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Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a great Christmas vacation and a good start to the New Year. We teachers tend to think as September as the start of the year as our lives revolve around that calendar but January 1st gives us all chance to think of a fresh start and the blessings we have received over the last twelve months.

If you have been watching the media lately, teacher strikes in Ontario and talk of layoffs of hundreds of teachers in Calgary are concerning as these are factors which can take our focus off of educating our students. We are grateful that we work for the Golden Hills School Division as their careful planning for September means that we have not had to deal with possible layoffs and cutbacks in the midst of the school year. There are still some uncertainties going forward as Alberta Education is making some changes including revamping the funding model they use to support school divisions but on the good news side there is clear evidence of support for parental choice in education. For us at NorthStar the good news is two fold with support for choosing Christian education and for choosing to partner with us as you educate your children from home.

We are close to wrapping up our first semester courses for our grade 10-12 students and the grade 12's diploma exams begin next week. These are important exams as they count for 30% of a student's final mark in the grade 12 diploma subjects: English, Social, Math, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. Please join us in praying that these students will have safe travel as they head to write the tests and that the hard work they have invested in these courses will bring answers to mind – the right ones!

May God bless you and your family in 2020.

~ 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

- Have you checked on your student's progress?
- Be proactive in looking at your school Gmail
- COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Dates and Activities to Remember!

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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!

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

January 16, Art and Gym, Leduc

SPOTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

LIMITLESS

February 1, Tubing, Canyon Ski Hill in Red Deer

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Learning Clusters

Semester 2 Clusters are opening up! SIGN UP!

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



God's Ultimate Creation: The Creation of Humanity

Genesis 1:26-31 (The 6th day of creation):

26. Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

27. So God created man in His own image, in the image of God, He created him: male and female, He created them.

28. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.

29. Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food...

30....And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

31. God saw all that He had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth 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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Celebration Days!

We are celebrating 2020!!!!

I remember when I was asked in 1985, to write what I thought would be happening in 2020. I thought we'd be living the life of rockets, floating cars, and have robots doing our work!

It definitely didn't change that much!

Here is your task! What do you think the world will be like in 2030?

Print off this page and tell me what you think the world will be like.

Send to Barb at barb.johnson@nsaschool.ca and I'll feature you in our next newsletter!