

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.

Philippians 4:8

HURRICANE WATCH

December 12, 2022

Week 17

Christmas Program Notes

NCA students and teachers have been hard at work preparing for this year's Christmas programs. The grades 3-8 program will be December 20 at 6:30 PM. 3K-grade 2 program will be December 21 at 11:00 AM. In order to keep the focus on the message of Jesus' birth, the following attire is recommended.

Boys: Nice shirt, dress pants or khaki slacks

Girls: Modest and appropriate length skirts or dresses, or nice shirt with dress pants

Academy uniforms are also acceptable - no shorts, please. December 21 will be a uniform free day for students in 3K through 2nd grade.

For those unable to attend, we will be live streaming on our YouTube channel where the recording will also be archived to view anytime. Here are the individual links:

[December 20, 6:30 PM Grades 3-8 Christmas Program](#)

[December 21, 11:00 AM 3K-2nd Grade Christmas Program](#)

For the grades 3-8 Christmas program on Tuesday, December 20, students are asked to meet in the main school building no later than 6:10 PM, church doors will open at 6:00 PM. For the 3K-grade 2 program on Wednesday, December 21, the church doors will open at 10:30 AM. If you have any questions about the programs please ask your child's teacher. Thank you!

Christmas Break

NCA (3K through 8th grade) will be closed for Christmas break starting at noon on December 21 through January 4.

There will be no after school care or extended care following the noon dismissal December 21. Classes will resume on January 5.

Upcoming Events

<u>Dec 13</u>	Basketball Practice, 3:20-4:30 PM Communicating Christ Class, 7:00 PM
<u>Dec 14</u>	Academy Chapel, 8:15 AM Piano Lessons
<u>Dec 15</u>	Piano Lessons Basketball Practice, 3:20-4:30 PM
<u>Dec 16</u>	Guitar Lessons
<u>Dec 18</u>	Worship, 8:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class, 9:30 AM Worship, 10:30 AM
<u>Dec 20</u>	Gr 3-8 Christmas Program, 6:30 PM
<u>Dec 21</u>	3K-Gr 2 Christmas Program, 11:00 AM Noon dismissal, no after school care December Toy Drive Ends
<u>Dec 21-Jan 4</u>	Christmas Break
<u>Jan 5</u>	Classes Resume Pioneer Meeting 6-7:30 PM

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

Mission Offerings

Mission offerings to support Christians in Ukraine.

This week \$24.00

Total \$337.00

Thank you for your generous support of this year's mission project!



December Toy Drive

NCA is partnering with Metropolitan Ministries to host a toy drive for the Christmas holiday season. We hope you will join us in sharing the joy of knowing our Savior is born by helping to support these families in need from our community. Items such as gift cards, girl and boy gifts for Christmas (age 10-12) are the most-needed items right now. See page 5 of this newsletter for more details about needed items. We pray that you will consider donating gift items over the next couple weeks. We will be collecting the items at school through Wednesday, December 21. There two barrels in the school lobby for donations. We have been so blessed! Let's share our blessings with others!

Attendance Reminder

Regular school attendance is a responsibility of the parent and student. Northdale Christian Academy recognizes that consistent school attendance is essential for academic success and that all absences and tardies affect learning. Therefore, NCA has instituted a comprehensive attendance policy designed to support academic success ([Parent Handbook](#) p. 20-21). Families can monitor attendance through their [TADS Educate](#) account. Letters will be sent home if your child reaches the 5 tardy limit per quarter. Please contact Mr. Mattes if you have any attendance questions.

Christmas Season Schedule

Everyone is welcome to celebrate the birth of our Savior this Christmas season. Here are several special worship events at Northdale Lutheran Church for you to join us.

- ★ Tuesday, December 20: NCA Grades 3-8 Christmas Program 6:30 PM
- ★ Wednesday, December 21: NCA 3K - Grade 2 Christmas Program 11:00 AM
- ★ Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5:00 & 7:00 PM
- ★ Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day Worship 8:30 & 10:30 AM

January is Preferred Enrollment Month

Current NCA families, their siblings, and members of Northdale Lutheran Church will have 2023-2024 re-enrollment priority through the month of January. Any new students to NCA must first complete the online application before they can be enrolled: <https://mytads.com/a/northdalechristian>. Re-enrollment is the process for current NCA students already enrolled and will be completed through TADS in January. Starting February 1, new family applications to NCA will be considered based on availability. Look for more information following Christmas break for discounted re-enrollment fee and updated tuition for next school year.

Piano Lesson Openings in January

For those NCA families who are interested in piano lessons for their child, there will be a few slots available starting in January. If you are interested in signing your child up for piano lessons, please complete this [online form](#). You do not need to complete this form if your child is already receiving piano lessons. Slots are available on a first come, first served basis. Additional details and contact information for our piano teacher, Bridget Harrison, are available in the online form. Please contact Mr. Mattes if you have any questions. This form will remain open until Christmas break.

Amazon Smile in the App

Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "Northdale Lutheran Church" (NCA's parent organization) as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to Northdale Christian Academy.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
3. Select "Northdale Lutheran Church" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app

Thank you for your online support of our educational ministry!



Classroom News December 12-16

Mrs. Mattes 3K & VPK

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What We're Learning: Christmas time is here! We will be spending our time practicing our Christmas program with students in K-2, doing lots of Christmas projects, and celebrating the birth of Jesus!

Letter Leader: K- Juliana

Bible: Over the next few weeks, we will be having advent devotions each day as we countdown to Christmas.

Christmas Program: Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 21, at 11:00AM. The Preschool-2nd grade students will be performing a Christmas program to celebrate our Savior's birth. We will also have a small class party before the performance if you would like to join us. The children will be dismissed for Christmas break following the performance. **This is a uniform-free day. Dressy Christmas attire is encouraged.**

Mrs. Mosakowski's Kindergarten Homeroom

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Just a Reminder: Our class Christmas book exchange is Wednesday morning before the Christmas program. Please bring in a wrapped book anytime this week to place under our tree. It can be gently used or brand new but no more than \$10.00. Please select a book good for a boy or girl.

Memory Work: This week we will continue to practice our action poems and songs for the Christmas program.

Reading: We will meet our next Superkid, Etabetta. This unit focuses on identifying uppercase and lowercase *Ee*. We will also associate picture names with the initial /e/ sound. We will learn new vocabulary such as *excellent, entertaining, and educational*.

Math: This week we will order numbers up to twenty. We will work in pairs to take apart numbers using counting cubes.

Social Studies: This week is all about Responsibility. We will learn about jobs, chores, and cooking from *Life Long Ago*.

Science: This week in Science we will use our observation skills to watch the weather. After learning about the different kinds of weather we will draw what we see outside.

Miss Hardman's 1st & 2nd Grade Homeroom

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Memory Work: We will be working on our songs and recitations for the Christmas Service through December.

Spelling: 1st Grade: Unit 18 - plural nouns - test on Friday (12/16)

2nd Grade: Unit 17 - words with silent letters - test on Friday (12/16)

Small Party - The first and second graders will be having a small, low-key classroom Christmas party on Wednesday, December 21st, before our Christmas Program at 11:00 am. Your child is allowed a uniform free day so that they can dress for the Christmas Program (nice clothes, please). Your child does not need to bring anything special to school that day. Miss Hardman will provide popcorn and juice boxes for the party. If your child has allergies, please pack them a morning snack that day. You may pick up your child in the classroom after the Christmas Program.

Ask us About:

- The Plagues of Egypt and the Rock Cycle Chant.



Classroom News (Continued)

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

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Word of God (Roemhildt): *God Feeds His People in the Desert & Water From A Rock*

Memory Work: Luther's Evening Prayer (12/16)

Spelling: Unit 14; pretest on Monday; retakes on Friday.

Literature: Reader's theater using a section of Despereaux

Writing: Students will continue to present their speeches.

3 Math: Chapter 5: Multi-Digit Multiplication

4 Math: Chapter 3: Fractions

Social Studies: Florida's Early History: Jean Ribault claims Florida for France

Science: Life Science: Living Things

Tech: We will start working on Typing.

Reading Goals:

We recorded **9** chapter books read last week. Our class has read **115 of the 720** chapter book goal.

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

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Word of God: *The Tabernacle; The Day of Atonement; The Twelve Spies*

MW: No Memory Work Due-

Practicing Christmas Service Parts and Songs

Literature (Schroeder): Greek Mythology - Allusions

English: Week 12

Spelling: Unit 15- Pretest (Mon); Test (Fri)

Math 5: Chapter 3- Multiplying and Dividing Fractions and Mixed Numbers

Math C1: Chapter 4- Ratios (Chapter Test Monday, December 19)

Math C2: Chapter 1- Rational Numbers

Science: Plant and Animal Adaptations

Social Studies: Mediterranean Civilization; Picturing North America

Tech: We will practice the Children's Christmas service and continue working with Google Sheets and Pixel Art.

7th & 8th Grade

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Spelling: Unit 16- Pretest (Tuesday); Test (Friday) **English:** DGP Week 14

Literature: Treasure Island will read Chapters 30-34, Monte Cristo will read Chapters 35-36

Math: Course 2 will have a test on Algebraic Expressions [Tuesday], and begin a discussion on identifying equivalent equations. Course 3 will have a test on Linear Equations and Inequalities [Tuesday] and begin discussion on finding and interpreting slopes of lines. Algebra 1 is starting a new module on discrete linear functions.

Word of God: Continuing our study of "You Are Free Indeed" a study of Galatians

Social Studies: We will begin our discussion on Article I Sections 9 and 10.

Tech & Music: This week in music we will be looking at the Grades 3-8 Christmas Service. Christmas Memory Work this week: Children Statement [Tuesday], Now Sing We, Now Rejoice [Wednesday], Immanuel [Tuesday], and Behold a Branch [Friday]

Science: Ask your child how we were able to move paper without touching it using only a balloon. This was our explore activity as we started out unit on electricity and magnetism. Our first assignment and quiz will be this week.





TOY LIST

Bold items are most in demand.

AGES 0-2:

Preschool Play Sets
Character Toys
Building Blocks
Baby Dolls
Learning Toys/Puzzles

AGES 3-9:

Remote Control Cars
Electronic Games
Fashion & Baby Dolls
Legos & Lego Sets

AGES 10-12:

Outdoor Play Sets
Science Kits
Craft Kits
Board Games

AGES 13-17

Jewelry
Purses
Makeup
Hair Accessories
Cologne or Perfume
**Footballs, Basketballs
or Soccer Balls**
Sports Clothing & Hats

OTHER GIFT IDEAS:

Bicycles/Tricycles
Scooters
Skateboards

GIFT CARDS:

Best Buy
Walmart
Target
Publix



"Your help makes a difference in not only my children's lives but mine as well. I am on disability, so all of my money goes to bills. This assistance is a tremendous relief. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

- Metropolitan Ministries Client

FOOD LIST

Bold items are most in demand.

Turkey
Ham
Cereal
Canned Yams
Bagged or Boxed Stuffing
Cranberry Sauce

Bagged or Canned Beans
Soup, Bags of Rice
Boxed or Canned Potatoes
Gravy Packets
Dessert Mixes
Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables
Boxed Macaroni & Cheese

All additional gift cards are also accepted and encouraged.

For all holiday information visit metromin.org/holiday-central often to stay updated!

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