



# HURRICANE WATCH

December 18, 2023

Week 18

## 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.

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 21, 6:30 PM Grades 3-8 Christmas Service](#)

[December 22, 11:00 AM 3K-2nd Grade Christmas Program](#)

For the grades 3-8 Christmas program on Thursday, December 21, doors will open at 6:00 PM, students are asked to meet in the main school building by 6:10 PM. For the 3K-grade 2 program on Friday, December 22, 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!

## Upcoming Events

- December 19 Guitar Lessons  
Basketball Practice, 3:30-4:30 PM
- December 20 K-8 Chapel, 8:15 AM; 3/4K Chapel, 9:05  
Piano Lessons  
Yearbook Club, 3:30-4:30 PM
- December 21 Piano Lessons  
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 Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 AM  
Christmas Eve Worship, 7:00 PM
- Dec 25- Jan 5 Christmas Break
- January 8 Classes Resume, End Q2
- January 10 Parent Forum, 6:30 PM
- January 15 MLK Jr. Day, No School
- January 16 Winter MAP Testing Begins
- January 26 Luther Prep Presentation, 10:45 AM

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



## Mission Offerings

Mission offerings to support the Apache Mission in AZ.

This week \$23.00

Total \$347.00

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



## **Call News**

On December 17 Mr. Dane Mattes received a divine call to serve as Principal and 7th/8th grade teacher at St John's Lutheran Church & School in Bay City, MI. This call comes not because Mr. Mattes requested it, but because he was considered among other candidates as a match for the needs of their ministry.

Miss Aimee Hardman continues to consider the divine call she received December 1 to serve as 2nd grade teacher at St. Matthew Lutheran School in Oconomowoc, WI.

Mr. Chris Haring continues to consider the divine call he received December 6 to serve as 3rd & 4th grade teacher at Christ-St John's Lutheran School in West Salem, WI. Your comments and prayers are welcome as Miss Hardman, Mr. Haring, and Mr. Mattes consider where the Lord would have them serve next school year.

## **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 5 of this newsletter for more details about needed items. We pray that you will consider donating gift items in the coming week. 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!

## **Piano Lesson Openings in January**

If you are interested in signing your child up for piano lessons starting in January, 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.

## **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.

## **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!

## **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).

## **Playground Improvement Project Year End Donations**

As we approach the end of 2023, please consider a charitable donation toward our playground improvement project. So far we have raised a total of \$20,300 toward our \$50,000 goal! We 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.



# Classroom News December 18-25

**Mrs. Mattes 3K & VPK**

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

**What We're Learning:** We will spend the rest of our time this week getting ready for Christmas!

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

**Letter Leader:** L- Liam

**Reading Logs:** Keep up the great work!

**Tardy Policy:** As the year moves along, we've had an increase in the number of tardy students. Please make every effort to drop your children off before 9:00 so they have time to get ready for the day before we start at 9:00. Especially on chapel days, it causes a distraction to have children come in late. Thank you for your help in getting our days off to a smooth start!

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

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

**Homeroom App:** <https://gethomeroom.com/i/8IRN9LKV>

**Mrs. Mosakowski's Kindergarten Homeroom**

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[Amazon Wish List for Kindergarten](#)

**Christmas program:** Friday, December 22 at 11:00AM.  
Please dress in nice church clothes - dresses, shirts, and slacks (please no Santa dresses or hats, no shorts, no jeans).

**Bible:** We will focus our attention on the birth of our savior and the events leading up to that special day.

**Reading:** This week we will finish our Superkid unit on Frits. We will review past letter sounds and continue to blend sounds as we practice reading.

**Social Studies:** This week we will continue our Social Studies unit about Holidays around the World.

**Christmas Celebration:** We will exchange books and watch a short Christmas movie before our Christmas service on Friday. I will provide popcorn for a snack to go with our movie. Please pack a snack if your child doesn't like popcorn. Thank you

**Monday Folders:** I will include review material for your child to work on over the Christmas Break. This is not required just encouraged. Pay close attention to your child's letter formation as they practice their handwriting. Thank you and Merry Christmas.

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

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

**Christmas Program:** will be presented on Friday, December 22nd at 11:00 AM. Please dress in nice church clothes that day - dresses, shirts, and slacks (please no Santa dresses or hats, no shorts, no jeans).

**Small Classroom Christmas Party** - On Friday, December 22, 2023, we will have a small class Christmas Party before our Christmas service. There is nothing that you need to provide. The students do not exchange gifts. If so inclined, please instead purchase gifts for Metropolitan Ministries. Thanks!

**School Supplies** - Moms and dads, our markers are dead and our crayons are lost or broken! New markers and crayons make great stocking stuffers or presents for Christmas! Please help your child restock!



## Classroom News (Continued)

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

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

**Classroom Christmas Party:** We will finish the 2023 year with a small Christmas party on Friday, December 22. You may [sign-up to bring something using the link](#).

**Word of God (Roemhildt):** *JJesus' Transfiguration[Matthew 17, Luke 9] & Jesus Encourages His Disciples[Matthew 16, Mark 8]*

**Memory Work:** The Fifth Petition[Dec. 22]

**Spelling:** Unit 16 lists. Final test on Friday

**Literature:** Genre Study: Mysteries

**Writing:** Last week of speeches.

**3 Math:** Chapter 5: 3-digit by 1-Digit

**4 Math:** Chapter 3: Fractions

**Science:** Minerals and rock cycle

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

**Tech:** (Roemhildt) None

**Reading Goals:** As a class, the goal will be a total of 880 books. **150/880 read this year.**

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

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

**Word of God:** The Transfiguration; Peter's Confession

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

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

**English:** Week 16

**Spelling:** Unit 17- Pretest (Mon); Final Test (Fri)

**Math 5:** Chapter 4: Decimals Test (Wed)

**Math C1:** Chapter 5- Rates and Speeds Test (Wed)

**Science:** Chapter 8- Galaxies and Beyond

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

**Tech & Music (Roemhildt):** Christmas Service practice.

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

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

We will finish the 2023 year with a small Christmas party on Friday. Students are responsible for discussing what they are bringing to the party to share with parents. Check in with your student to review their responsibilities.

**Spelling:** No spelling this week      **English:** DGP Week 16

**Literature:** We will be practicing public speaking by continuing to read Children's books to preschoolers. So far, the students have done really well!

**Math:** Course 2 will have a test this week on Algebraic Equations.. Course 3 will continue looking at graphing linear equations. Algebra 1 is beginning a study of systems of linear equations.

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

**Social Studies:** We will be reviewing Wilson's presidency and begin discussing Harding's presidency.

**Science:** This week we are studying early, current, and future space missions.

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





# 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



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# 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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