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Feedback is at the core of good education, both for learners and for schools. Alberta Education provides feedback to its schools through the Accountability Pillar which includes data from sources such as diploma exams, high school completion rates and Rutherford scholarship eligibility. Stakeholders are also surveyed on their views in regards to areas such as how safe and caring schools are, how well students are prepared for the work world, and the degree of parental involvement in schools. We at NorthStar use this data to craft our improvement plans so we can better live out our slogan “Connected by Christ, Committed to Learning”.

We continue to excel receiving the highest rating in all seven of the survey areas: Safe & Caring, Parental Involvement, Citizenship, Work Preparation, Education Quality, Program of Studies, and School Improvement. As well, we had strong results in our Physics 30 and English 30 diploma exam result, both of which were above provincial average. However, the number of students achieving the standard of excellence declined slightly in Biology this year. Our teachers look at all these results with an eye to determining opportunities for improvement.

GSAs are once again in the news in Alberta with the introduction of Bill 24 – An Act To Support Gay-Straight Alliances. There is cause for concern for Christian schools, in part because the minister of education does not appear to understand our position. He is rightfully concerned for the wellbeing of LGBTQ students, as their rates of self-harm are very high. Christian schools share this concern but this is not fully recognized by some. They don't see how we can be supporters of LGBTQ students when we are not promoters of the LGBTQ lifestyle. This is possible. The Western Canada Director of the Association of Christian School International, Phil Hills expresses this better than I can.

*Firstly, we believe that all students are created in the image of God and have innate value. But adding to this is the belief that all of us are sinners. Our shared brokenness is a powerful reality that can create a humble and inclusive atmosphere in a Christian school. We aspire to deal with the log in our own eyes before focusing on the spec in the eyes of others. Finally, we believe that Jesus offers all people an opportunity to find forgiveness, freedom and the hope of a glorious future.*

While this debate is not likely to affect a home and online school like NorthStar Academy, please pray with us that our political leaders may see the truth.

Yours in Christ, 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**

# See What's New at NorthStar Academy!

## Term 1 Activity Clusters

Edmonton ~ Music/Science Oct 17-Nov 21, 2017 1-3pm

Didsbury ~ Music Oct 17—Nov 21, 2017 1-2pm

Red Deer ~ PE, Softball Oct 18—Nov 22, 2017 Gr 1-6, 2-3pm Gr 7-12, 3-4pm

Calgary ~ Art Oct 18—Nov 22, 2017 2-3pm

Airdrie ~ Gymnastics Oct 26—Nov 30, 2017 1-2:30pm **FULL**



## Upcoming Events!

Teachers offline **Nov 13 and 24**

**November 11** is Remembrance day



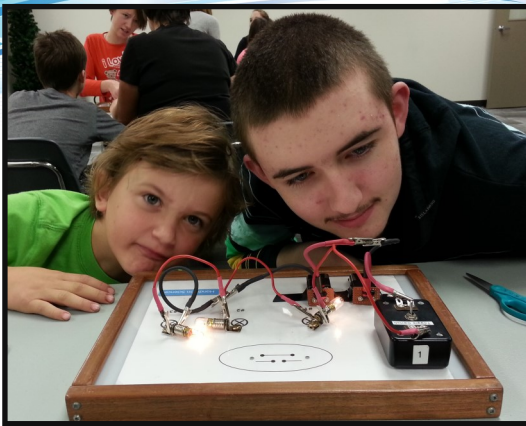
## Activity Days

**Nov 17, 2017** Telus World of Science in Edmonton AB

**Dec 15, 2017** Southern Alberta Christmas Party  
Pioneer Lodge, Sundre AB  
**FULL**

**Dec 15, 2017** Northern Alberta Christmas Party  
Brightwood Ranch, Entwistle AB

# NorthStar Academy Activity Day



## Activity Cluster Success!

Our activity cluster are so much fun! If you didn't sign up for this term you definitely need to look into joining next term.

Here are a few pictures from our Edmonton Cluster! We hope to have more pictures to share from all our clusters in the next newsletter.



## Nov 28, 2017 Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Processing in Calgary

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



## In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place: and in the sky  
The larks still bravely singing fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.



We are the dead: Short days ago,  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved: and now we lie  
In Flanders fields!

Take up our quarrel with the foe  
To you, from failing hands, we throw  
The torch: be yours to hold it high  
If ye break faith with us who die,  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields ~ Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae

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



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://www.getassist.com/4-ways-homeschoolers-can-stay-connected-to-the-community/>

If you've chosen to educate your children at home, you won't have easy access to clubs and organizations that are often included in traditional school systems. But there are still ways you can stay connected and participate in sports teams, hobby clubs and other activities vital to healthy growth and development. Get Assist is the perfect tool to help you find different activities in the community for your homeschoolers. Here are a few tips to get you started.

## **Veterans Affairs Canada**

<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/get-involved/remembrance-day/events>

ActivityVillage.co.uk

## **Remembrance Day Work sheet**

<https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/remembrance-day-worksheets>



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