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### Walk in the Light

*"Come, descendants  
of Jacob, let us walk  
in the light of the  
Lord." Isaiah 2:5*



### Pioneer Lodge Activities!



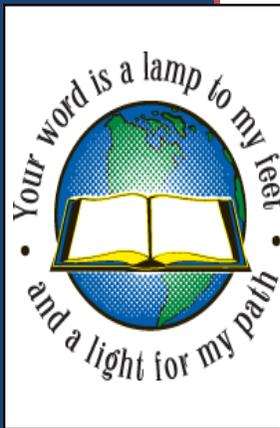
## Principal's Message

The school year is off and running and so are we! NorthStar Academy has grown substantially over the last couple of years. Michelle Best, one of our administrative assistants, has the gift of marketing and recruitment. She has been getting the word out as to who we are and what we have to offer families who want Christ centered education, any time – any place. As our enrollment has hit the 350 mark we have had to add additional teaching support and we have hired a technology/administrative assistant. Barb May has joined the NSA team to be our front person for issues with Moodle, email, and questions like "Is this video supposed to be in Spanish?". She is from the Didsbury area and has wide range of skills that we are looking forward to taking advantage of. Welcome aboard Barb.

What does it take to come to faith? The question came to mind as I was reading a devotional from Luke 16:31. "If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." The idea here is that if reading the Bible (Moses and the Prophets in those days), does not move someone to believe, then even the most dramatic miracles will not convince them. The Holy Spirit works the miracle of faith in us and he uses the Bible as his key tool. It doesn't sound very modern or fashionable, it isn't trending on Face Book and it hasn't gone viral on You Tube, but reading the Bible and studying how God has revealed himself to us is the best way we can come to faith and help others to do the same. It may be a simple idea to remind ourselves of, but it is certainly an important one. Read your Bible – pray every day! ~Randy Wood



# Bible Memory



## OCTOBER: A Chosen People

1 Peter 2:4-9

4 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him 5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

6 For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”

7 Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”

8 and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

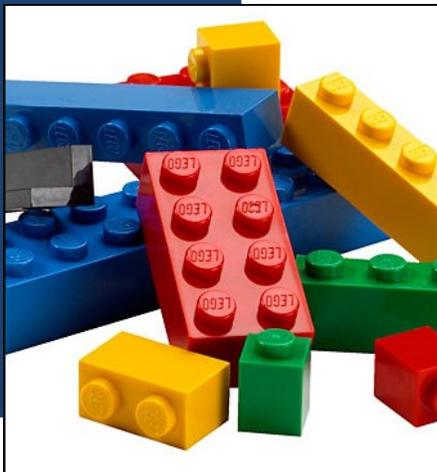


We’re starting something new this year. We have school-wide Bible Memory!

This is open to all IL, online, and traditional program students. It is **optional**, and students and parents/supervisors can decide the extent of your 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!

I’ll be including the month’s Bible memory passage each month in the newsletter. You can print it and memorize it. When you’ve memorized the passage, recite it to your parent or supervisor and then they can e-mail either myself ([corrie.leismeister@myghsd.ca](mailto:corrie.leismeister@myghsd.ca))

or Mrs. Penner ([marci.penner@myghsd.ca](mailto:marci.penner@myghsd.ca)) to let us know you have completed it. We will post names of the ones that have completed it in the newsletter the following month.



## Activity days

**\*\* REGISTER BY EMAILING OR CALLING THE NORTHSTAR OFFICE \*\*\*\***

**Spaces fill up quickly!!!**

**November 22 –Lego Workshop –Pioneer Lodge**

**December 13 –Christmas Party — Pioneer Lodge**

# Activity Days!

Archery Classes and Horseback Riding... what a great combination ! Next year maybe we can try riding horses while shooting arrows at targets! Our Activity Day, at Pioneer Lodge was a HUGE success! We had over 50 students attend, along with parents and preschoolers. The day began with pony rides for the younger students. They became wranglers and enjoyed roping wooden calves. The older students enjoyed practicing their skills at the archery range, or playing group games.

Trail Rides began at 11:00am with the first group



learning about horse safety and then heading out. The horses all had VERY interesting names and they were all very well behaved. The students were well behaved too!

Other groups were kept busy with archery and games.

After lunch students enjoyed visiting and playing air hockey, fuse ball, and ping pong. Then it was time for the final group to go on their Trail Rides. During their horse safety session, the younger students could be heard screaming and yelling and having a great time playing blob tag. The third group was quietly enjoying archery. Honorable mention goes out to Elissa Vanderwal for her shooting talent in archery. She was able to hit the round target with all three arrows, and she was an inspiration to me and fellow archers.

The Lord blessed us with a BEAUTIFUL day and with safety. We praise Him for a great time of fellowship together. He is so good to us! ~**Shauna Crotser**

**Thanksgiving**--what a wonderful time of year.

"In everything, give thanks." (1 Thes. 5:18) Isn't it awesome to have a holiday that encourages us to grow in Christ by having a thankful spirit? One year we created a Thankful Tree. The tree is made out of paper bags cut into the shape of a trunk and branches. We taped it up in our dining room. Each day we would write on a paper leaf what we were thankful for and stick it to the tree. I wanted this to be our focus throughout the fall so we put up the tree on the Canadian Thanksgiving holiday and continued the activity until the American Thanksgiving holiday.

## Additional Resources~

### The Notebook Fairy

[www.notebookingfairy.com](http://www.notebookingfairy.com)

If a child can tell, draw, or write about what they have learned, it shows that they have retained

This month, I have been reminded that, as Christians, heaven is our home. Our life here on earth is a short journey to that home. Too often we live like this earth is our final home. I heard a song on the radio the other day called Walking Her Home. I missed most of the song but the title struck me and I thought of my children. I am walking with them through this journey here on earth. Hopefully the things we say and do are pointing them to Christ so that their home will be heaven too. Then I thought of all my wonderful students. As we study God's creation, including mathematics, we need to keep our final destination in mind. Great reminder!