

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 19, 2022

Week 18

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 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 Toy Drive Ends
<u>Dec 21-Jan 4</u>	Christmas Break
<u>Dec 24</u>	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:00 & 7:00 PM
<u>Dec 25</u>	Christmas Day Worship, 8:30 & 10:30
<u>Jan 4</u>	No School, Faculty In-Service
<u>Jan 5</u>	Classes Resume Piano Lessons Pioneer Meeting, 6:00-7:30 PM
<u>Jan 6</u>	No Guitar Lessons
<u>Jan 9</u>	End of Second Quarter
<u>Jan 13-15</u>	Pioneer Camping Trip
<u>Jan 16</u>	No School, MLK Jr. Day <i>Visit our website for a complete online calendar.</i>

Mission Offerings

Mission offerings to support Christians in Ukraine.

This week \$23.50

Total \$360.50

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!

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.

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

Science and Art Donations Needed

Our Science and Art departments could use [wine corks](#) and [Christmas card covers](#). Please save these over the holidays and donate when classes resume. Thank you!

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.

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!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

We pray that you have a wonderful Christmas celebrating Jesus's birth and the salvation that he brings to the world! Everyone is invited to our special Christmas Eve candlelight worship service. Check out the Upcoming Events box for details. God's richest blessings as you welcome the new year!



Classroom News December 19-21

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: None

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: Wednesday is a free dress day. I encourage everyone to dress up for our Christmas program. We will have our class Christmas book exchange Wednesday morning before the Christmas program.

Take a Look: Please check your child's sweatshirt. Two of our students are missing uniform sweatshirts.

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

Reading: We will continue our Superkid unit with Ettabetta. We will blend letter sounds to make new words using the -et, -ed, -ell families.

Math: This week we will use Christmas themed material to practice the concepts from chapter 6.

Social Studies: This week we will wrap up our Unit on Life Long Ago. These lessons will include a review of what we have learned.

Miss Hardman's 1st & 2nd Grade Homeroom

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Memory Work: We look forward to sharing our Christmas songs and recitations with you this Wednesday.

Spelling: No spelling units this week.

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.

Welcome! We welcome two new students after the Christmas break. Layla will be a new first grader and Joey will be a new second grader joining us on January 5. We will have 20 children (10 in first and 10 in second).

Have a blessed Christmas worshipping the Savior in the manger! See you next year! 😊



Classroom News (Continued)

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

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Christmas Party: [Sign-up link](#)

Word of God (Roemhildt): *God Gives His Law to His People*

Memory Work: The First Article (January 13)

Spelling: No spelling

Literature: Reader's theater using a section of Despereaux

Writing: Journaling

3 Math: Chapter 5: Multi-Digit Multiplication

4 Math: Chapter 3: Fractions

Social Studies: Florida's Early History

Science: Life Science: Living Things

Tech: We will start working on Typing.

Reading Goals:

We recorded **10** chapter books read last week. Our class has read **125 of the 720** chapter book goal.

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

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Word of God: *Korah's Rebellion*

MW: No Memory Work Due-

Practicing Christmas Service Parts and Songs

Literature (Schroeder): Greek Mythology - Allusions

English: No DGP

Spelling: Unit 16- No Test

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

Math C1: Chapter 4- Ratios- Test (Mon)

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: No Spelling this week. **English:** No DGP this week. Students should submit their Role Model paragraphs with correct capitalization and punctuation.

Literature: Treasure Island will finish their novel, Monte Cristo will read Chapters 36-37

Math: Course 2 will continue a discussion on identifying equivalent equations. Course 3 will continue a discussion on finding and interpreting slopes of lines. Algebra 1 is starting a new module on piecewise-defined functions.

Word of God: Galatians Finale

Social Studies: We will conclude Article I of the Constitution.

Tech & Music: This week in music we will be putting finishing touches on the Grades 3-8 Christmas Service. All are welcome to come December 20th at 6:30 PM. Please have students here no later than 6:10 PM.

Science: This week we start learning about circuits. Following the break, we will complete some activities building the circuits we've learned about. I'm looking for old electronics that we can take apart for an upcoming activity. Old style tower computers are ideal. Some phones and tablets don't work well because they are hard to take apart. Let me know if you have any questions.





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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