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Message from the Principal

Spring is here, which means we at NorthStar are busy finishing off the school year, while at the same time thinking about next year. It makes us a bit crazy at times, but it is great to be able to contemplate how we can make our school better.

One of the improvements we are working on is how we deliver Activity Days. In October, Alberta Education made some changes to funding for Teacher Directed students. Learning activities now have to be delivered by the school, rather than outside agencies. These changes have made it challenging for families to access activities to meet learning outcomes. In response to this need we are looking at adding a new stream to our Activity Days, which we are calling Activity Clusters.

These Clusters will be short two or three hour activities, with a learning outcomes focus, that will be offered over a three to six week time frame. Cluster Activities will be offered in different areas and will feature topics like art, music, physical education, and more. Our teaching staff will either lead the adventures or supervise outside presenters that we bring in to facilitate the experience. We are in the process of arranging facilities and coordinating staffing for these Activity Clusters. Teacher Directed student funding will be available to pay for the Cluster activities that families choose to be a part of. We piloted music classes in this format this year and it worked quite well. Stay tuned for further details.

Don't worry. We will also be continuing our full-day, single-day Activity Days to museums, zoos, science centers and many other great places of learning. These popular activities will continue at different venues around the province.

Our staff members truly enjoy the opportunities that Activity Days provide for us to get to know students and their families. Plus they are as much fun for us as they are for you!

May you enjoy the blessings of Spring.

Randy Wood
Principal



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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

See What's New at NorthStar Academy!

Early Registration Incentive!



Each student who registers with NorthStar Academy (in any program) by June 15, 2017 will be entered to win one of two \$300 Staples Gift Cards!

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To be eligible, students must remain enrolled full-time with NSA for the 2017/18 school year.

Visit www.northstaracademycanada.org to register

NorthStar Academy is your Education from Home Specialists! We have had a great year so far, and we are looking forward to all that is planned for 2017/18! To register for the fall, please fill out the appropriate registration form:

[Click Here to Fill Out the Online/Teacher Directed Registration Form](#)

[Click Here to Fill Out the Traditional Home School Registration Form](#)

Even if you are a current student, registration paperwork will need to be filled out to re-register for 2017/18.

Questions? Call 1-877-335-1171 and we would be happy to help!

Upcoming Events!

April 6: "Home School 101"

Information Session at NorthStar Academy Head Office in Didsbury

April 11: North Calgary Information Night at Harvest Hills Alliance Church, Calgary (7:00 p.m.)

April 26: South Calgary Information Night at Bonavista Evangelical Church, Calgary (7:00 p.m.)

April 28-29: Okotoks Tradeshow

April 29-30: Airdrie Home & Garden Show

May 3: Curriculum Day at NorthStar Academy Head Office in Didsbury

Activity Days

April 5: Duct Tape Day at Bethel Evangelical Church, Three Hills, AB

April 12: Workshop Wednesday: How to Write Poetry, at NorthStar Academy Head Office, Didsbury, AB

April 13: Virtual Amazing Race

April 28: Art and Drama at Bethel Church, Edson, AB

May 4: Deer Valley Meadows, Alix, AB

May 10: Workshop Wednesday: Math Tutoring, at NorthStar Academy Head Office, Didsbury, AB

May 11 & 12: Atlas Coal Mine or Tyrell Museum, Drumheller, AB

To register, please email activityday@nsaschool.ca

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NorthStar Academy Activity Day Summary

In March this year we adventured to many museums and learned many new things about the history of our province. We started the month by adventuring to Rosebud to see the Twisted Tales: Snow White and to learn more about how theaters run. We then went to the Glenbow museum in Calgary. From there we traveled to the Alberta Sport's Hall of Fame. That isn't even the end of it. We then traveled to the Alberta Reynold's Museum and finished the month at the Galloway Museum. What a busy month! If you were able to join us for one or more of these trips, I would like to challenge you to email your teacher and share with them something interesting you learned this month! Thanks for joining us!



Upcoming Limitless Events

April 28: Bowling at Shamrock Lanes, Airdrie, AB

TBA: Hiking Day in Banff

If you are an NSA student in grades 10-12 and are interested in joining our High School 'Limitless' Youth group, please email Roberta Onyschtschuk for more information at roberta.onyschtschuk@nsaschool.ca

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Bible Memory



“Stand firm...”

April: **Stand firm in unity as believers**

Philippians 1:27-30

27 Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit,[a]striving together as one for the faith of the gospel

28 without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God.

29 For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him,

30 since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

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!

Check Us Out Online!



Did you know that NorthStar Academy posts updates about upcoming events, contests, homeschool tips, and more on our website and social media? Check out the links below for all of the updates:



www.NorthStarAcademyCanada.org



Facebook.com/northstaracademycanada
Instagram: [@northstaracademycanada](https://www.instagram.com/northstaracademycanada)

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Home School Community

The Homeschool Blog List

One of the first things you can do is take a look at The Homeschool Blog List [here](#). Start visiting the blogs on the list. Leave comments on the posts that you find inspiring. Check out the Facebook pages, visit the Pinterest boards, and converse on Twitter. Find like minded mamas and papas who can encourage you on your journey.

Homeschool Group Sites

Next you can go where the homeschoolers are going. There are several group sites written by homeschoolers for homeschoolers that are sure to be an encouragement to you as you start or continue on your homeschooling journey.

Canada is Celebrating its 150th Anniversary!



NorthStar would like to participate in celebrating with our Nation!

CONTEST TIME!

ParticipACTION has been hugely promoted to get our Nation up and moving.

Link: <https://www.participaction.com>

**** Parents might want to review site first****

We want our NorthStar families to get up and get moving!

What do we want from you?

We want a picture of your family participating in a NEW activity that your family has never done before! With it please give a brief paragraph of your experience and why you enjoyed it!

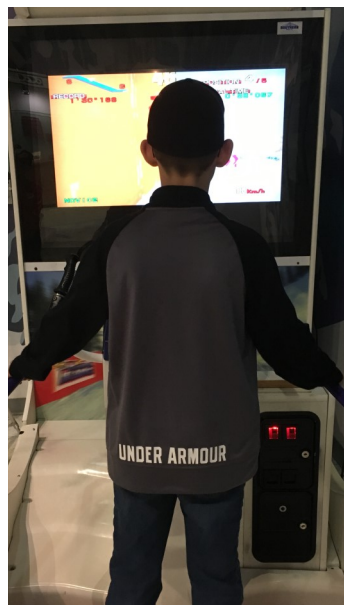
Submit your photo and paragraph to Barb at
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NorthStar Academy Photo Gallery

Fun At the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame!



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