

THE WEEKLY GROWL

NORTH STAR ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 18, 2017



North Star Academy exists to ENGAGE and INSPIRE students to achieve their highest potential through a SAFE, CHALLENGING, and INDIVIDUALIZED learning environment.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

In an effort to increase awareness in careers and post secondary education opportunities with our students, our PTO has been coordinating with our school counselor on an informative College and Career Week beginning this Monday. There are many ways you can get involved from discussing the careers and things they learn each day, to volunteering to come present your career to your child's classroom.

The schedule of events include:

Monday - All classroom doors will be decorated with post secondary institutions from around Utah and the nation.

Tuesday - Students are encouraged to wear a college t-shirt or sweatshirt (no hoodies please) representing a school of their choice. Teachers will be discussing their college experiences in their classrooms.

Wednesday - Classes are inviting guest speakers to come speak to their classroom on a career.

Thursday - Family Fun Night - interactive career night 6:30-8 p.m. at NSA. Bring the family.

Friday - Students dress up as future career choice (**professional dress required** - no jeans, t-shirts, or sweats)

We are looking forward to an informative week.

Sincerely,
Tana Archer, M. Ed.
Director
North Star Academy

Thank you to all parents who participated in the on-line parent sexual abuse training! We would like to congratulate Kara Larsen for winning the \$25 Cinemark gift card.

IT'S OPEN ENROLLMENT TIME!

Open Enrollment for North Star Academy's 2017-18 school year opened Jan. 2 and closes Jan. 31 for all new students. Please encourage friends, neighbors, and relatives to apply via our website: www.north-staracademy.com Already existing students must re-enroll Jan. 18-31 (this includes entering kindergarten siblings) in order to preserve their spots. This will be coming in an email to all current North Star families on Jan. 18, therefore existing families are asked to wait to enroll until you receive the email with

EVENT CALENDAR

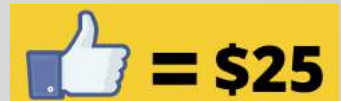
Jan. 18	NSA Basketball Game @Hawthorne Girls - 5pm, Boys - 6pm
Jan. 19	OPEN HOUSE 6-7pm
Jan. 20	Early Out - Please pick your students up at 1:10
Jan. 23	NSA Basketball Game Home Game @ NSA Girls - 5pm
Jan. 25	Award Assembly - EL 1:15, MS 2:15
Jan. 25	NSA Basketball Game @Providence Hall MS Girls - 5pm, Boys - 6pm

Judges Needed for the Science Fair

DATE: JANUARY 26, 2017

TIME: 1:00 – 3:00PM

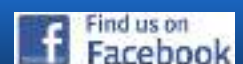
Science experience NOT required! There will be a brief training and you will be off to interact with our amazing students and learn all about their projects. Each volunteer will be interviewing 3-5 students and evaluating their scientific prowess.



Please like and share our Open Enrollment posts for North Star Academy throughout January. Each time you like, follow, or share one of our lottery posts throughout the month you will be added into a drawing for a \$25 gift card. Winner will be notified via our Feb. 1 newsletter and announced on Facebook. All family members can participate if they have a Facebook account.

NSA WILL PROMOTE THE SCHOOL-WIDE ENRICHMENT MODEL (SEM)
TURNING IDEAS INTO ACTION

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Congratulations to Shana Absey, Will Brown, and Anna Thomas for being recognized at the Riverton Choice Awards for January! We are sure proud of the Bears!



Riverton City Choice Awards - "For Excellence in Education"

Featuring

North Star Academy

Anna Thomas 9th Grade Girl Student -Anna Thomas is an outstanding student worthy of this recognition. She is currently serving as our Student Body President and coordinates many activities for our students. In addition, she is on the basketball team and continually meets honor roll each semester and balances her extracurricular responsibilities with her academics. Anna is kind to everyone she meets and remains positive in interactions with all students.

Will Bown 7th Grade Boy Student - Will Bown is a new student to North Star this year and has adjusted well to the challenging curriculum due to his hard work, great attitude, excellent attendance, and perseverance. He is definitely an outstanding student worthy of this recognition. He made the honor roll his first semester and is well on his way to do so again this semester. In addition, his warm smile and fun personality is contagious to those around him. Will respects peers and adults at all times.

Shana Absey K-6 Reading and Math Teacher -Shana Absey has been an educator here at North Star since it opened in 2005. She has served as a 2nd grade teacher, 3rd grade teacher, Intervention Specialist, Interim Principal and offers a great deal of insight, passion, and expertise to any field in which she works. Students and parents often comment on the assistance and growth she delivers. By believing every student can succeed, she diligently works to provide the support to teachers, students, and parents in order to insure growth in a loving and kind manner. Mrs. Absey has a master's in curriculum and offers intervention and enrichment support to all students and teachers to meet the individual and unique needs of each student.

College & Career Week is coming up, Jan. 23-27

Fun activities are planned for the entire week, both in the classroom and at lunchtime. Come prepared on Tuesday, Jan. 24 to "wear your favorite college t-shirt" and Friday, Jan. 27 is "dress -up as your career day." Choose a career and dress up as if you are going to work that day. Thursday, Jan. 26 will be a "Family Fun night" where you will be able to learn and do lots of hands-on career activities.

Come One, Come All for some Fun with your Family!

Thursday, January 26th from 6:30-8:00 pm.

- Eat popcorn
- Enter to win prizes
- Learn about amazing careers
- Have fun with NSA friends & families



The office is in need of someone interested in doing 2 to 3 hours of volunteer work. We are looking for someone to help decorate for college career week. If interested in helping out please email Mrs. Archer at tarcher@north-staracademy.com

Jazz Band

Attention all 5-9th grade students interested in joining the NSA Jazz band. The next club session starts the week of January 23. Groups will meet from 3-4pm, on Mon. or Tue. each week. The cost to join is \$95. Please pick up a permission slip from the office.



The students have now learned all 7 Habits to being a "Leader of ourselves." It would be helpful if parents were "talking about the habits at home" and helping the students apply these habits in different settings. Check out the "Leader In Me" website for family activities and computer games the kids can play during their "screen" time at home.

theleaderinme.org/parents

ARE YOU MISSING SOMETHING?



DVD Case



These items have been found at the school. Please contact the office if they belong to you.

NIKE Watch



SHARPEN THE SAW

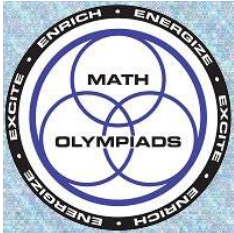
Habit #7 - Sharpen the Saw: Balance feels best. I take care of myself by eating right, exercising, and getting rest. I find meaningful ways to help others, I spend time with my family and friends, I learn in lots of different ways in different places, not just at school.

~JANUARY HEALTHY HABITS~

Stand up! On average, Americans spend 15 hours a day sitting. That's a lot!

SEM - RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

In December, 4th graders held a Renaissance Festival while studying the Middle Ages. Students dressed up as kings & queens, jesters, knights, archers, and more! Students learned how their characters worked and lived, what their homes were like, and what they ate each day. The hands-on experience was enjoyed by all!



ATTENTION ALL 4TH-6TH GRADE STUDENTS

The NSA Math Olympiad training will start January 26th. We will meet

Thursdays after school to start preparing for the tournament in April. Permission slips are required and are available in the office. If you have any questions, talk to Mrs. Ryan. Hope to see you all there!

****Please note: The tournament is April 5th which is during our Spring Break****



Safeguarding our Children and Teens:

A seminar for parents addressing bullying, internet safety, substance use, and suicide prevention.

Parents will learn about bullying; internet safety; substance use; and causes, myths, and symptoms of suicide among children and adolescents

Attend a 2-hour session offered on the following dates:
Tuesday, January 24, 2017
Thursday, March 9, 2017



Register now by calling:
Jordan Family Education Center at
801-565-7442
319 West 11000 South
South Jordan, UT 84095

BYSTANDER INTERVENTION 2017 MEDIA CONTEST



WHO?: UTAH YOUTH, AGES 11-18

WHEN?: Projects DUE FEB 28

PRIZES FOR THE
TOP ENTRIES!

WHAT?: • **Written Works** (essays, poems, etc.)

• **Visual Arts** (drawings, photos, etc.)

• **Film/Video** (3 minutes max.)

(CHOOSE TO DO **INDIVIDUAL** OR **GROUP** PROJECT)

HOW?: **SUBMIT to** _____
OR EMAIL to: mewaters@utah.gov

WHAT IS
BYSTANDER
INTERVENTION?

It's about being more than a witness to harm and violence. It is when someone does something, or takes action, to help someone else who they witness experiencing harm, violence, or need, like bullying or dating violence.

Make sure your media piece shows how & why we can encourage and support bystander intervention in our schools and communities!

Questions? **EMAIL:** mewaters@utah.gov **OR CALL:** (801)538-6626 **OR**

VISIT THE WEBSITE: <http://health.utah.gov/vipp/teens/dating-violence/>