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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



I had the opportunity to see the movie *Risen* recently. Hollywood generally does not do good work when it comes to telling stories of the Christian faith. I suppose we shouldn't be surprised that they wander from the truth in movies that are based on historic events. They are in the business of telling stories to make money after all. However, most of the licence they take when dealing with Judeo-Christian history is not kind to the message of Scripture. This film *Risen* is actually quite accurate in the history it portrays and has a strong message of redemption. The Roman tribute who is tasked by Pilate to find the missing body of Jesus is changed by the experience. It isn't a film for young children, as it portrays the violent reality of the life of a soldier in Roman times, but it does tell the familiar story of Christ's death and resurrection from a fresh vantage point – through the eyes of an outsider who has every reason to be skeptical.

I'm writing this before our school break so it can go out upon our return. I'm praying that your Easter allows you the opportunity to focus on the cross and the resurrection in a way that renews your hope in Christ, our risen saviour.

"Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." I Cor 1:22-25

~ Randy Wood

Bible Memory

April: "I Believe.."

Matthew 28:18-20

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

II Tim 4:1-4

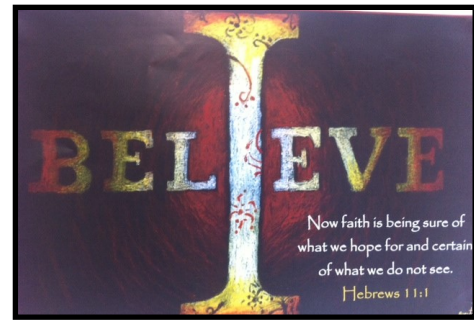
1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge:

2 Preach the Word; be prepared in season and

out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction.

3 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.



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 Spring!!~

<http://handsonaswegrow.com/simple-spring-crafts-for-kids/>

<http://www.imperfecthomemaking.com/p/thorough-spring-cleaning-checklist.html>

<http://www.wikihow.com/Have-a-Garage-Sale>

What a weekend! We had a ton of fun at this year's weekend retreat! 17 families gathered together with the NSA staff to enjoy a time of community, learning and fun! We learned cuneiform writing and fire building. We had the chance to dissect pig eyes and learn how to make bannock. We even got to work on a fantastic 3D art project. We made new friends, caught up with old friends and spent the time enjoying each other's company. Thanks to Mrs. Best, Mrs. Crotser, Mr. Hyrniw, Mrs. Luymes and Mr. Jones for stepping up and teaching us something awesome this weekend. We are so blessed to have you as part of the NSA family. We are also thankful that the Lord Most High was in our every activity keeping us safe and out of harm's way!



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!!!**

April 14 Rosebud Theatre, Rosebud

April 22 Swimming and Gymnastics, Collicutt Center Red Deer

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

**May 20 "Home School Day" at Royal Tyrrell Museum in Drumheller
http://www.tyrrellmuseum.com/programs/Homeschool_Day.htm**

NorthStar Picture Gallery





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

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 roberta.onyschtschuk@myghsd.ca to sign up for activities now.

We are going to be exhibiting at some Alberta Events!

Come and see us!

Drumheller Spring Expo

Green Tree Mall April 15-17, Booth 904

Okotoks Trade Show

Okotoks Recreation Center April 15-16

Airdrie Home & Lifestyle show

Genesis Center, April 23-24, Booth 103



My Spring Garden

Here is my little garden,
Some seeds I'm going to sow.
Here is my rake to rake the ground,
Here is my handy hoe.

Here is the big, round yellow sun;
The sun warms everything.
Here are the rain clouds in the sky;
The birds will start to sing.

Little plants will wake up soon,
And lift their sleepy heads;
Little plants will grow and grow
In their little, warm earth beds.

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Each student who registers full time with NorthStar Academy (in any program), on or before June 15, 2016, will have his/her name entered for a chance to win one of two \$300 gift certificates to Staples.

To be eligible, students must remain enrolled full time with NSA for the 2016/17 school year.

To register, click on the “Enroll Now” button at www.northstaracademycanada.org