Mrs. Jill Schmidt filling in for her. Mrs. Onyschtschuk is also currently on leave and Mrs. Taylor Bouchard is looking after Mrs. O's PBR students. Mrs. Erin Kaupp has been filling in for Mrs. Fluney but she will be finishing up at the end of December as she (Mrs. Kaupp) is having a baby. Some days it feels a bit like musical chairs here at NorthStar but we are truly thankful that God continues to provide excellent people to help us out. Please keep our staff in your prayers.

May God bless all of our NorthStar families as we remember to thank our Heavenly Father for sending us his Son – Immanuel – God with us.

~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 2 Activity Clusters are due to start in February!

Art

Musical Theatre

Amazing Race

Gymnastics

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEW SIGN UP DATE FOR
ACTIVITY DATES AND CLUSTERS IS JANUARY 15TH.**

Upcoming Events!

**December 7—Non—Instructional
Day**

**December 22—January 6
CHRISTMAS BREAK!**

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

Activity Days

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

December 14, Northern AB Christmas Party, Location to TBA

Coming this New Year

Cochrane Gym and Swim

Telus Spark, Calgary

Leduc Gym and Swim and more!

Important dates to remember!

December 3, 2018

Diploma courses: deadline to switch to full year

December 14, 2018

Non-diploma courses: deadline to switch to full year

December 17, 2018

WEEK 16

January 7, 2019

WEEK 17

**Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year to
all of our NorthStar
Families!**

God bless you

**From the NorthStar
Staff**



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Bible Memory

November/ December Memory Verses

Luke 2:8-12

8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

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:



www.NorthStarAcademyCanada.org



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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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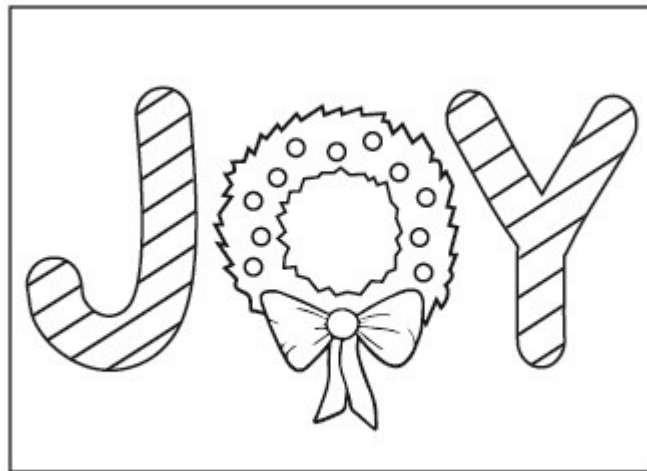
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