



NorthStar ACADEMY



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December 2019



As Christmas time approaches students, parents, and teachers are looking forward to a couple of weeks off of school. School is hard work for all of us so a break is a good thing. I also find that it is a good time to pause and think about how God has blessed me and my family.

I do this in part to counter the pull of all the gift buying opportunities – Black Friday, Cyber Monday, and Terrifying Tuesday (parking at the mall!). The commercial side of Christmas can be a bit overwhelming so challenging myself to think of blessings whenever buying comes up helps me. I'm not a complete Scrooge, as I have four preschool age granddaughters who are a lot of fun to buy for, but I do need to reign in my buying impulses as the media developers know how to push my buttons with all their advertisements. I don't even know what a 4K UHD OLED TV is but the ads have me wanting one.

Don't get me wrong, it is great to celebrate the birth of Jesus – to be surrounded by family and friends as we remember the events of his arrival on earth. It just helps me stay grounded to remember that Jesus' humble birth began a journey that ended on the cross – the ultimate blessing as he took upon his shoulders the weight of my sin.

My God bless you and your family as you celebrate the birth of Jesus. ~ Randy Wood



~Randy Wood

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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

What's Happening at NorthStar Academy?



Diploma Schedule

Diploma course cut off JANUARY 10

Monday, January 13, English 30-1, 30-2 Part A

Tuesday, January 14, Social Studies 30-1, 30-2 Part A

Wednesday, January 22, Math 30-1, 30-2

Thursday, January 23, English 30-1, 30-2 Part B

Friday, January 24, Social studies 30-1, 30-2 Part B

Monday, January 27, Biology 30

Tuesday, January 28, Chemistry 30

Wednesday, January 29, Physics 30

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR TEACHER FOR DIPLOMA PREP SCHEDULE

What is important to keep in mind as Semester 1 is coming to an end?

- make sure you are aware of our no slamming policy.
Contact your teacher for more information

Keep in mind

- Moodle still runs through Christmas break
- Be proactive in looking at your school Gmail
- COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Dates and Activities to Remember!



Dates to Remember

December 13, Non-Instructional day

December 21—January 5
Christmas Holidays. Moodle is still available at this time. Teachers are offline and the office is closed

January 10—Cut off for 30 level Diploma courses

January 17—Non-Instructional day

January 27—Semester 2 start

January 31—PD Day, Non-Instructional day

GRADUATES, BE LOOKING FOR EMAILS SOON ABOUT GRAD

December Activity Days

We look forward to the following Activities!

December 12, Christmas Parties

January 10, Hanger Flight Museum/
Village Square swim, Calgary

January 16, Art and Gym, Leduc

LIMITLESS

February 1, Tubing, Canyon Ski Hill in Red Deer

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

The importance of reading in the home

[Reading in the Home](#)

Click this link



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

Bible Memory



The Truth About Creation

Genesis 1:20-25 (The 5th and 6th day (animals) of creation):

20. And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky.”

21. So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

22. God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.”

23. And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

24. And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures, according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so.

25. God made the wild animals, according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground, according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

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:



www.NorthStarAcademyCanada.org



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Celebration Days!



Join NorthStar's Christmas Traditions Festival

Monday, December 16th to
Friday, December 20th!

Ways to participate:

1. Help build our Spirit of Christmas Word Cloud. Using one word, what does Christmas mean to you?
2. Share pictures or a story of one Christmas tradition celebrated by your family each year.
3. Decorate your school space for Christmas. Share a photograph of your efforts.
4. Organize a festive Christmas sweater day for you and your family. Post pictures of your event to our shared Photo Gallery.

**Thanks be to God for his
incredible gift!**

~ 2 Corinthians 9:15



The NorthStar office will be closed December 12th.

Our staff will be attending our NSA Christmas parties!

We hope to see you there.

North party: Camp Nakamum

Central party: Camp Evergreen

You must RSVP to attend these events





CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

USE THE CLUES TO COMPLETE THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across

1. One of Santa's Reindeer
3. Santa's Helpers
5. December 25th is _____.
7. Christmas Drink
10. The name of a popular snowman.

Down

2. Christmas Month
4. He hates Christmas!
6. You hang them by the chimney.
8. On Christmas morning we unwrap our _____.
9. ___ to the world!



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Christmas Word Search



Arctic
bells
candy
chimney
cookies

elves
Frosty
holly
lights
North Pole

ornaments
presents
Reindeer
Rudolf
Santa

sleigh
stockings
tinsel
toys
tree

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