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The NorthStar teachers had the opportunity last week to attend our Christian school teachers' convention. It is always a great time of fellowship and usually has some very insightful sessions to take in. One presentation was by a University of Alberta professor who has a dentistry degree and two PhD's – one in evolutionary biology and the other in theology. He was an interesting guy. He spoke on the origin of the universe & life, presenting five different scenarios: young earth creation, progressive creation, evolutionary creation, deistic evolution, and atheistic evolution. This professor has a heart for students who lose their faith under the pressure of the influences at university, especially from the science people. It was a lot to take in and your view on the authority of Scripture both speaks to this issue and can be shaped by it as well.

One of the keynote speakers was a professor from Taylor University who spoke on interpreting the Bible – very timely for me after hearing the other guy. One piece that stood out is how understanding the audience that a Biblical author was speaking to can influence our understanding. As an example he spoke of how dogs are seen in the Scriptures. In Luke 16:21 the author tells us about a beggar named Lazarus saying "Even the dogs came and licked his sores." As a 21st century westerner I read this as the dogs were being kind to Lazarus, helping him out. The presenter showed a video of a dog trained to place its body under the head of its owner when she is having a seizure. The dog's dedication to this woman is amazing to see and fits with my notion of dogs. To the 1st century audience dogs licking your sores meant something quite different. Dogs were considered scavengers so this was describing how lowly this beggar was – how much of an outcast he was.



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Our understanding of the Bible matters a great deal to our faith. The message of salvation is simple – even a child can understand it. However, the Bible is not simple – it is a complex collection of documents that take a great deal of effort to understand deeply. When someone brings a viewpoint or an idea that is a challenge to how we think we need to weigh that idea, to evaluate it. The standard we need to evaluate it against is God's Word but we need to dig into the Word and to understand how we approach the Word. We can't just take someone else's viewpoint, no matter how many degrees they have or what job they do. I like how the New American Standard Bible translates 2 Timothy 2:15. "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth." This is the work we do in a Christian school as teachers and the work you do at home as parents. May we all be truly diligent as we help to shape the minds of our students and children.

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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.

Ask for you Online Supervisor PDF if you have not received one.

Make sure you take a look at our NSA Clubs! You'll find it under your courses.

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)

## Learning Clusters

**Watch for Sem 2 learning Clusters!**

If you have not received our Activity Day Schedule make sure you contact Amanda at [activityday@nsaschool.ca](mailto:activityday@nsaschool.ca)

## November Activity Days

We look forward to the following Activities!

[DINOS center and Museum, Innisfail](#)

[Reynolds Museum, Wetaskiwin](#)

[Indigenous Study & Soapstone Carving, Didsbury](#)

**LIMITLESS**

[Samaritan's Purse, Dec 4th in Calgary](#)

# Important dates to remember!

**Nov 8** Non Instructional Day

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

**Nov 22** Non Instructional Day

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

## **GMAIL**

Every NorthStar student is given a Gmail account.

For online and PBR students this a very important form of communication between the teacher and the student.

We are experiencing some issues with teacher feedback going into the SPAM folder in student's Gmail.

Please look at your SPAM folder daily.

Make sure you have logged into your Gmail and check it daily.

For questions contact Barb at [barb.johnson@nsaschool.ca](mailto:barb.johnson@nsaschool.ca)



# Bible Memory



## The Truth About Creation

### Genesis 1:14-19 (The 4th day of creation):

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14. And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, ...

15. ... and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so.

16. God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars.

17. God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth...

18. ...to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good.

19. And there was evening and there was morning—the fourth 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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# See What's New at NorthStar Academy!

## Join NorthStar in Celebrating



Wednesday, November 20th!

### Ways to participate:

1. Find or create for yourself some crazy hair or hat.
2. Become a crazy hair or hat stylist. Download the colouring sheet, choose your client and model their hairdo or design their hat.
3. Post a picture of your own crazy hair/hat or your crazy hair/hat design to our Moodle picture gallery or shared Google slide show —Look under the Celebrations tab within the Learning Commons.



"Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy."

~ Psalm 126:2

# In Flanders Fields

*John McCrae*

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders Fields.  
Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders Fields.



# POPPY

