



From the Principal's Office



June is upon us and the school year is drawing to a close. 2020/2021 will certainly be one to remember. While many schools have experienced repeated cycles of disruption and the term “close contact” took on special meaning for some, we at NorthStar Academy have been blessed to operate pretty much as usual. We did have to alter our Activity Days program to match the restrictions in place, but the rest of the adventure was quite ordinary. Most of the time

“ordinary” is not really a target to shoot for but this year has flipped some of our expectations on their heads so ordinary was actually very good!

Once again, this semester diploma exams are optional for students taking some 30 level courses. As a result of this policy our grade 10-12 students will be having “hold harmless” final exams. This means that a student’s final mark can increase due to a final exam score, but it cannot go down. We encourage students to write their final exams as they help to develop a valuable skill set but ultimately the choice to write or not is up to each student in grade 10-12 courses.

Our graduation ceremonies will be an online adventure this year. On June 18th at 2:00 pm we will be celebrating the accomplishments of the Class of 2021. The grad verse for this year is from Joshua 1:9 – “Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” This is a great verse for any time, but it fits particularly well for right now when so many details about our daily lives going forward are still unknown.

May June be a month full of blessings as students and parents push hard to the finish line. Once you cross it, have an excellent summer vacation.

Principal Randy Wood



Virtual Graduation Ceremony

Friday, June 18, 2021 @ 2 pm/MT



We will be hosting a Virtual Graduation Ceremony to honour our graduates, which will occur on June 18, 2021, at 2 pm. The deadline for registering to attend the virtual graduation has passed. Only those registered will be contacted.

Congratulations to our 2021 graduates! We are excited to be celebrating with you on June 18th!

If you wish to have grad pictures taken, you can contact Jason Ewert Photography via [email](mailto:jewert77@gmail.com) at jewert77@gmail.com or call him at 403.443.2387. He is located in Three Hills.

Email activityday@nsaschool.ca with any graduation questions.

WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE ALL OF OUR NSA GRADUATES FOR THE 2021 SCHOOL YEAR!

HAFSAH AHMAD

HAYDEN ASP

DARIUS BIDDLES

NICOLE BOISSONNEAULT

LORETTA BOON

ZACH DART

DYLAN DAY

JOSIAH DOERKSEN

STEVEN DUNBAR

CODY DYCK

BRADY EASTHOPE

ETHAN GARNER

WAQAR HASAN

RILEY HILL

NAOMI HOCKEN

FAITH HOWARD

JOSHUA JARVINEN

ASIMA KHAN

JULIE LOCKE

HEIDI MARKLUND

ANNIE MARTENZ

OLIVIA PAICE

SPENCER PENNER

DARBY PETKAU

TYLER SHYGERA

KURTIS SILCOFF

BRENDYN STORRIER

COLIN STORRIER

ISAAC SVAB

CAITLYN VAN DRIESTEN

MAKENNA WIGGINS

AIDYN WILLSON

BRENDAN WHYBURD

NATHAN WOTTON





MATTHEW BELANGER



WARNER BERNHARDT



RACHEL BRIGNALL



SAMANTHA BRIGNALL



TEHYA BROAD



DANIELL BUCHNER

C O N G R A T S

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MARY CALLAHAN



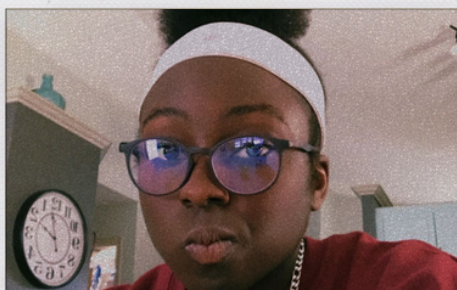
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COREY COWPER-SMITH



SIERRA DE HOOG



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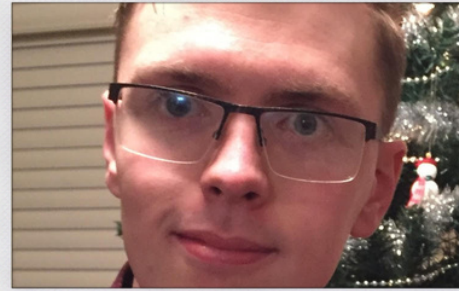
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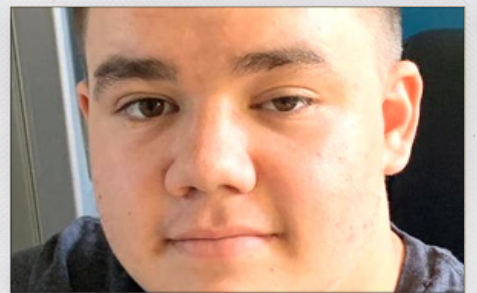
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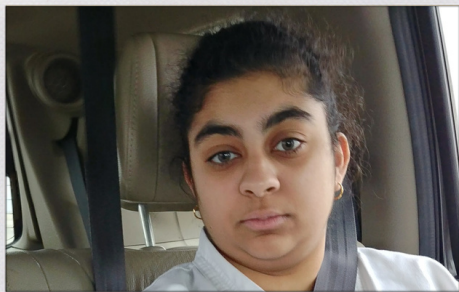
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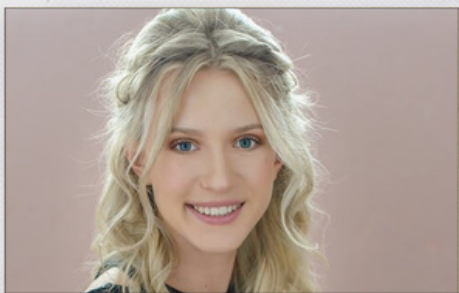
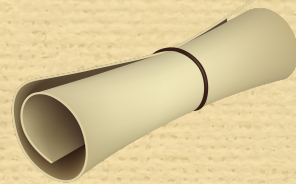
AYANNA SHENTALER



EMMA SHENTALER



Graduates



ELLA STOKOWSKI



KYLE WHITFORD



CARI WIERDA



SUSAN WINDELS



GINO WISZNIOWSKI



Dates to Remember

June 4 - Non-instructional day

June 3, 10, 17, & 24 - Virtual Information Sessions

June 9 - last day for Grades 1-6 to submit in Moodle

June 14 - last day for Grades 7-12 to submit in Moodle

June 18 - Graduation Ceremony

July 2 - Summer School Starts

**** NSA Office in Didsbury is open all summer ****

BOOK RETURN

As our school year is quickly coming to the close, please remember to return your books/resources to our office as soon as you can.



Thank you to our remarkable teachers for their dedication all year long.

BOOKS FOR 2021-2022

Just a reminder that the shipping costs incurred for books being shipped out for the 2021-2022 school year will be the parents' responsibility.



Summer school registration has now closed. If you want to be placed on a wait list, please email office@nsaschool.ca.

**Congratulations
NSA students on a
tremendous year of
hardwork.**



Check Out Our
Social Media by
clicking the logos



Registration is open for

2021-2022

Click here to access forms



HOME ENVIRONMENT AND LEARNING IDEAS FOR PARENTS

S SELF-CONTROL	FOLLOW DIRECTIONS
	MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS
	WAIT FOR YOUR TURN TO SHARE
	USE CHAT FEATURES APPROPRIATELY
O ON-TASK	LOG-IN ON TIME
	SET DAILY GOALS
	ORGANIZE YOUR MATERIALS
	BE PRESENT/ACTIVELY ENGAGE
A ACHIEVEMENT	CREATE AND MAINTAIN A SCHEDULE
	REACH OUT TO TEACHER FOR HELP
	SHARE AND PARTICIPATE
	WRITE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES
R RESPECT	RESPECT OTHERS' PERSPECTIVES
	USES KIND WORDS
	USE PROPER TEXT ETTIQUETTE
	MUTE MICROPHONE WHEN OTHERS ARE SPEAKING

Planning for Online Learning Next Year?

It is a great time to reflect on the past school year and make some decisions on any changes that need to be made to experience greater success.

Discovering how to support your child with appropriate online behaviours is an important step in this decision.

We can use the acronym S.O.A.R to help outline practical expectations for online learning.

*Adapted from the S.O.A.R Virtual Learning Matrix developed by Jessica and John Hannigan cited in the Distance Learning Playbook for Parents, by Wiseman, Fisher, Frye & Hattie, 2020.



The One Needful Thing

You might look at the title of this message and laugh! You might think, "But Miss Haller, there are SO many things that I need to do each day. I have so much school work to finish, chores to complete, and other responsibilities that I just have to get done!" I can definitely empathize with you! Some days, I feel like the list of tasks just never seems to end, and I fill up my waking hours doing all the things I think I need to do. But then, I remember an incredible sermon that I listened to a couple of years ago about the story of Mary and Martha in the Bible. Luke 10:38-44 says,

38 Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." 41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, 42 but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

Wow! Martha had so many responsibilities! All she wanted was to do her important work and get some help from her sister. But guess what? Jesus told Martha that what Mary was doing, sitting at the feet of Jesus and listening to His words, was the one needful thing! Other things may be good and right to do, but the only thing that we truly need is Christ. We need to dwell on who He is, read His Word, pray to Him, and obey Him. If we are not doing these things, nothing else matters. Nothing else lasts for all eternity. So, I want to challenge you today to think about your daily habits and your heart's attitude towards our King. Are you prioritizing time spent at the feet of Jesus? Are you carving out many moments each day to consider the character of our Lord, learn from Him, and grow in your faith? Or are you letting the demands of everyday life distract you from what truly matters?

This month, let us purpose to do this ONE needful thing; let us make sure that we are spending quality time at the feet of Jesus!





ACTIVITIES WITH AMANDA!

We are coming to the end of our school year, and the activity days are as well! While I had to think outside the box and organize virtual activities for the last half of the school year, I feel it was still a successful year of fun programs.

It has been my pleasure planning them for you. Thanks for all the wonderful emails letting me know how much you enjoyed them and for all your wonderful suggestions.

I look forward to planning the next school year's activities with the hopes that we will be able to see each other in person again!

Enjoy your summer!

June 1 - Forest Field Study
June 2 - Manitoba's Snakes
June 7 - NGL - Mysterious Seas
June 9 - All Things are Different in the New Testament
June 10 - Up Close and Palaeo Junior

Please note that these dates and/or activities are subject to change. Email activityday@nsaschool.ca with any questions or ideas!

Craft Corner

Salt Dough Ornaments

Materials:

4 cups flour
1 cup Salt
1.5 cups water

Instructions:

1. Mix all ingredients together.
2. Knead for about 5 minutes.
3. If the dough is too sticky add more flour. If the dough is too dry add more water.
4. Roll dough out to 1/4 - 1/2 inch thick.
5. Take what you want to imprint and press it into the dough lightly.
6. Take a cup or cookie cutter and cut around the shape. (If your shape is bigger, you may place a plate on top lightly and cut around it with a knife. Make sure you don't squish the imprint.)
7. Use a straw to poke a hole in the top.
8. Transfer the ornaments to a parchment-lined cookie sheet.
9. Bake at 225F for one to three hours depending on thickness until they are dried out.
10. Once they are dried, decorate if you wish! Add a ribbon, and paint them! Have fun!

