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## Walk in the Light

*“Come, descendants  
of Jacob, let us walk  
in the light of the  
Lord.” Isaiah 2:5*



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Any Time. Any Place.



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## Principal's Message

As we close in on the end of the school year it is great to both look back and ahead. This year, NorthStar Academy continued to grow with our total registrations reaching the 350 student mark with a full time equivalency of 236.5 (we have many part-time senior high students). We have increased our number and variety of activity days which has allowed for some strong connections between families to grow. Our teachers have worked hard to build strong relationships with their students and we have continued to offer flexibility in our program so that our “Any Time, Any Place” motto could be a reality for our families. Our graduating class with twenty students is the largest class in the history of the school and a significant number of them will be a part of our ceremonies on May 31<sup>st</sup>. At NSA we have many things to be thankful for but a province and a school board that are supportive of Christian education are certainly at the top of the list.



Next year looks to be another great one for us. The growing pains of learning how to Moodle will be behind us and our teachers are busy planning how to polish up their courses and how to make it easier for students to submit their work. We will have some additional instructional space at our Didsbury office so we can hold workshops for our students. We are looking to expand our teaching staff so that our current ones can keep their sanity as they take on the challenges of supporting students in their studies at home. We have great staff at NSA who love the work they do but sometimes they work too hard for too long, and that is not good. We all need balance in our lives. If we are to be good servants of the Living God we have to make time for Him. This is one of the great challenges of being a Christian in the western world – even if it is good work too much of it diminishes our opportunities for disciplined Bible study and prayer.

As your school year wraps up may you find time to refresh and renew yourself over the summer so that you can stay focused on Christ and so you can be ready for the adventure to begin anew.



# GRADUATION 2014





## Telus World of Science – Edmonton

On May 22, 2014, with the sun shining brightly, 17 students (curious beings) and 10 adults (known as parents) headed for the Edmonton Telus World of Science. Families from as far away as Sundre, AB and as close as New Sarepta or Edson, AB came to explore and investigate what they could about this wonderful world our God has made.

The first stop on our exploration was the Syncrude Environmental Gallery where much was learned about recycling, the layers of the earth, Doc the fish and weather. The efforts that go into saving injured wildlife from all over the world were discovered in the Wildlife Rescue Exhibit. Students were introduced to the concepts of biodiversity, restoration and animal re-habitation. Before lunch we toured the Health Gallery. Not sure if that was such a good idea just prior to eating. At least we now know the journey our food takes after it enters our mouth!

Next it was onward and upward to the second floor! This was the favorite stop of the self-guided tour for the engineers, the inventors and dads in the group: K'NEX – Thrill Rides. Not only were there displays of fifteen fully functioning amusement park rides but you could also spend time building your own masterpiece. You could see the eyes pop out and the smiles appear as we entered the room...and that was just the dads!

Many of the families took advantage of the shows in the Margaret Zeidler Star Theatre. It was there they watched films called Extreme Planets and Experience the Aurora. Did you know there are solar planets orbiting other stars in this vast universe our God created? Neither did we, but now we know! The Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis) was captured with time-lapse images using a high resolution digital SLR camera that was outfitted with fisheye lenses. This was an experience almost as real as being in the Arctic Circle yourself, but much warmer.

Three of our families took advantage, at the end of the last show, of sticking around and being treated to something special. After all the other participants left, the theatre guide allowed us to sit back in our seats while he showed us the sky as it would appear over Edmonton at night. Stars, stars and more stars were there for our viewing pleasure. Questions were asked and anything we could think of in the night sky was shown to us. Our guide was impressed with the quality of the questions asked and how our students answered the ones he posed. Well worth the time and wait!



We would love to have you join us next time we visit this exciting, entertaining and educational place. Keep your eyes peeled for the 2014-2015 activity day and field trip schedules coming soon to an email and Moodle home page near you!





## Zentangle Owl

Designed by:

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## Steady in the Storm

- by Suzanna denOtter (Grade 12 - English 30-1)

Release the wind! Let all its force rage through  
The sea! Let high waves rise till they prevail.  
Let all the earth wage war on calm deep blues,  
And ships sit trembling under skies of hail.

May none with breath lay paralyzed with fear.  
May no man's heartbeat skip its time, nor smile  
Start fading from a face. But may we steer  
Towards the storm as brave souls all the while.

And why are we so steady still, though storms  
Surround and push and choke our very lives?  
Our strength is found because we know all  
forms  
Must bow to Him who helps us to survive.

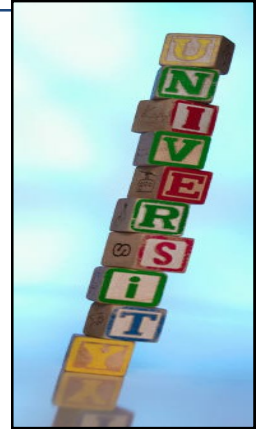
When we are weak, His strength and power are  
On display. He's our anchor and North Star.

## POST SECONDARY EDUCATION INFO

Grade 12 and high school students and families,

Want information about programs, admissions requirements, scholarships, loans and other topics related to post-secondary education?

Check out [www.alis.alberta.ca](http://www.alis.alberta.ca)!



There are tons of resources for studying in Alberta. If you aren't sure what you want to do after high school, there is info on a variety of careers. If you do know what you want to do, there is information about scholarships, Post-secondary institutions and programs in Alberta. For information about admissions requirements, you can go to the website for the Post-secondary institution you are interested in attending and find the program you want and check out admission requirements. If you prefer to talk to a person, Colleges and Universities have academic advisors who are only a phone call away and their numbers are usually pretty easy to find on the website.

If you'd like help planning your high school years, make an appointment with Mrs. Leismeister at [www.nsacorrie.simplybook.me](http://www.nsacorrie.simplybook.me).