HAPPY NEW YEAR

You may have heard some details of the curriculum review underway in Alberta. It is an extensive process that will update all of our subjects at all grade levels. While this kind of refreshing of curriculum is a routine process in education, this one is on a larger scale than most and there are a few new wrinkles in how it will look. The K-4 curriculum review is to the point where some schools will be piloting it next year. It is still a draft document as the feedback from those pilots will be incorporated into the final document. Here is a link to the draft if you would like to look it over and below it is a link to the process Alberta Education is following in the development of new curriculum.
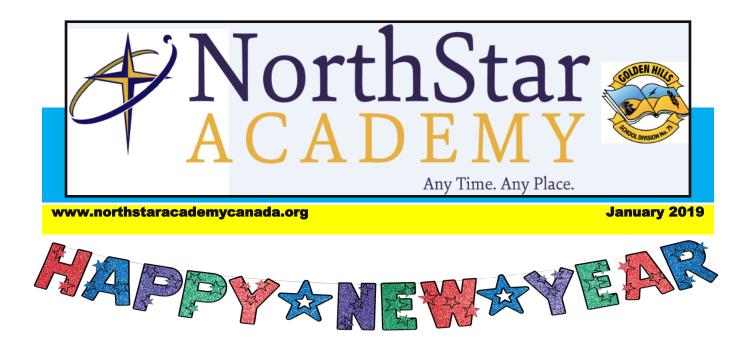
https://new.learnalberta.ca/?x=9FDE164E

https://education.alberta.ca/curriculumtimeline/?lang=en

One of the new wrinkles is an emphasis on indigenous history and culture. This is an area that has not been a focus of education in Alberta in the past so the additional attention is a welcome change. Another wrinkle is a move to how the curriculum itself is designed. The K-4, and future documents, is built around a model called Concept Based Curriculum. I don't want to bore you with too much "teacher talk" so I'll give you the short version. Historically curriculum has emphasized knowledge and skills. Concept Based Curriculum adds an additional emphasis on understanding. This emphasis on understanding means going beyond the surface level of knowledge and skills to a deeper level of meaning. This fits very well with the work on critical thinking that we have been engaged in at NorthStar.

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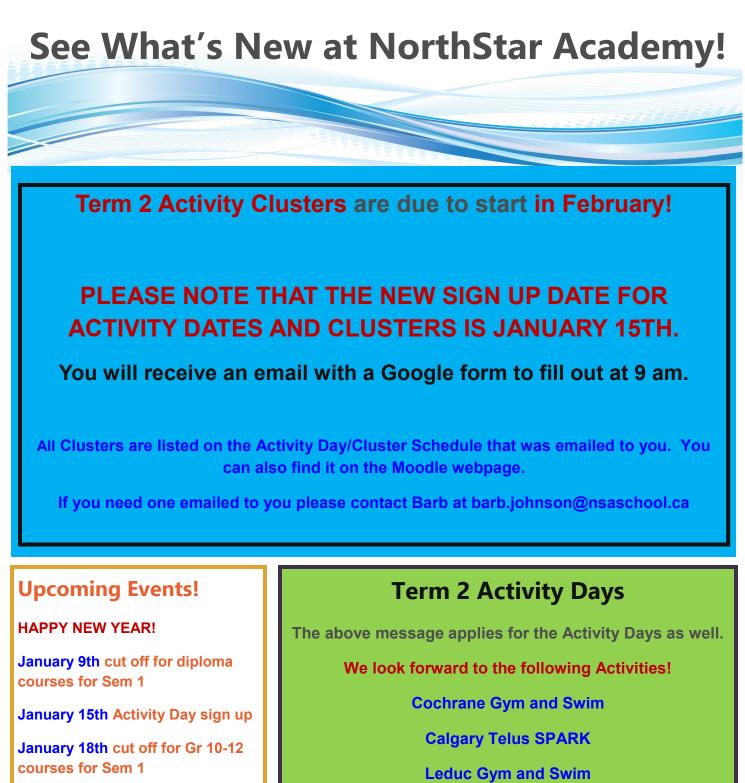
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As a Christian school, this kind of deep understanding is exactly where we want our students to go. They face complex challenges in a world that no longer understands truth as it once did. They need knowledge, skills, and understanding that is rooted in a Biblical worldview so that they can have a strong foundation of faith and be able to speak to the very real challenges our world faces. It is our privilege at NorthStar Academy to interpret the current curriculum, and any future ones, in light of our Biblical worldview so that we may continue to be Leaders in Learning, Connected by Christ.

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See What's New at NorthStar Academy!

Term 2 Activity Clusters are due to start **in February!**

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

You will receive an email with a Google form to fill out at 9 am.

All Clusters are listed on the Activity Day/Cluster Schedule that was emailed to you. You can also find it on the Moodle webpage.

If you need one emailed to you please contact Barb at barb.johnson@nsaschool.ca

Upcoming Events!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 9th cut off for diploma courses for Sem 1

January 15th Activity Day sign up

January 18th cut off for Gr 10-12 courses for Sem 1

January 21st PD Day, no school

January 28th Sem 2 Start date

January 31st PD Day, no school

Term 2 Activity Days

The above message applies for the Activity Days as well.

We look forward to the following Activities!

Cochrane Gym and Swim

Calgary Telus SPARK

Leduc Gym and Swim

Cornerstone Youth Theatre

Edmonton Legislature Tour

Important dates to remember!

January 9, 2019

Diploma courses: last day to hand in work

January 18, 2019

Non-diploma courses Gr 10-12: last day to hand in work

January 7-11, 2019

WEEK 17

January 14-18, 2019

WEEK 18

MOODLE TIPS OF THE MONTH

- **Moodle works best on Chrome and Safari.**

- **If a test freezes or times out, log out, and try again. Your test should be where you left off.**

- **Microsoft office is needed for all assignments.**

- **Moodle is always running, even on holidays and PD days**

Bible Memory

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!
Praise God in His sanctuary;
    praise Him in His mighty heavens!
2 Praise Him for his mighty deeds;
    praise Him according to His excellent greatness!
3 Praise Him with trumpet sound;
    praise Him with lute and harp!
4 Praise Him with tambourine and dance;
    praise Him with strings and pipe!
5 Praise Him with sounding cymbals;
    praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!
6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!

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

Facebook.com/northstaracademycanada
Instagram: @northstaracademycanada

Home School 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.

EXTRACURICULAR OUTSIDE OF NORTHSTAR

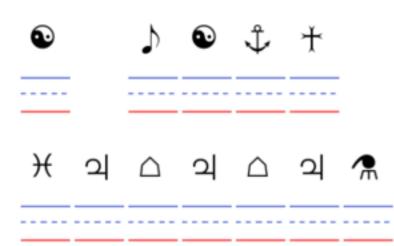**We have a new Facebook Page that is a closed group for our NorthStar families**

NorthStar Academy Community Connections

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

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SUMMER MATH REVIEW PUZZLE:
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Each number inside the polyomino (blue cells) must be no larger than the number of blue cells in its 3x3 block -- the same as the given within that block. Each major diagonal also contains the numbers 1-9.