

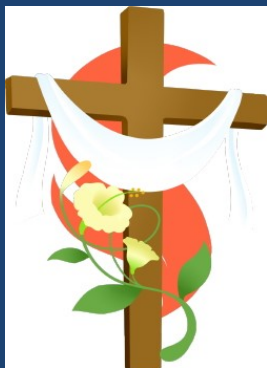
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I Believe...

*"Now faith is being sure  
of what we hope for and  
certain of what we  
do not see."*

*Hebrews 11:1*



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## Principal's Message



Cyber Bullying continues to be a concern in our society. While NorthStar is a safe and caring place for students, we know that kids are pressured in many ways to do things that are harmful; sometimes to others and sometimes to themselves. The selfie generation can often find themselves taking pictures and sharing them in ways that are problematic, without ever thinking about the possible negative consequences. We have located a resource that may be of assistance to you as parents wanting to guide your child through this potential mine field. It is a small booklet entitled "School and Family Approaches to Intervention and Prevention: Addressing Self/Peer Exploitation". While it is not produced by a Christian publisher, most of its advice seems quite sound. We will get them to you as soon as they are delivered and we can figure out a good method.

As our school continues to grow we are looking to make sure that students don't fall through the cracks. We are setting up a "home room" or "guide teacher" concept in which each student is assigned to a teacher who will regularly make contact with them. Students who are doing a fully on-line program can have quite a few teachers so this home room will give them someone to connect with if they are needing some guidance. For traditional home school students and TD kids from grade 1-9, their facilitator will continue to be their main contact with NSA. For TD kids doing senior high classes, we currently have three teachers working in their area of expertise and one of those teachers will be assigned to each child, again as a point of contact and for someone to watch over their program.

NorthStar is a part of the Golden Hills School Division and while our Didsbury office is not within the GHSD boundaries, the board of trustees and superintendent guide our school. I invite you to attend a community meeting for GHSD schools to hear from the superintendent on Bill 10 (Gay – Straight Alliance Clubs and Anti-Bullying practices for LGBTQ students). Our area will be meeting on March 7th, at 7:00 pm in the Parable Place (on the Prairie campus in Three Hills). If you would like to attend call the NSA office and we will get you directions so you can find the right building.

~ **Randy Wood**

## Bible Memory

### March: "I Believe.."

Colossians 1:15-23

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

16 For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,

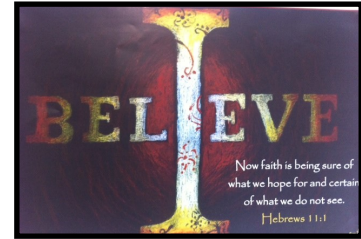
20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.

22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation--

23 if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel.

This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.



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!

## ~Ideas for Easter!!~

<http://www.freekidscrafts.com/holidays/easter-crafts/>

<http://www.kraftcanada.com/recipes/holidays-and-entertaining/holidays/easter/easter-dinner>

[http://www.abcya.com/easter\\_crossword\\_puzzle.htm](http://www.abcya.com/easter_crossword_puzzle.htm)

What a month we had for activity days in February. We started the month in High River participating in a gym class and spending the afternoon swimming together and challenging the Wibit course of the swimming pool. We then traveled to and experienced the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra's Open Rehearsal. We got to see how much practice and what the process looks like to get the final product that we hear when we go to a performance. There were also some very exciting piano players showing off their skills there. Later in the month we traveled to Edmonton to see the Symphony Orchestra rehearse and then that afternoon we 'jumped' over to Launch Pad trampoline park and spent two hours adding a variety of new activities to our PE logs, including: trampoline basket ball, parkour, trampoline, dodge-ball, rock climbing and

getting out of the foam pit. It has been an exciting month and the staff at NSA thank all the families who have come out to participate. We look forward to next month!



## Activity Days for Southern AB

**\*\* REGISTER BY EMAILING \*\***

**activityday@nsaschool.ca or call the NSA office at 1 877 335 1171**

**Spaces fill up quickly!!!**

**March 3 Virtual Amazing Race**

**March 16 Workshop Wednesday, Elementary Science, Didsbury NSA office**

**April 6 Workshop Wednesday, Story writing class Gr 4-8, Didsbury**

**April 22 Swimming and Gymnastics, Collicutt Center Red Deer**

**April 27 W.P.Puppet Theatre, Bethel Church in Three Hills**



## Activity Days for Northern AB

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**activityday@nsaschool.ca or call the NSA office at 1 877 335 1171**

**Spaces fill up quickly!!!**

**March 24 Reynolds Alberta Museum, Wetaskiwin AB**

**April 5 Art and Drama Day, Bethel Pentecostal Church, Edson**

**April 14 Rosebud Theatre, Rosebud**



If you are a NSA student in grades 10-12 and are interested in joining, please email Roberta for more information at [roberta.onyschtschuk@myghsd.ca](mailto:roberta.onyschtschuk@myghsd.ca)

**On Saturday, February 20th, we had 19 NorthStar students meet at Canyon Ski hill for an afternoon of snow tubing and fellowship. It was a great afternoon with nice weather, fast tubing runs, long line ups and a chance to visit with friends!**

**We have several more Limitless youth activities coming up this year.**

**Friday, April 8th - Escape City Edmonton**

what: escape rooms with 6 people in each room solving a puzzle, followed by pizza at Boston Pizza down the street

time :6-9ish

cost:\$10

**Friday April 29th - Deer Valley Meadows one day retreat**

what: a one day retreat with team building, zipline or rock climbing, lunch, games or hike

time: 10-3

cost: none

**Friday May 20th - Glow bowling in Airdrie**

what: bowling for 2 hours, go out for snacks after

time: 4:30-8ish

cost: we pay for bowling, you pay for food after

**Saturday June 11th - Graduation**

Come out and support your graduates.

These are all going to be fun events that are great for making friends and building relationships. We highly recommend that you attend any (or all) that you can.

Email me at [roberta.onyschtschuk@myghsd.ca](mailto:roberta.onyschtschuk@myghsd.ca) to sign up for activities now.

**We are going to be exhibiting at some Alberta Events!  
Come and see us!**

**Medicine Hat Sunshine Home and Garden Show**

Cypress Center, March 4-6, Booth 253

**Red Deer Central Alberta Family Trade Show**

Westerner, March 18-20

**Drumheller Spring Expo**

Green Tree Mall April 15-17, Booth 904

**Airdrie Home & Lifestyle show**

Genesis Center, April 23-24, Booth 103

