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### Message from the Principal

We are in the midst of refreshing our mission & vision here at NorthStar Academy. We have undergone substantial changes over the last five years, not the least of which is an increase in enrolment from 250 to just over 650 this year. The world of home education has also changed during this time with shifts in technology and directions from Alberta Education. The time is right to have a good look at what is important to us. The next step will be to engage with our families in this refreshing process as we take our partnership with you seriously and want to make sure we share the same priorities. Stay tuned!

One of the things this mission & vision process has reminded me of is the importance of celebrations to the culture of a school. Sometimes we Christians are not that good at celebrations. As servants of the Living God we do serious work. There are a lot of lost people, living in very difficult circumstances, who truly need the gospel message. We feel the pain that we see in the world. This can put us off celebrating but I think we need to be more in tune with sharing the good things in our lives. Living in Western Canada, we have hit the jackpot. We have a stable democracy, a great medical system, access to Christian education. We don't experience earthquakes, volcanoes, and famine that are common place in many other parts of the world. Even when we experience difficulties we can rely on our God as he is sovereign, in control of all that comes our way. If we have placed our trust in Christ, our salvation is assured. Romans 8:38-39 "For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Truly cause for celebration.

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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!

Principal's Message continued

Here is something my family is celebrating – the arrival of a granddaughter – Eliana Camila Cortes. During the delivery she aspirated meconium (baby poop in the amniotic fluid). The medical team intervened swiftly and she was in the neonatal intensive care unit for 48 hours – a scary place. She is doing great now. Here is a picture of her at 5 hours old and one just after they took her off the positive pressure mask. Thanks be to God for his mercy.



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# 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!

### STAPLES

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

Visit [www.northstaracademycanada.org](http://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!

- May 4:** Airdrie info night, 7pm
- May 8:** Okotoks info night, 7pm
- May 9:** Didsbury High school info session, 1 pm
- May 16:** Red Deer info night, 7pm
- May 24:** Edmonton info night, 7pm
- May 30:** Cochrane info night, 7pm
- June 5:** Bonnyville info night, 7pm

## Activity Days

- 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
- May 26:** Heritage Park, Calgary, AB
- May 31:** Discovery Park and Dog Training Center, Innisfail, AB
- June 3:** Graduation 2017, Zion Church, Didsbury AB
- June 8:** Fort Edmonton, Edmonton AB

To register, please email [activityday@nsaschool.ca](mailto:activityday@nsaschool.ca)

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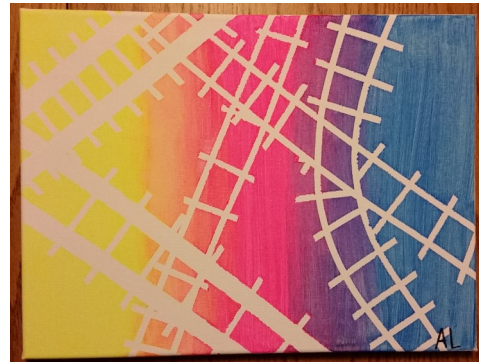
# NorthStar Academy Activity Day Summary

Thursday, March 30th, 2017 – Galloway Museum Tour and Activity Day

The NorthStar community in the Edson area gathered at the Edson Galloway Museum for a tour and art day on Thursday, March 31/17. The museum was renovated and upgraded in the last 2 years and is an amazing resource to the area residents. Our students had the opportunity to experience a printing press demonstration, the influence of the railroad in the founding of the town of Edson and the wildlife native to the area. Many thanks to the wonderful museum staff and the informative and interesting tour they gave us.

The afternoon was filled with a railroad themed art project. Students used tape, sponges and paint to represent the influence that those famous tracks made on our lives. The museum shared a sweet treat of chocolate chip cookies to round out our day. Thanks to all the families who came and helped

make our day such a success.



## Upcoming Limitless Events

June 10: Banff Trip! Hike up Sulphur Mountain and a dip in Banff Hot springs.

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](mailto:roberta.onyschtschuk@nsaschool.ca)

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# Bible Memory

## “Stand firm...”

### Review of the years memory work

September	Ephesians 6: 10-18
October	2 Corinthians 1: 21-24
November	Galatians 5:1, 13-17
December	Isaiah 7: 9b-14
January	1 Corinthian's 15:51-58
February	Psalms 93:1-5
March	Philippians 1:27-30

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:



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# Home School Community

<https://sunflowerschoolhouse.com>

## The Homeschool Blog List

One of the first things you can do is take a look at The Homeschool Blog List. 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 150**

## Canada is celebrating it's 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!

Submit your photo to Barb at [barb.johnson@nsaschool.ca](mailto:barb.johnson@nsaschool.ca)

GET MOVING!

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# NorthStar Academy Photo Gallery

## Duck Tape Activity Day!



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