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February 2020

February is Teacher's Convention time for our school division. Teachers take two days to attend sessions of various kinds. Some are large group sessions that tend to be inspirational and informative. For example, Michael Landsberg, host of TSN's Off the Record will be speaking on his personal mental health journey and how he finds hope in the midst of his personal darkness. Another keynote address will be given by Dr. Todd Whitaker an educational researcher and presenter. His topic is "What Great Teachers Do Differently".

One of the things great teachers do is learn themselves. We invest a lot of energy in professional development at NorthStar as education is a very dynamic endeavour with new resources, new programs, new curriculum, and new ideas on how to best engage our students. While February 17-21 is a week off for students, our teachers will be spending three of those days as students themselves – a refreshing and challenging time.

Alberta Education has released a draft ministerial order on student learning, which is kind of a blueprint for changes to how education is to be done in the province. They have asked for feedback on the draft ministerial order which you can do online or in print. Here is a link to the survey and the background information. The opportunity is open until February 24th.

<https://www.alberta.ca/vision-for-student-learning-engagement.aspx>

Moodle will be available to students during the Family Day and Teachers' Convention week, and our office staff will be able to assist you, but NorthStar's teachers will not be available from the 17th to the 21st.

May God bless you and your family in the weeks ahead.

~ 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?

Are you a parent with NorthStar and want to find out what other resources are available to you?

We offer a parent Moodle page for parents with access to our Learning Commons course and Parent Lounge. You will have access to great resources that you can use for your student's everyday learning!

Contact Barb at the office to get your parent log in today!

barb.johnson@nsaschool.ca

What week are we on?

February 10-14

Week 21 Lesson 21

Semester 2, Lesson 3

No lessons due February 17-21

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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February 17-21 Flex week

Keep in mind that Moodle is still available, but there are no lessons due

GRADUATES, BE LOOKING FOR EMAILS ABOUT GRAD, THREE EMAILS HAVE BEEN SENT OUT SO FAR

IF YOU HAVE RESPONDED THAT YOU ARE ATTENDING GRAD, THE GRADUATE HAS BEEN PUT IN A GRAD FORUM IN MOODLE

PLEASE GO CHECK IT OUT

February Activity Days

We look forward to the following Activities!

February 14—Cochrane Humane Society and Swim

February 28—Telus SPARK Calgary

LIMITLESS

March 6—Shamrock Bowling

Learning Clusters

Semester 2 Clusters are now in session.

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.

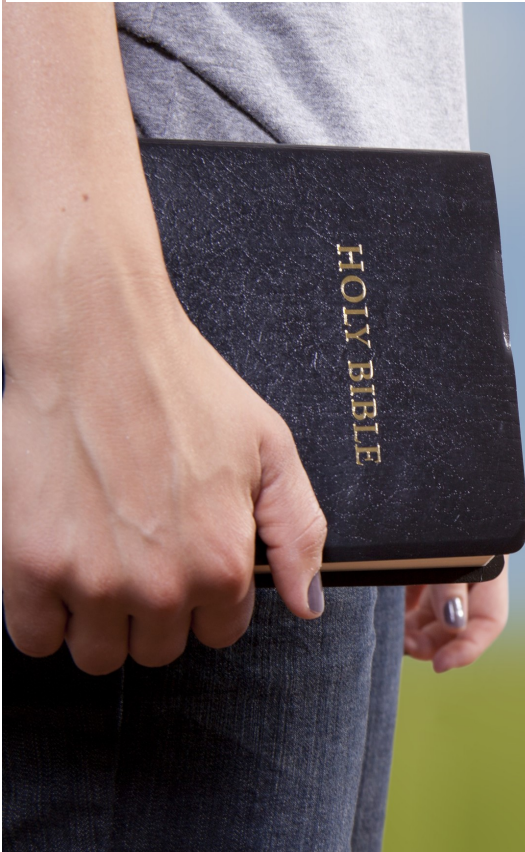
We are experiencing some issues with teacher feedback going into the SPAM folder in students' Gmail.

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 sin

Genesis 3:1-7 (The fall of mankind):

1. Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'"
2. The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ...
- 3...but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"
4. "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman.
5. "For God knows that when you eat of it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
6. When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food, and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.
7. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

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 their 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!

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