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A Servant's Heart

*"Wisdom's instruction
is to hear the Lord,
and humility comes
before honor."*

Proverbs 15:33



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Any Time. Any Place.



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Principal's Message

Being principal of a school that specializes in education from home is an interesting job. For most of my career I have been teaching and leading in a bricks and mortar school, so the transition has been an opportunity for growth in several areas.

Getting to know the students is more difficult when you don't get to see them very often. There is no hustle and bustle in the hallways; in fact there are no hallways, so coming to work is a different experience for me. The Activity Days that NSA hosts for our families has been a fun way to connect faces to names and to get to meet some of the students and their parents.

Education from home happens in more diverse ways than in a classroom setting. I spend a fair bit of my time trying to determine how to meet the needs of NSA families as they come to us from a huge variety of places and situations.

Working with the teaching staff is a bit different as well. Most of their work is done either in the homes of our students, or from their own homes as they plan student programs and assess their work. I don't get to see them every day so the ways in which I support them in their work is different. We do a lot of email, a few phone calls and the occasional Skype session. We do get together for staff meetings and for professional development but even then not all of the teachers can be in one room due to distance factors. A couple of our teachers are even out of the country: Scotland and Mexico.

It is a pleasure to lead an online Christian School. We all get to live out our faith, staff, parents and students alike, while we are at school/work. This is a privilege few get to enjoy, and one that I pray we never take for granted.

Let me say thank you to all of you who partner with us here at NSA in the work of educating kids. We appreciate the confidence you show in us by entrusting this most important task to us. It is a joy to serve you in this way.

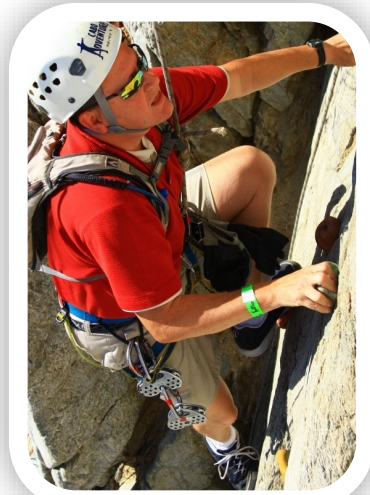
~Randy Wood

Northstar Staff

Hello from NorthStar Academy,

Like any good organization we have good people who work with us. They help to make our slogan "Any time - Any place" a reality. We would like to introduce you to some of our good people. We have three support staff members who work in the office to assist and guide our fifteen teachers and respond to the needs of our NorthStar families. Emily Christopherson is our registration and data expert. Michelle Best manages our finances and our marketing program. Barb May is our technology support person and resident expert on Moodle.

Principal: Randy Wood



Meet some of the NorthStar Teaching Staff





Meet the Office Staff at NorthStar!



Emily Christopherson ~ Administrative Assistant, Registrar/data records

-Worked for NorthStar Academy since June 2010

Emily tackles all issues related to student registrations and enrollments. If you need to make a change to your course load or program tracked, Emily is the person to talk to. Together with Michelle and Barb, she is in the office to assist you in any way she can.



Michelle Best ~ Financial expert and marketing manager.

-Worked for NorthStar since 2011

Michelle promotes the school in a variety of ways. Michelle will answer most questions about curriculum and programs and will do her best to find answers for you if she doesn't know the answer right away. If you have a question about how much funding your student should get or what receipts are allowable, Michelle is your go to person! Together with Emily and Barb, she helps with Scholastic and any other issues you might have.



Barb May ~ Administrative Assistant, and Resident Moodle Tech

-Worked for NorthStar Academy since 2013.

When you have a Moodle issue, Barb is the person you contact at the office. Together with the tech staff at GHSD, Barb tackles all Moodle tech issues. Once you have registered with NSA she will make sure you have a solid understanding of how Moodle works and will help you with any problems or questions you might be having.

In the office Barb communicates with Emily and Michelle about any administrative duties. Scholastic orders, prepping for CAT's, and filing are just a few of the duties administered around the office.

~Together Randy, Emily, Michelle and Barb make a great team of administrators working together with our teaching staff, parents and students at NorthStar~

Activity Days and Field Trips!



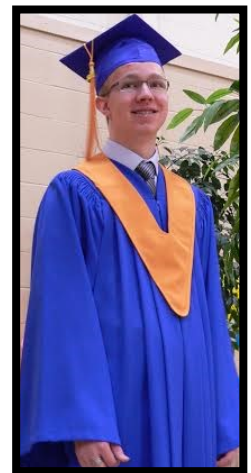
FREE to NorthStar families!

Bring family at no charge!



Activity Days are a great way to meet other home-schooling families and build relationships. We have a variety of types: field trips, lesson days, a weekend retreat and sports days. For example: swimming and sports at the Collicut Center, essay writing workshop, Nakiska ski day, Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, and so much more! Email Taylor at activityday@nsaschool.ca to register.

Graduation!



NorthStar Academy Canada proudly supports it's Graduates by celebrating with them. NSA holds Graduation ceremonies that include Cap & Gown ceremonies followed by dinner for family and friends to enjoy.