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April 2020

How has school changed for NorthStar students and staff? Well, in some ways, not much at all; and in others, quite a bit.

- Our teachers report that lessons are coming in well with some indicating students are being more diligent than usual perhaps some extra time on their hands?
- Registrations for next year are ahead of the usual pace some parents have expressed that they want to be at the head of the line in case registrations are capped next year. The greater number of families experiencing education from home could lead to increased numbers for next year, but we should be able to handle any growth that occurs.
- Some students and parents have connected with us indicating they need some assistance as their situation has changed siblings returning home, parent out of work, internet having a hard time handling the extra load. Please do connect with your teachers if you are having difficulties, as they can help.
- No PAT's, no diploma exams J, no Activity Days L
- Curriculum/resource days are on hold for now we may have to figure out a "social distancing" version of this if the public health directives remain in place for May and June.
- The office is pretty quiet as anybody with the sniffles has to work from home and our students and parents are mostly at home as well these days.



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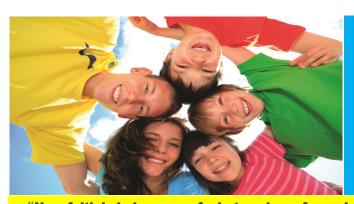
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Some of our families have been directly impacted by COVID-19 either with the illness itself or by the economic stress it and the price of oil has caused. Many of us are feeling a bit anxious about the days ahead as we see the developments around the world and in our communities at home. Those feelings are natural and certainly nothing to feel bad about. I met with the staff this week, virtually of course – faces on a screen is not the same as all being around the same table, but it will have to do for now. We shared how we are experiencing these changes personally and encouraged each other with the reminder that our Heavenly Father has not changed. His love for us is just as strong as ever and he is still in charge. He still desires the same of us – "And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly, to love mercy, and walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8 Justice, mercy, and humility – all needed at this time but perhaps we should look for ways to show an extra measure of mercy to those around us. There are many needs out there.

May God bless you and your family with health and peace.

~ Randy Wood



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What's Happening at NorthStar

Academy?

Registration for the 2020-21 School year is officially open!

You must register every year.

Go to our website to find our registration forms:

http://northstaracademycanada.org/Enroll%20Now.php

We offer 4 programs:

Online Gr 5-12

Print Base Resource Gr 1-12

Home Ed (Traditional) Gr 1-12

Blended Gr 1-12

What week are we on?

April 6-10

Week 23 Lesson 28

Semester 2 Lesson 10

April 20-24

Week 24 Lesson 29

Semester 2 Lesson 11

Keep in mind

Be proactive in looking at your student's school Gmail.

During COVID19 we realize that families are going through trying times.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Dates and Activities to Remember!

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April 10—19 Easter Break

Keep in mind that Moodle is still online to work on your courses if you wish.

The teachers will not be online, and the NorthStar office will be closed.

June 6 is the date we scheduled for the NSA grad. We will keep you posted.

Activity Days

LIMITLESS

Learning Clusters

<u>Due to COVID19 all activities are cancelled until further notice.</u>

If you have not received our Activity Day Schedule, make sure you contact Amanda at activityday@nsaschool.ca

Useful Resources!



<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?</u> <u>v=92W03F4BROc&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=lwAR3cxkOu9VioKjOdap</u> <u>hgH037kuwbaQ3mpcrNkob2auo76-IZIdGCD3Tq19M</u>



Useful Resources!

thecanadianhomeschooler.com



5 Canadian Virtual Field Trips for Fun & Learning

boredteachers.com



BOREDTEACHERS.COM

50 Online Art and Music Resources to Help Kids Learn and Create from Home

Useful Resources!

https://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/encouraging-your-childs-smarts/?



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Encouraging Your Child's Smarts - Focus on the Family

Learn about eight "smarts" that will help you recognize your children's...



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Bible Memory



Easter Verses:

- John 11:25-26: "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?""
- 1 Peter 1:3: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."
- 1 Corinthians 15:21: "For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man."
- Philippians 3:10: "I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death."
- Acts 4:33: "With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all."

Luke 24:6-7: "He is not here; he has risen!"

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!

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



Facebook.com/northstaracademycanada Instagram: @northstaracademycanada

Gratitude Journal

This April we find ourselves in the most unique circumstances with COVID19. There is so much adversity around us. Take time daily to right down a word, draw a picture, or spill your heart out with what you are grateful for! We all need to remember the good.

What am I grateful for? I am an administrator with NorthStar, and I'm so thankful for the staff that is working very hard to make sure that our students are still getting the very best education. It isn't easy during these times as they have children at home now, spouses working from home as well and so many other scenarios. Thank you to all the NorthStar staff for staying strong as a community! I'm thankful for you!

Name:	Date:	
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Feeling Grateful

Word Search

What are YOU thankful for on Thanksgiving Day and all the other days of the year? Here are a few ideas to get you started.

BED BIRTHDAY BOOKS

CARS CHALLENGES

DAD

EARTH

FAMILY

FLOWERS

GRANDPARENTS

HEALTH

HEARING

HEART

HOME

ICE CREAM

JOKES

LAUGHTER

LUNGS

MOM

MOON

NATURE

OXYGEN

UNIGEN

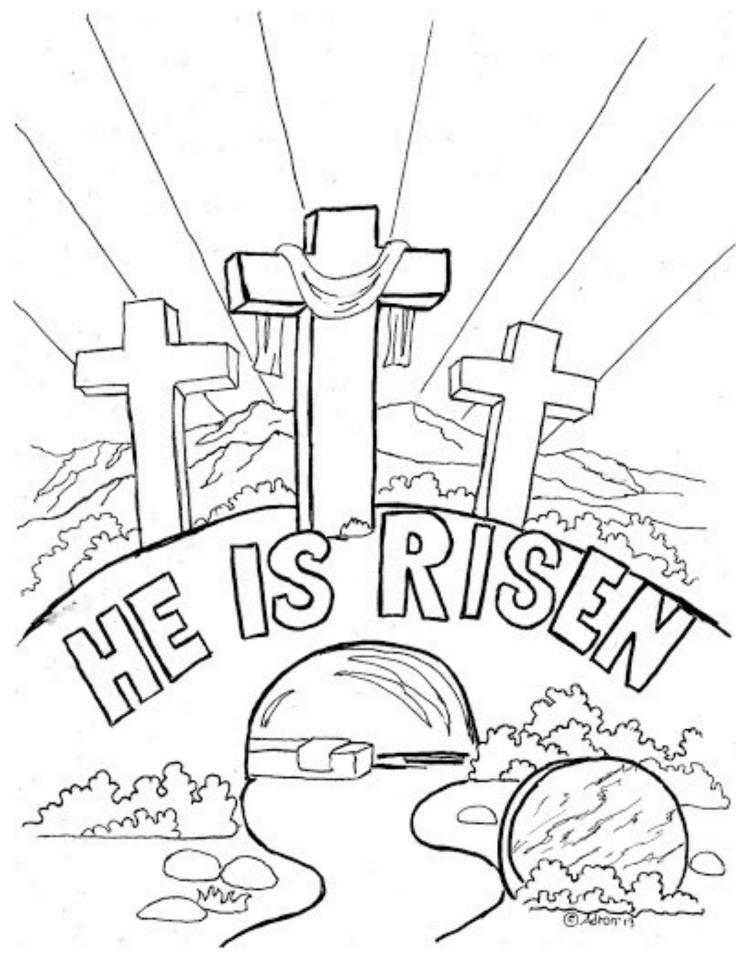
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RAIN	STARS
READING	SUNSHINE
SCHOOL	TASTE
SHOES	TEACHER
SIGHT	TOUCH
SMELL	VACATION



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