



HURRICANE WATCH

August 9, 2023

Week 1

Welcome to a New School Year

By God’s grace alone are we able to start the 24th year of Christian education and our third as Northdale Christian Academy. There have been some changes this summer: new grade alignments, facility improvements, new curriculum resources, and new classroom furniture. Yet one thing remains constant: we are blessed 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 Romans 8:37, “*In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.*” 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 7 online Back to School Orientation. The presentation was recorded and is available for you to view at this [link](#). A copy of the presentation slides is available to review at this [link](#).

Upcoming Events

- August 9 K-8 First Day of School
Noon Dismissal for K-8
No After School Care
- August 10 3K & VPK First Day of School
After school care begins for K-8
- August 13 Worship, 8:30 AM
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class, 9:30
Worship, 10:30 AM (also online)
- August 18 No School
- August 23 [Online Parent Forum](#), 6:30 PM
- August 28 Fall MAP Testing Begins
- August 31 Extracurricular Volunteer mtg, 3:30 PM
([online](#) and in-person)
- September 4 Labor Day, No School
- September 10 Grades K-8 Sing during 10:30 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.

Guitar & Piano Lesson Sign Up Open

If you are interested in signing up for guitar or piano lessons for the 2023-2024 school year, you can do so by clicking the link below. Current music lesson students will be given scheduling priority in the new school year.

[Piano Lessons 2023-2024 School Year](#)

[Guitar Lessons 2023-2024 School Year](#)

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.

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 2023-2024 school year or text @nca23-24 to the number 81010.

<https://www.remind.com/join/nca23-24>

Amazon Wish Lists

Each teacher has developed an online wish list through Amazon. The purpose of these lists is to highlight items that would benefit our classrooms and students which go above and beyond our budget. The links are provided here and in the classroom sections of this newsletter (pages 3-4). Thank you for considering this way to support our classrooms and students.

[Preschool \(3K and VPK\)](#)

[Kindergarten](#)

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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.



Classroom News August 9-11

Mrs. Mattes 3K & VPK

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[Amazon Wish List for 3K & VPK](#)

What We're Learning: Welcome to a new year of preschool! I am so excited to introduce the children to our classroom and to each other. We will be spending the first few weeks getting to know each other and practicing our routines. We will be reading 'Pete the Cat' books, making a first day necklace, and going for a sensory walk.

Letter Leader: None

Bible: 'Little Visits with Jesus' devotions

Reading Logs: Your first reading logs will go home in your child's Monday folder for August.

Health Forms: Reminder that birth certificates, health and immunization forms are due no later than September 10.

Homeroom App: Below is a link to join our private photo page so you can see what we're up to in preschool each week! <https://gethomeroom.com/i/8JRN9LKV>

Mrs. Mosakowski's Kindergarten Homeroom

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[Amazon Wish List for Kindergarten](#)

Welcome to Kindergarten! I am really looking forward to the year ahead of us. We will spend the first few weeks getting acquainted with one another and the classroom procedures.

Bible: This week we will discuss our School Theme. Romans 8:37 This will also be our first memory verse for the year.

Memory Work: "...we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." - Romans 8: 37

Reading: This coming Monday you will receive a reading log for the month of August in your child's Monday folder. You or your child will color one of the images on the sheet for every book you read to them. Your child can return the completed reading log for a prize from our treasure box at the end of the month.

Thank You! - Thank you so much for all the supplies! I truly appreciate the added time it takes to find the requested items. I know it can be stressful and I thank you.

Miss Hardman's 1st & 2nd Grade Homeroom

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[Amazon Wish List for 1st & 2nd](#)

I'm looking forward to an adventurous year with your children! Learning is a fun adventure!

Memory work: We will begin working on Galatians 4:4-5 "But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive adoption to sonship."

Florida: We will begin the year with a Social Studies unit all about our state and what makes Florida unique.

Thank you: Thank you for meeting with me before school began. I enjoyed connecting with you and my students. Thank you also for all the school supplies - I truly appreciate your support in stocking our classroom for learning, organization, and fun!

Library Note: A special note from our school librarian will be coming home in the first Mondays folder!



Classroom News (Continued)

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

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[Amazon Wish List for 3rd & 4th](#)

Welcome back to school! Everything is prepared and I am excited to begin partnering with you this year!

Word of God (Roemhildt): *Gabriel Announces the Births of John and Jesus*

Memory Work: John 3:16, Galatians 4:4,5 (August 17)

Literature: Choosing good fit books

Writing: Journaling

3 Math: Chapter 1: Numbers to 10,000

4 Math: Chapter 1: Working with Whole Numbers

Tech: (Roemhildt) We will be establishing Chromebook guidelines.

Reading Goals: A good reading goal for the school year is 40 chapter books per student. As a class, the goal will be a total of 880 books. I will be keeping track as a way to encourage reading throughout the school year.

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

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[Amazon Wish List for 5th & 6th](#)

Word of God: *The Births of John and Jesus Announced*

MW: John 3:16 (8/15), Galatians 4:4,5 (8/17)

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

English: Pretest for DGP

Spelling: No Spelling unit this week

Math 5: Chapter 1- Whole Numbers and Four Operations

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

Science: Weather and Climate

Social Studies: Review Continents and Oceans- Quiz (8/16); Feudalism and the Manor Systems

Tech & Music (Roemhildt): We will be establishing Chromebook guidelines..

7th & 8th Grade **Mr. Roemhildt** daniel.roemhildt@northdalelutheran.org

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[Amazon Wish List for 7th & 8th](#)

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 start class on Thursday. Our first module will be real numbers and real-world quantities.

Word of God: What Is Truth?

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

Science: Class will begin Thursday with an activity to get thinking like a scientist. Our first subject area will be life structure and function.

