



# HURRICANE WATCH

December 4, 2023

Week 16

## Call News

On December 1st Miss Aimee Hardman received a divine call to serve as 2nd grade teacher at St. Matthew Lutheran School in Oconomowoc, WI. This call comes not because Miss Hardman requested it, but because she was considered among other candidates as a match for the needs of their ministry. Your comments and prayers are welcome as Miss Hardman considers where the Lord would have her serve next school year.

## Christmas Service & Program Notes

NCA students and teachers are hard at work preparing for this year's Christmas events. The grades 3-8 service will be December 21 at 6:30 PM. The 3K-grade 2 program will be December 22 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 22 will be a uniform free day for students in 3K through 2nd grade. Both events will also be streamed on our Northdale Lutheran Church YouTube channel. Check future newsletters for additional details.

## Christmas Break

NCA (3K through 8th grade) will be closed for Christmas break starting at noon on December 22 through January 5. There will be no after school care or extended care following the noon dismissal on December 22. The teachers will have an in-service January 5. Classes resume on January 8.

## Upcoming Events

- December 5 Guitar Lessons  
Basketball Practice, 3:20-4:30 PM  
Chipotle Spirit Day, 4:00-8:00 PM
- December 6 K-8 Chapel, 8:15 AM; 3/4K Chapel, 9:05  
Piano Lessons  
Advent Worship/Cookie Share, 6:30 PM
- December 7 Piano Lessons  
Basketball Practice, 3:20-4:30  
Northdale Pioneers, 6:00 PM
- December 10 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 AM  
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class, 9:30
- December 13 Gr. 1 & 2 Zoo Tampa Field Trip
- December 20 Yearbook Club, 3:30-4:30 PM
- December 21 Gr. 3-8 Christmas Service, 6:30 PM
- December 22 Gr. 3K-2 Christmas Program, 11:00 AM  
Noon Dismissal - No After School Care  
Toy Drive Ends
- December 24 Christmas Eve Worship, 7:00 PM
- Dec 25- Jan 5 Christmas Break

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

## Mission Offerings

Mission offerings to support the Apache Mission in AZ.

This week \$62.00

Total \$318.00

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



### **Food Drive Winning Classroom**

Congratulations to our NCA Kindergarten classroom for having the most food donations for our November drive. Thank you to the Otte family, owners of Tanya and Matt's Ice Creamiest, for providing the treat to our winning classroom.

### **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 13-17) are the most-needed items right now. If you missed out on the food drive and would still like to donate non-perishable food items, you can do that too. See page 6 of this newsletter for more details about needed items. We pray that you will consider donating gift items in the coming weeks. We will be collecting the items at NCA through noon on Friday, December 22. There is a table in the school lobby for donations. We have been so blessed! Let's share our blessings with others!

### **Chipotle Spirit Night**

There will be an NCA spirit night at Chipotle on Tuesday, December 5, 4:00-8:00 PM. 33% of in-person and online orders will go to NCA in support of our playground improvements. Order online and pickup Chipotle for your fundraiser by using the Promo Code **LJFDQ9B** on the Chipotle app or website. See the attached flyer on page 5 of this newsletter for additional details. NCA families are invited to share a selfie with their Chipotle meal on December 5 in order to be entered in a gift card contest. A special invitation will be sent through our NCA Remind texting service. You can reply to that message with your selfie to be entered in the drawing. If you don't already receive our Remind texts, you can join by clicking this link <https://www.remind.com/join/nca23-24> or text @nca23-24 to the number 81010. Plan to join us at the Chipotle near Lowes: 12827 N Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, FL 33618-2803.

### **December Yearbook Club**

The NCA yearbook club will have their next meeting on Wednesday, December 20, 3:20-4:30 PM. Any 7th or 8th grader is welcome to join us even if you haven't participated in previous meetings.

### **January is Preferred Enrollment Month**

Current NCA families, their siblings, and members of Northdale Lutheran Church will have 2024-2025 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. Check out our website for the 2024-2025 enrollment fee and tuition schedule: [NorthdaleChristianAcademy.org](http://NorthdaleChristianAcademy.org).

### **Chess Club in 2024**

Our next chess tournament, hosted at NCA, has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 27. Our next chess club meetings will be March 25, April 15, and 22, 3:20-4:30 PM. Look for more information as we enter the month of March.

### **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.

- ★ Wednesday, December 6: Advent Worship 6:30 PM & Cookie Share after service.
- ★ Thursday, December 21: NCA Grades 3-8 Christmas Program 6:30 PM
- ★ Friday, December 22: NCA 3K - Grade 2 Christmas Program 11:00 AM
- ★ Sunday, December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 PM

### **Playground Improvement Project**

So far we have raised a total of \$19,721.81 toward our \$50,000 goal! We have a lot of funds to raise and are asking for your help to reach our goal. Families can make charitable donations directly to NCA by check (avoids processing fees) or through our online giving tool: <https://northdale.breezechms.com/give/online> When giving online, be sure to select the "Playground Equipment" fund. If you are interested in helping with promotions, fundraising efforts, and design, contact Mr. Mattes to learn more about these needs.



# Classroom News December 4-8

Mrs. Mattes 3K & VPK

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

**What We're Learning:** Although it's rare in Florida, we will be learning about snow this week! We will learn how snowflakes are unique and make our own out of marshmallows. We also make snowflake decorations with glitter! We have enjoyed trying different kinds of fake snow. We'll add shaving cream to the list this week.

**Bible:** We are preparing for Christmas with advent devotions each day until Christmas.

**Letter Leader:** J- Jase

**Reading Logs:** Keep up the great work! December reading logs are going home this week!

**Christmas Program:** We will start practicing for our PreK-2nd grade Christmas program this week. Please mark your calendars for **Friday, December 22 at 11:00AM.**

**NCA Jackets:** As the weather gets a little cooler and more children bring their NCA jackets to school, **please label your child's jacket** and periodically check that they have brought home the correct one. They are very easily mistaken as their own. Thank you!

**Freckle Practice:** <https://student.freckle.com/#/login>  
Class code: MATTEY

**Homeroom App:** <https://gethomeroom.com/i/81RN9LKV>

Miss Hardman's 1st & 2nd Grade Homeroom

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

**Memory work:** Christmas Service songs and recitations - we will be working on these in class.

**Christmas Program:** will be presented on Friday, December 22nd at 11:00 AM. Please join us to hear the message of God's plan of salvation through Jesus. We will be singing and reciting the beautiful message of Jesus Birth!

**Spelling 1:** Unit 17 - /r/ sound spelled *er, ir, \*or,* and *ur* spelling words - test on Friday 12/8

**Spelling 2:** Unit 17 - words with silent letters - test on Friday 12/8

**Zoo Tampa Field Trip - Wednesday, December 13, 2023.** Please return the yellow permission slips ASAP so that final details can be made. Thank you! Drivers and chaperones are welcome to stay for chapel that morning - we will then pop back into the classroom to review behavior expectations at the zoo before we pile into cars around 9:00.

Please check your child's Monday folder for information about our Christmas Book Exchange!



**Memory Verse:** This week we continue to work on memorizing songs and recitations for our Christmas service.

**Reading:** This week we will finish our SuperKid unit on Tic, Tac and Toc. This week we will practice blending sounds to decode words that include the initial and final sound /t/.

**Reading Logs:** Look for December reading logs in this weeks Monday folder.

**Writing:** This week we will add new sight words to our sight word journal.

**Math:** This week we will continue Chapter 6. This week students will take apart numbers to explore the different ways numbers can be made.

**Science:** This week we will continue our science unit on weather. We will focus on how weather affects us.



## Classroom News (Continued)

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

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

**Word of God** (Roemhildt): *The Death of John the Baptist [Matthew 11, Luke 7] & The Sinful Woman in Simon's House [Luke 7]*

**Memory Work:** The Second Petition [Dec. 1]

**Spelling:** Unit 14 lists. Final test on Friday

**Literature:** The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies

**Writing:** Speeches begin this week. Each student has a schedule, there will be one in the Monday folder as well.

**3 Math:** Chapter 4: Multiplication (Test late this week)

**4 Math:** Chapter 3: Fractions

**Science:** Earthquakes Project: Students will be given until Wednesday to complete their towers.

**Social Studies:** Western States; Students may use the [link to study their states and capitals](#).

**Tech:** (Roemhildt) Google Docs- Citing Sources

**Reading Goals:** As a class, the goal will be a total of 880 books. **138/880 read this year.**

**Cracker Country:** If you missed the field trip or wish to go again, Cracker Country will open to the public this Saturday. See flier in Monday folders if you are interested.

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

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

**Word of God:** The Death of John the Baptist; The Woman in Simon's House

**MW:** No Memory Work due till after Christmas break

**Literature** (Schroeder): The False Prince by Jennifer Nielsen

**English:** Week 14

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

**Math 5:** Chapter 3: Multiplying and Dividing Fractions and Mixed Numbers- Test (Fri)

**Math C1:** Chapter 5- Rates and Speeds

**Science:** Chapter 8- Stars

**Social Studies:** Chapter 16- European Explorations of Africa and Asia

**Tech & Music** (Roemhildt): We will begin looking at some Christmas music and continue a State research project.

**7th & 8th Grade**      **Mr. Roemhildt** [daniel.roemhildt@northdalelutheran.org](mailto:daniel.roemhildt@northdalelutheran.org)  
[Amazon Wish List for 7th & 8th](#)

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Students will be preparing for our Christmas Service over the next few weeks. Check in with them about their memory work progress.

**Spelling:** Unit 17      **English:** DGP Week 14

**Literature:** We will be doing a Forensics activity reading Children's Books.

**Math:** Course 2 will be working with algebraic inequalities. Course 3 will be looking at graphing linear equations. Algebra 1 is studying piecewise-defined functions. There will be a test toward the end of the week.

**Word of God:** Paul's Journeys

**Social Studies:** We will wrap a discussion on WWI.

**Science:** We are concluding our study of human life stages with a final quiz before starting a new unit this week.

**Tech & Music:** Continuing Christmas Service practice





# DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



## CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR **NORTHDAL**E CHRISTIAN **ACADEMY**

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH | 4-8PM**  
**12827 N DALE MABRY HWY, TAMPA, FL, 33618**

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ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **LJFDQ9B**  
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.



# 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**



*"Because of Metro, my son and grandson will have something to open on Christmas morning, and we will be able to cook them a Christmas dinner."*

- Metropolitan Ministries Client



SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION

# 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](http://metromin.org/holiday-central) often to stay updated!**

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