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Philippians 4:8

# HURRICANE WATCH

August 10, 2022

Week 1

## Welcome to a New School Year

By God's grace alone are we able to start the 23rd year of Christian education and our third as Northdale Christian Academy. There have been several changes this summer: new grade alignments, a new full time teacher, facility improvements, new curriculum resources, new classroom technology, and changes to our dismissal procedures. Yet one thing remains constant, we are able to serve our families with the living and enduring Word of God each and every day. It's a privilege to serve you and your children. Thank you for trusting us to partner with you as we provide for their spiritual, social, emotional, and academic needs. Our theme for the year comes from Philippians 4:8, "whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." May God continue to bless our NCA family throughout this school year.

## Newsletter Preferences

If you would like a paper copy of the weekly NCA newsletter, please contact the office or let your classroom teacher know. All newsletters will be distributed electronically. Paper copies will be distributed upon request only.

## Back to School Orientation

Thank you to all our families for participating in the August 8 online Back to School Night orientation. The presentation was recorded and is available for you to [view at this link](#). A copy of the presentation slides is available to [view at this link](#).

## Upcoming Events

<u>Aug 10</u>	3K-8 First Day of School Noon Dismissal for K-8 No After School Care for K-8
<u>Aug 11</u>	After school care begins for K-8
<u>Aug 14</u>	Worship, 8:30 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class, 9:30 Worship, 10:30 AM (also online)
<u>Aug 16</u>	Extracurricular Volunteer mtg, 3:30 PM ( <a href="#">online</a> and in-person)
<u>Aug 24</u>	Online Parent Forum, 6:30 PM
<u>Aug 29</u>	Fall MAP Testing Begins
<u>Sept 2</u>	No School
<u>Sept 6</u>	Labor Day, No School
<u>Sept 11</u>	Grades K-8 Sing during 10:30 AM Worship

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



### **Parking Lot Safety**

Safety is our primary concern when your child is dropped off and picked up. In order to keep your child safe, increase pick up efficiency, and keep traffic off of Mapledale Blvd., NCA has developed a parking lot procedure. Please review the linked [map](#) so you are well informed of these procedures. Parking cones will be placed to help guide the flow of traffic.

Drop Off Notes: If you want to walk your child into the classroom, park only in the designated areas on the parking lot map. Please use caution when exiting the parking lot.

Pick Up Notes: Please follow the blue arrows on the parking lot map and avoid cutting in front of other drivers whenever possible. There will be extra traffic helpers for the first days of school. Please note the revised dismissal procedure from last year.

### **3K & 4K Half Day**

12:00-12:15 PM, 3K & 4K Half Day Students

#### **1st Pick Up Group**

3:00-3:10, 3K - 2nd Grade

12:00-12:10 for Early Dismissal Days

#### **2nd Pick Up Group**

3:10-3:20, 3rd - 8th Grade & Families with Children in Both Groups

12:10-12:20 for Early Dismissal Days

### **Before School Care**

3K & VPK before school care checks-in at the 3K/VPK classroom. K-8 before school care checks-in at the main academy building. Please ring the bell for assistance getting your child checked in.

### **After School Care**

3K through 2nd grade after school care signs-out at the 3K/VPK classroom. 3rd through 8th grade after school care signs-out at the main church building. If you are picking up from after school care, you can ring the bell for assistance getting your child signed out. There are signs indicating which doors to use when picking up children from after care. Please keep in mind the group may be outside for recess when you come to pick up.

### **TADS Accounts**

TADS is the admissions, enrollment, and billing tool NCA uses for all our families. If you have not done so recently, please log into your TADS account to ensure your tuition payments are set up appropriately. You may contact Mr. Mattes or Mrs. Mendez with any TADS or billing related questions.

### **Mission Project**

Each Wednesday at 8:15 AM the students and faculty at NCA will gather for a weekly chapel service. During this service a voluntary offering will be collected for a designated mission project. This year's offerings are supporting missionary efforts in war-torn Ukraine. Students may deposit their mission offerings in the small church located by Mrs. Mendez's desk anytime during the week. This newsletter will be used to track mission offerings for the year. Thank you for your support of this mission project.

### **Intramural Kickball (grades 3-8)**

Students who wish to participate will be mixed into teams for a short intramural kickball season. [Please see the link](#) for more information and to sign your child up. Contact Mr. Haring if you have questions.

### **Google Reviews**

Customer reviews continue to be a key feature of online research. Just think of all the times you read them before making a purchase decision. NCA also benefits from receiving online reviews which help prospective families consider the Christian education we offer, 3K through 8th grade. If you are so inclined, please click this [link](#) to access our NCA Google profile and leave your review. Thank you for supporting our community outreach efforts.

### **NCA Text Messaging**

NCA uses Remind to send important updates, newsletters, and other information by text. If you aren't already receiving these messages, click on the link below to join our academy for the 2022-2023 school year or text @nca22-23 to the number 81010.

<https://www.remind.com/join/nca22-23>



# Classroom News August 10-12

## Mrs. Mattes 3K & VPK

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Welcome to Preschool! I am so excited to start our year together! Below you will find information each week about what's happening in our classroom.

**What We're Learning:** We will be spending the first few weeks getting to know each other and what our classroom rules and procedures will be. We will be doing some 'First Day' projects and games this week.

**Bible:** Our first Bible story will be *God Creates our Beautiful World*. Your copy of the Bible story will come home for you to read together next Monday.

## Mrs. Schwartz's Kindergarten Homeroom

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Welcome to Kindergarten! I am looking forward to the year ahead of us. Below is what we will be learning this week!

**Bible:** *God Creates our Beautiful World*

**Memory Treasure:** Genesis 1:1 - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**Reading:** We will work on letter recognition and letter sounds. We will read: *My New Friends are So Much Fun* by Mo Willems and *Brand New Pencils, Brand New Books* by Diane DeGroat

**Writing:** We will practice writing our name.

**Math:** Practice counting and writing numbers 1-5.

**Science:** We will do a fun Science experiment with raisins.

We will be learning our classroom rules and procedures during our first few weeks of school.

## Miss Hardman's 1st & 2nd Grade Homeroom

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Welcome to first and second grade!



**Thank you!** - Thank you for all the supplies you've purchased and sent to school. I truly appreciate your attention to detail - it really helps us organize and keep track of our stuff. A few of the boxes are too big and do not fit in the student's desks. I will send those boxes home along with a note.

**Please read:** Please read over the pack of papers you were given during home/academy visits. If you did not have a visit, it is *especially* important that you read through the stack of papers paying close attention to the 500 Book Challenge! Start reading with your children right now - just make it part of your new 'back to school' routine.

### Helpful Reminders:

- Navy blue sweatshirt (or sweater) for the classroom AC
- Water bottle (water only) to keep on their desk
- Pack a snack for the first day (I will bring bananas and pretzels to share just in case - first day only)



# Classroom News (Continued)

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

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Welcome back!!! I am excited to get the year going. Below are a few items that we will be working on during the first week or so of the school year.

**Home/School Visits:** If you didn't schedule a visit, but still wish to have one, please contact me to set up a time.

**Word of God:** *Creation*

**Memory Work:** First Commandment (8/19)

**Spelling:** No spelling

**Literature:** Building silent reading stamina

**Writing:** Journaling

**3 Math:** Chapter 1: Numbers to 10,000

**4 Math:** Chapter 1: Working with Whole Numbers

**Social Studies:** See next week's Monday folder for information on this year's St. Augustine trip. This is not until February, but there is a lot of planning that needs to go into this trip.

**Science:** Forces

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

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Welcome Back! I am looking forward to the year. May the Lord bless our school year.

**Word of God:** *Creation*

**MW:** Books of the New Testament (8/23)

**Literature** (Schroeder): Loser by Jerry Spinelli

**English:** No DGP

**Spelling:** No Spelling

**Math 5:** Chapter 1- Whole Numbers and the Four Operations

**Math C1:** Chapter 1- Whole Numbers, Prime Numbers, and Prime Factorization

**Math C2:** Chapter 8- Statistics and Probability

**Science:** Classifying Living Things

**Social Studies:** Creation

Check next week's Monday folder. Information will be coming home for our field trip to St. Augustine with grades 3-4. The field trip will be in February.

## 7th & 8th Grade

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Welcome back to school! I'm looking forward to partnering with you this school year! This first week will be dedicated to establishing expectations, routine, and getting to know one another activities. I'm excited for the upcoming school year and pray for the Lord's continued blessings as the year begins.

**Spelling:** None this week. Next week is Lesson 1. The pre-test will be on Tuesday and the test will be on Friday.

**English:** Parts of speech review      **Literature:** Begin our first novel, *Johnny Tremain*

**Math:** Course 2 will begin with a review of place value and numerical operations Course 3 will begin with variable expressions, integers, and absolute value. Algebra 1 will begin with real numbers, radicals, and rational exponents.

**Word of God:** We will begin our study of "You Are Free Indeed" a study of Galatians

**Social Studies:** Opening year trivia and introduction to the French and Indian War

**Science:** There will be some introductory activities before starting a unit on weather

