

THE Fruit of the Spirit



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HURRICANE WATCH

September 7, 2021

Week 5

2021-2022 School
Year Theme

Grades K-8 Progress Testing

The first of our three rounds of progress testing (Measures of Academic Progress or MAP Tests) will be taking place this week through September 10. MAP is a nationally recognized, computer adaptive assessment tool which we use to monitor student learning and improve instruction for grades K-8. There are three to four hours of testing that will be spread out over the course of two weeks. We will plan to share the results of the testing with parents at our Parent-Teacher Conferences in the third full week of September.

Q1 Parent Forum Presentation & Video

Thank you to all our parents who participated in the 1st quarter parent forum August 25. A presentation was used to guide our discussion and the Google Meet session was recorded. You can access the [presentation slides here](#) and the [Google Meet recording here](#). Some highlights include...Health & Safety Plan, Accreditation, School Events, Enrollment, Building project, Student Information System, MAP Assessments, Extracurriculars, and School Eatery. Check out the presentation slides and video link to learn more. Any questions can be directed to Mr. Mattes.

September Parent-Teacher Conferences

We believe a strong parent-teacher partnership is essential to Christian education, and we're looking forward to strengthening that partnership by meeting with you. Conferences for VPK through 8th grade will be held, September 18-22. Topics covered will include assessment results, academic and behavioral progress, and any questions you have for us. Look for a SignUpGenius link in next week's newsletter.

Upcoming Events

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| <u>Sept 6</u> | Labor Day, No School |
| <u>Sept 7</u> | Kickball Field Trip Forms Due Kickball Game, 3:45-4:45 PM |
| <u>Sept 9</u> | Kickball Game, 3:45-4:45 PM |
| <u>Sep 12</u> | Worship, 8:30 AM Adult Bible Class, 9:30 AM Worship, 10:30 AM (also online) |
| <u>Sept 17</u> | SALSA Kickball Day (gr 3-8) |
| <u>Sept 20-24</u> | Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| <u>Sept 28</u> | LifeTouch Picture Day |
| <u>Oct 18-22</u> | No School, In-Service and Teachers' Conference |

Visit our website for a complete [online calendar](#).

Mission Offerings

Mission offerings for Luther Preparatory School and Michigan Lutheran Seminary school year total: \$162.00. Both schools seeks to prepare students who may be interested in attending Martin Luther College to prepare for service as pastors, teachers, and staff ministers. Students may deposit their mission offerings in the small church located by Mrs. Mendez's desk anytime during the week. Thank you for your generous support of this year's mission project!



Resignation & Staffing Changes

It was announced Sunday, September 5 that our teacher, Mr. Ethan Jaeger, has resigned from his position at Northdale Christian Academy for personal reasons in order to focus on health. He shared the following letter:

Dear Members of Northdale Lutheran Church and Christian Academy,

After working with Pastor Guse, Mr. Mattes, and our congregational leaders, I have decided to step away from full-time public ministry for a time. I humbly ask for your prayers as I consider the path down which God will now lead me. Although I do not know what He has in store for me, I do know He will work this out for my eternal good. I will continue to pray for you and the faculty, staff, and students of NCA as you continue to grow in God's grace and serve one another with His Word.

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?" For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen. (Romans 11:33-36)

In service to Christ,
Ethan Jaeger

We pray that God will bless Mr. Jaeger during this transition and into the future. As a result of his departure, the following staffing plan is going into effect starting Tuesday, September 7.

Mrs. Elizabeth Guse will be taking over as 5/6 homeroom teacher and teach the following subjects: Religion, Language Arts, Math Course 1, Math Course 2, Science, Social Studies, and an afternoon special.

Mrs. Guse will continue to teach 1st grade reading.

Mrs. Sarah Schroeder will take over 5/6 Literature and 3rd grade Math.

Mr. Mattes will take over 7/8 Language Arts.

Revised class schedules will be shared with the 5th-8th grade students Tuesday. Please direct any questions to Mr. Mattes.

Intramural Kickball

The first intramural kickball games are this week Tuesday and Thursday. We have two teams competing. Come watch as they play in a best of five series.

SALSA Kickball Day

Kickball day information went home at the end of last week. Please return permission forms by Wednesday. We will be needing parent volunteers to help transport students to Beverly Hills for this day. Contact Mr. Haring if you have any questions.



School Eatery Lunches Expanding Soon

NCA has partnered with School Eatery to offer optional school lunches delivered to our campus on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays this coming school year. Following last week's parent forum, we are planning to add Tuesdays and Thursdays so that there will be an option to order lunches five days per week. Look for more information in future newsletters about additional days and menus. Ordering information is available on our NorthdaleChristianAcademy.org documents page.

Health & Safety Plan

NCA families can review the current [health and safety plan at this link](#). Our plan will be regularly reviewed and updated as needed. The current version of the plan will be available in the weekly newsletter.

Remind Communication App and Text Messages

NCA is using Remind to send important updates, newsletters, and other information for the 2021-2022 school year. Our class code is @nca21-22. Sign up using your smartphone or computer: rmd.at/nca21-22



Classroom News September 7-10

Mrs. Mattes VPK

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What we're learning: This week, we will be reading books about friendship and sharing including *Rainbow Fish*, *How Does a Dinosaur Play With His Friends*, and *When Sophie Gets Angry, Really Really Angry*. Children work on social skills every day at school and using books is one of the most effective ways to talk about conflicts and how to solve them.

Bible Story: Our Bible story this week is #6 *God Keeps His Promise to Abraham*. Please continue to read the stories at home with your child.

COR Advantage: Your first parent email should have gone through today. Thank you for your patience as I learn how to use this great new tool. I'm excited to use it throughout the year to give you snapshots into your child's days at school.

Letter of the Week: We will be starting letter of the Week this week! Please see the explanation in your child's folder.

Have a great week!

Miss Hardman's 1st & 2nd Grade Homeroom

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Memory Work: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.'" Isaiah 40:3

Spelling: 1st grade - unit 3 word list - test on Friday 9/10

2nd grade - unit 3 word list - test on Friday 9/10

MAP Testing: On Wednesday (9/8) grades 1-2 will be taking the MAP math test in the morning.

Classroom Schedule changes: Mrs. Guse will continue teaching first grade SuperKids Reading and Phonics from 8:45 - 9:30 every morning. After recess 10:00 - 10:45 Miss Hardman will be back in the classroom (along with the 2nd graders) and will teach all Spelling, English, and Handwriting. Mrs. Storm will be our classroom aide from 10:00 - 12:00 to assist in these added classes (as well our Math block) and help with classwork while Miss Hardman is working with either the first or second graders. Please feel free to ask me more about this switch. I will send home an updated classroom schedule in your child's Monday Folder (on Tuesday this week).

Ask us About: (These are great conversation starters for your child...better than "How was school today?")

- To name some of the planets in our solar system.
- The actions for our memory work passage above.

Mrs. Schwartz's Kindergarten Homeroom

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Word of God: *John God's Worker, Jesus is Baptized*

Memory Treasure: Galatians 4:4 But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son

Reading: We will continue to learn about our Superkid, Oswald. We will read, "The Odd Ostrich". We will focus on the letter o and how it says /o/ We will learn the sight words: **I** and **see**.

Writing: The students will draw and write about what they like to do.

Math: We will learn about the numbers 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Science: Direction of Motion

MAP Testing: Most of the students have completed their MAP testing. The students did great learning how to use the chrome books.



Classroom News (Continued)

Mr. Haring's 3rd & 4th Grade Homeroom

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Bible History: *John the Baptist; The Baptism of Jesus*

Memory Work: The Fourth Commandment (9/10)

Reading: We are reading Third Grade Angels by Jerry Spinelli

Spelling: Week 5: Unit 3

3 Math (Schroeder): Addition within 1,000

4 Math: Rounding and Estimating; Real World Problems

Social Studies: Types of Maps

Science: STEM: Plate tectonics and Earthquakes

Penmanship: Third Grade will complete their review of manuscript. Third and fourth will begin cursive next week.

Math Facts: I will have the new math sheets in their work folder. Each student will move through the math facts at their own pace. Please keep the worksheets in the folder.

Mrs. Guse's 5th & 6th Grade Homeroom

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Word of God: "The Baptism of Jesus"; "The Temptation of Jesus"

Catechism: "The Creation of Man"

MW: First Article of Apostles' Creed + meaning (Th); Psalm 119:105 (Fr)

Literature: *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell

English: Week 2

Spelling: Unit 4; pretest Monday, test Friday

Math 5 (Haring): Multiplying and Dividing Fluently; Order of Operations

Math C1: Negative Numbers, Absolute Value

Math C2: Multiplying and Dividing Integers

Science: Weather and Climate

Social Studies: Europe in the Middle Ages

7th & 8th Grade

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MAP testing will conclude this week. There will be some class schedule changes going into effect this week. Mr. Mattes will be taking over Language Arts (DGP, Spelling) while Mrs. Schroeder does Literature in grades 5 & 6. See the general article for more information. Updated class schedules will be shared Tuesday morning.

Spelling: No Spelling this week due to short week and MAP testing

English: Daily Grammar Practice Week 2 **Literature:** *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* begin Part 2

Math: Course 2 (Jaeger) will continue with rational numbers. Course 3 is continuing to study exponents. Algebra 1 is solving equations with adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing.

Word of God: Lesson 3 "How can I learn the Truth?"

Catechism: Pastor Guse is reviewing books of the Bible and basics of the Christian faith.

Social Studies: We will rewind a bit and leave the historic events of the east coast and look at the Westward Expansion of our nation in the 1850's.

Science: This week we will work with microscopes to examine plant, animal, and human cells. Our next topic will be viruses.

