



# NorthStar ACADEMY



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## Message from the Principal

Last weekend I was at a trade show in Calgary helping to man the NorthStar booth. Across from us was a car dealership that had a big crew working. One of the individuals was a middle aged man who was dressed and made up as a woman. There have been a lot of conversations around gender identity issues recently in Alberta so you would think I would have a clear mindset to approach this situation but I have to admit that my historic biases jumped to the forefront. Negative thoughts, some bordering on ridicule, are what came to mind. I did eventually catch myself and stop to think of this person as someone in need of a Saviour, but I later realized that the rest of the dozen or so people working their booth were likely in the same place – struggling to find meaning in a life being lived without real purpose. Why did I not think to pray for them as I did for this one person?

I've been a Christian for a long time so I should be getting good at living out God's will for my life. Historically, the evangelical church hasn't done a great job in dealing with gender identity issues but I thought I was on track. Clearly I still have a way to go. It is our desire at NorthStar to be genuine followers of Christ who live according to all that God has revealed to us in His Scriptures. This is what we try to model for our students and what we encourage in them as well. In some ways this is a simple task but it can also be very complex. What attitudes do we bring to bear? Do we treat all those who don't know Jesus the same? Do we have compassion, do we show the love of Jesus, or do we respond to people so that they see condemnation as what we are about?

At NSA we truly do believe in the authority of the Bible and its ability to guide our lives. We also believe in the power of prayer so we ask you to pray for us as we seek to partner with you in leading your children into a closer walk with Christ. It can be challenging work but we are thankful for the opportunity and for your support.

~Randy Wood



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**"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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## Bible Memory

“Stand firm...”

November: **Stand firm so you will not be a slave to sin**

**Galatians 5:1, 13-17**

**5** It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

**13** You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh [a]; rather, serve one another humbly in love. **14** For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”[b] **15** If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

**16** So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. **17** For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever[c] you want.



This is open to all TD, 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://www.countryliving.com/diy-crafts/how-to/g734/easy-spring-crafts-0309/>

<http://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poems/nature/spring/>

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/top-20-spring>

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# NorthStar Academy Activity Days

In February and March, students and families gathered for Laser Tag, Swimming, the Trampoline Park, the Rutherford House, and the Rosebud Theatre. We enjoyed many an adventure in learning together. Students and teachers alike geared up to learn about Lasers and Lights, while playing together. We were active in the air, and under water. We learned about Alberta's history. We watched a Twisted Tale of Snow White and the Three Rapping Pigs. It has been a wonderful time for activities. We are looking forward to seeing our families in our next exciting opportunities.



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

## Recap of the February 4th Canyon Tubing Day!

We had about 20 students come out for some LIMITLESS fun on the tubing hill at Canyon on February 4th. Although it was cold, the students all had a great time tubing down the hill. Then we all shared in some birthday cake and fellowship after. It was a wonderful event!

**April 7, 2017 Bowling, Airdrie**

**TBA Hiking Day, Banff**

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**March 23—Reynolds Alberta Museum, Wetaskiwin, AB**

**March 30—Galloway Museum, Edson, AB**

**April 5—Duct Tape, Bethel Evangelical, Three Hills AB**

**April 12—Workshop Wednesday, How to write poetry, NorthStar office**

**April 13—Virtual Amazing Race**

**April 28—Art and Drama, Bethel Church Edson AB**

## Tradeshows

**March 25—26 Central Alberta Family Show, Red Deer AB**

**April 28—29 Okotoks Trade Show**

**April 29—30 Airdrie Home and Garden Show**

# NorthStar Academy Photo Gallery



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# Spring Poem



The long cold winter is melting away  
A single red bird was spotted today

Through the mist the sun is peeking  
Squirrels are about and acorn-seeking

New life has come to fields and woods  
Kids venture out in sweatshirts with hoods

In just a few weeks the river will flow  
Blossoms on trees will be starting to show

There's still a chill in the springtime air  
Winter is gone but the memory is still there

Summer is waiting a few months beyond  
To warm the air and the meadow and pond

A gopher peers out from the holes that he makes  
Springtime is when the whole world awakes



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## **EARLY REGISTRATION INCENTIVE!**

# **STAPLES®**

Each student who registers full-time with NorthStar Academy (in any program) on or before June 15, 2017 will have his/her name entered for a chance to win one of two \$300 gift certificates at **Staples!**

If you refer a friend to NorthStar Academy (who is not a current NSA student), and they enroll, your name will be entered twice in the draw. To be eligible, students must remain enrolled full-time with NSA for the 2017/18 school year up until at least February 5, 2018.

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