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**September 2019**

Welcome to all of our new students/families and welcome back to all of you who are returning. September is kind of like spring for schools – everything is new and fresh and filled with the promise of good things ahead. I hope that your summer was filled with refreshing activities that connected you with family and friends.

We just wrapped up our back-to-school barbeque which was blessed with good weather. There were a little over 200 of us that shared some food and fellowship. Many of our staff commented on the high number of students and families that were visiting and making connections, something that can be a challenge in the education from home world. Thank you for joining us and for being so willing to assist with cleanup.

We are pleased to welcome back Mrs. Jennifer Fluney who is returning from medical leave. Unfortunately, Mrs. Kimberley Brown and Mrs. Roberta Onyschtschuk are not yet able to return. We have a couple of familiar faces from last year who are helping to fill in for them: Mrs. Jill Schmidt and Mr. Rick Glasspell. In addition, we have a new teacher assisting them, Ms. Madison Haller. Individually and collectively they are a blessing from the Lord.

I'm not certain what lessons God has in mind for each of you for this school year. Our staff have been praying for some students who find themselves in difficult situations, for some staff members and their families who are also walking some challenging paths, and very recently for some students from the boys' volleyball team at Strathmore High (in our school division so lots of connections) – three of them were hospitalized on the same day for drug overdoses.

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# NorthStar ACADEMY



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When the prayer requests for people I know and care about start to stack up sometimes I feel a bit overwhelmed with all the troubles out there. Trusting God is a lesson He is working with me on. I'm focusing on Proverbs 3:5 & 6. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Perhaps leaning on your own understanding isn't a problem for you, but if like me, it is a work in progress in your walk with the Lord, let me encourage you to keep focusing on this verse.

May God bless you with a great school year.

Randell P. Wood

Principal



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# See What's Happening at NorthStar Academy!

Here at NorthStar there is always something amazing going on and fantastic learning taking place. While we might not always be together to see the activities and effort being put in behind the computer, we know it is taking place and we believe it is important to take time to both recognize and celebrate it.

It was great to meet so many of you at our back to School BBQ! We had close to 200 in attendance and enjoyed all the interactions with the students and their families.

**If you have not received our Activity Day Schedule, email our Activity Day Coordinator, Amanda Sadler, at [activityday@nsaschool.ca](mailto:activityday@nsaschool.ca)**

Have you logged into your parent Moodle page to check out the Parent Lounge. All our families, Home Ed, PBR, and Online have access to this great resource. If you don't have your log in access yet, contact Barb at the office at [barb.johnson@nsaschool.ca](mailto:barb.johnson@nsaschool.ca)

Do you have all the resources you need for the year? Make sure you have all your resources ordered so you don't fall behind! Contact Michelle at [michelle@nsaschool.ca](mailto:michelle@nsaschool.ca)

## Sem 1 Learning Clusters

Oct 8-Nov 12 Rock climbing, Calgary

Oct 8-Nov 12 Ukulele Lessons, Didsbury

Oct 10-Nov 28 Sewing Class, Didsbury

October Art classes in Stony Plain

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## Oct—Nov Activity Days

We look forward to the following Activities!

Huestis Forest Field Study—Whitecourt

Kraay Family Farm—Corn Maze, Lacombe

DINOS center and Museum, Innisfail

Reynolds Museum, Wetaskiwin

Indigenous Study & Soapstone Carving, Didsbury

## LIMITLESS

Oct 19—Laser tag in Calgary (Gr 10-12)

# Important dates to remember!

**Oct 11 & 14** Non-Instructional Days

**Oct 14** Office is closed for Thanksgiving

**Nov 1** Non-Instructional day

**Nov 11** Office is closed for Remembrance Day  
Non-Instructional Day

**OFFICE HOURS ARE 9 - 4pm AND CLOSED FROM NOON TO 1.**

## 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
- Supervision of your student is very important, make sure you have read our parent supervisor document for online learners.



# See What's New at NorthStar Academy!



**Coming Soon to NSA!**

**On Monday, October 7th we will be launching 'Clubs' at NorthStar.**

This will be a great opportunity for our students to engage in an area of interest, and build community with peers who share that interest. NorthStar Teachers will be leading the online clubs in Moodle and the topic choices include horsemanship, card-making, pen-pals, world photography, hockey, baking, run/walk club, and much more. Students are invited to select one club to join and will be participating in challenges and activities in that online club over the course of the school year.

**More information to come soon!**

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# NorthStar Celebration Days

“Celebration' isn't just an event, it's an attitude  
and a way of life”

~ Peter Gamwell and Jane Daly in *The Wonder Wall*

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

~ Philippians 4:4 (KJV)

Celebration is an important part of life and we, at NorthStar, want to CELEBRATE - sometimes for fun like our First Day of School Show and Share and sometimes to honor more serious events like Orange Shirt Day coming up this Monday, September 30th.

Watch for details, as they are posted on our school's Moodle home page, and be sure to check out all the online celebration activities posted in our Moodle Learning Commons under the NSA Celebrations tab.

Celebration Days coming up...


Join NorthStar in Celebrating

## Orange Shirt Day!

A day to listen, learn and celebrate Aboriginal Culture  
Monday, September 30th!

**How to participate:**

1. Wear an orange shirt.
2. Post a picture of you in your orange shirt to our Moodle Learning Commons—Look under the Celebrations tab.
3. Listen to Phyllis Webstad's story and learn the history of Orange Shirt Day.
4. Listen to the story You Hold me Up and decorate a feather sharing how we can and do hold each other up. Post a picture or scan your feather to our Moodle Learning Commons—Look under the Celebrations tab.



**1 Thessalonians 5:11 "Encourage one another and build up one another."**

For more information, resources and ideas to celebrate, please see:  
[www.orangeshirtday.org](http://www.orangeshirtday.org)

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# Bible Memory



## The Truth About Creation

**Genesis 1:1-8 (The first two days of creation):**

1. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
2. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.
3. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.
4. God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness.
5. God called the light 'day,' and the darkness He called 'night.' And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.
6. And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water."
7. So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so.
8. God called the expanse 'sky.' And there was evening and there was morning—the second day.

This is open to all Print Base Resource, 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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# Building Home School Community

Enjoy some pictures from the back to school BBQ



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## Extra curricular



### 2020 Europe Trip

Almost two millennia since Paul journeyed to Athens and Rome to spread the Gospel, a group of students, parents, and staff from PCA will be headed in the same direction. The trip will include the sights and sounds of Rome, Capri, Sorrento, Pompeii, Delphi, and Athens, while hitting many lovely places in between. For ten days we will travel through some of the most beautiful locations, view Classical and Renaissance art and architecture, and even traverse the very locales and reference points of the early Church. Every student will have a chance to apply and enhance their understanding of the Social Studies and Bible courses in a very real and practical way. There is something to be said for standing on the very ground where Paul preached, rather than just talking about it from more than 8000Km away.

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**Any PCA or NorthStar Academy students (or parents thereof) who will be in Sr. High in 2020 are eligible to sign up for the trip. Students who are currently enrolled in Grade 9-11: THIS MEANS YOU!!! The cost is \$3870 for students and \$4380 for adults.**

**Michael Robertson is the Social Studies teacher at Prairie Christian Academy in Three Hills, Alberta. NorthStar and PCA work closely together as Christian schools in the Golden Hills School Division. Michael has led these tours for several years and is very capable organizer who is passionate about history and culture.**

**For further details about the trip, or to enroll, please visit his website at: <http://pcabunker.weebly.com/europe-2020---italy-and-greece.htm>**

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