



March 16, 2020

Dear Students & Parents,

Alberta Education has suspended classes at all brick and mortar schools indefinitely. Since NorthStar Academy operates as an education from home program our basic operations are not affected by this suspension order. This means our students are in a privileged position to continue their education.

We have cancelled/postponed our Activity Days and Learning Clusters for the near future as the minister of education has asked that students not gather outside of school. We will seek clarity on this issue going forward but for the next two weeks all of our activities that bring students together in one place will not be happening.

We have been directed by our school authority to not accept any new registrations for this semester. We would love to be able to assist students who cannot now attend classes but the reality is that our teachers are already operating at capacity so adding new students at this time is not feasible. Registrations for the fall are still open so feel free to contact us or send in your applications for next year at any time.

The province has announced the cancellation of Provincial Achievement Tests so if you have a grade 6 or 9 student who was planning on writing these assessments they will not be available. You may have questions about Diploma Exams, graduation, and other school events that are down the road a while, so do we. This is an evolving situation so we will keep you informed as the picture becomes clearer.

These are unusual times in education and other aspects of life here in Alberta and around the world. God has placed some very strong and intelligent leaders around us, especially here in the Golden Hills School Division. I have confidence in the ability of those leaders and others to guide us as we all manage this challenging situation. More importantly, I have confidence that our God is in control. Perhaps Joshua 1:9 is a good verse for today. "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'RP Wood'.

Randell P. Wood  
Principal

