

HURRICANE WATCH

February 5, 2024

Week 23

February Parent-Teacher Conferences

We believe a strong parent-teacher partnership is essential to Christian education, and we're looking forward to strengthening that partnership by meeting with you. Conferences for 3K through 8th grade will be held, February 12-13 and 15-16. Topics covered will include assessment results, academic and behavioral progress, and any questions you have for us. Please click the [SignUpGenius link](#) to sign up for your parent-teacher conference(s). We are asking that all families schedule a conference with their child(ren)'s teacher(s). Conferences last about twenty minutes, but they are scheduled in twenty-five minute blocks. Only one student may be signed up for each time period. The conference will be held in your child's classroom. If none of these times work for you, please contact the teacher to make other arrangements.

New for the February round of parent-teacher conferences: Ms. Tanya Bracken, Title 1 teacher, will have slots available on February 13 and 15 for her reading/math students. Feel free to sign up for a slot with her if that applies to you.

Spirit Week

One of our favorite weeks of the school year is here! School Spirit Week is February 5-9. The teachers have planned special dress up days and fun team-building activities planned for the whole school. We are looking forward to a great week of showing school spirit and enthusiastic participation in all our activities. See pages 5-6 of this newsletter for important Spirit Week information.

Upcoming Events

<u>February 5-9</u>	Spirit Week
<u>February 6</u>	Guitar Lessons Bible Information Class, 7:00 PM Track Practice, 3:30-4:30 PM
<u>February 7</u>	K-8 Chapel, 8:15 AM; 3/4K Chapel, 9:05 Piano Lessons
<u>February 8</u>	Piano Lessons Track Practice, 3:30-4:30 PM
<u>February 11</u>	Worship, 8:30 & 10:30 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class, 9:30
<u>Feb 12-13</u>	Parent/Teacher Conferences
<u>February 13</u>	Grades K-4 Field Trip: Theater Production, <i>The Three Little Pigs</i>
<u>February 14</u>	Ash Wednesday Worship, 6:30 PM
<u>Feb 15-16</u>	Parent/Teacher Conferences
<u>February 16</u>	Faculty In-Service, No School Parent/Teacher Conferences afternoon
<u>February 17</u>	Apopka Track Meet
<u>February 19</u>	Presidents' Day, No School <i>Visit our website for a complete online calendar.</i>

Mission Offerings

Mission offerings to support the Apache Mission in AZ.
 This week \$13.00
 Total \$438.00
 Thank you for your generous support of this year's mission project!



Preferred Enrollment Results

Thank you to all our NCA families who took advantage of the preferred enrollment before the end of January. This process has demonstrated a very strong retention from one year to the next. We have also experienced a tremendous interest in our academy with more than 25 new student applications. Following the preferred enrollment process, we do not currently have any openings in grades K-8. If you are still interested in enrollment should a spot become available, please speak with Mr. Mattes about maintaining a spot on our waitlist.

Bible Information Class

A new Bible Information Class has started and will be held on Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM. This class is for those wanting to know more about what we teach and believe here at Northdale Lutheran Church. This Tuesday night course is open to all, runs for 1 hour each Tuesday night, and babysitting is provided. Talk with Pastor Guse for more information: pastor@northdalelutheran.org.

Ash Wednesday Worship

Northdale Lutheran Church will be having an Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 14 at 6:30 PM. NCA families are welcome to join us as we begin the season of Lent.

No School February 16 and 19

There will be no classes Friday, February 16. The faculty will have an in-service meeting that morning with parent-teacher conferences in the afternoon. Use the [SignUpGenius link](#) to select your conference slots. NCA will be closed Monday, February 19 in observance of Presidents' Day. Classes resume Tuesday, February 20.

Playground Improvement Project

Thank you for all the generous donations received toward our playground improvement project during 2023. So far we have raised a total of \$25,800 toward our \$50,000 goal! We are asking for your help to reach this 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.

3 and 4 Year Old Preschool Program

NCA has a combined 3 year old and 4 year old preschool class with several different enrollment options for the 2024-2025 school year. NCA participates in the VPK (4 year old preschool) voucher program. You can access more information about our early childhood program by clicking [here](#) or contacting our director, Mrs. Joanne Mattes: joanne.mattes@northdalelutheran.org.

Pee Wee Soccer (grades K-3)

[Pee Wee Soccer registration](#) is open. Students in grades K-3 are eligible. Northdale has been fielding two teams for several years now. Please register by Friday, February 9 so team shirts may be ordered.

Art Department Donations!

Miss Hardman needs [empty toilet paper tubes](#) for two upcoming art projects. Please save your empty toilet paper tubes and paper towel tubes and send them to school! Thank you!

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ALL YOUR
anxiety
ON HIM
BECAUSE
He cares
FOR YOU
1 PETER 5:7



Classroom News February 5-9

Mrs. Mattes 3K & VPK

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

What We're Learning: It's Spirit Week! It's time to show our school spirit! Please read the attached flyer to see dress up days for this fun week! We will be playing a variety of games this week to boost teamwork and cooperation in our classroom and also with the older kids in the afternoons.

Bible: #28 Jesus Calms the Storm

Letter Leader: Review

Reading Logs: Keep up the good work!

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Please see the sign up genius link to sign up for a parent-teacher conference. I look forward to sharing your child's progress with you!

Valentine's Day: Please see the note in your child's folder regarding our Valentine's Day party!

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](#)

Memory Verse: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you." - Ephesians 4:32

Music: "Rock of Ages". Below is a link if you would like to practice with your child at home.

<https://youtu.be/IpNRB9SY6Ro?feature=shared>

Reading: This week we will finish unit 13 and the letter Uu. We will build vocabulary and fluency as we read a story about our superkid friends.

Math: This week we will learn how to identify money and the different value for each coin.

Science: We are learning about our five senses

Field trip! Tuesday, February 13, 2024 we will attend a theater production of *The Three Little Pigs*. Please turn in your permission forms.

Miss Hardman's 1st & 2nd Grade Homeroom

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

Memory Work - Zechariah 9:9 "Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." due: Friday (2/9)

Spelling 1 - Unit 23 - long e words - test on Friday (2/9)

Spelling 2 - Unit 23 - long and short oo sounds - test on Friday (2/9)



Field Trips - Please return permission slips by this Friday! The Field trip is **Tuesday, February 13, 2024**. Grades K-4 will attend a Theater Production of *The Three Little Pigs* at The Tampa Theater.

Our Science Unit on Plants - is wrapping up this week. We will be planting beans and watching them germinate and grow!



Classroom News (Continued)

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

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

Bible Information Class: It is not too late join us. Week two of class is on Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

Word of God (Roemhildt): *The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector [Luke 18] & The Parable of a Father's Great Love [Luke 15]*

Memory Work: Personal Prayer For Peace [2/9]

Spelling: Unit 20 lists. Final test on Friday

Literature: We will finish the historical fiction novel *Snow Treasure* by Marie McSwigan.

Writing: Beginning our published copies this week.

3 Math: Chapter 7: Fractions

4 Math: Chapter 4: Decimals

Science: Soil

Social Studies: Midwest region

Tech: (Roemhildt) Spirit Week!

Reading Goals: As a class, the goal will be a total of 880 (40/student) books. **199/880 read this year.**

Field Trip: Please return forms by Friday.

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

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

Word of God: *The Parable of the Rich Man and Poor Lazarus; The Rich Young Ruler*

MW: Matthew 7:7 (Tue); Matthew 4:10b(Th); Fourth Petition (Fri)

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

English: Week 21

Spelling: Unit 22- Pretest (Mon); Final Test (Fri)

Math 5: Chapter 5- Four Operations of Decimals

Math C1: Chapter 7- Algebraic Expressions

Science: Chapter 10- Chemistry

Social Studies: Chapter 17- European Expansion in the Americas and Africa

Tech & Music (Roemhildt): **Spirit Week!**

We will be going on a field trip to The Florida Aquarium on Monday, February 26. There will be more details coming soon.

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

Cell: 507-469-3063

Spelling: Unit 24 **English:** DGP Week 21

Literature: We will continue with Chapters 2 and 3 of *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton this week.

Math: Course 2 will be closing a discussion on direct/indirect proportion and percentages. Looking to have a test this week.. Course 3 will conclude our chapter on multiple linear equations this week. Algebra 1 is concluding exponential functions and models. There will be a test Tuesday.

Word of God: Paul's Journeys

Social Studies: We will be looking at the Treaty of Versailles and how it directly affected WWII.

Science: Our current topic is the Sun-Earth-Moon system. This week we take a closer look at the moon. Ask your child about the compass they made last week.

Tech & Music: SPIRIT WEEK!.





February 5 - 9, 2024

MONDAY – Pajama Day

- Roll out of bed...but do comb your hair, wear all the underwear, and put on shoes.
- You may bring slippers to wear in the building, but must have shoes for recess and PE.

TUESDAY – Wacky Hair and Mismatch Day

- Plaid with flowers? Stripes and polka dots? Red and purple?
- Get dressed in the dark. Make sure your outfit clashes.
- Mess up your hair in a wacky fashion – 10 pony tails? curlers in hair? a wild wig? (No hair colors or dyes please!)

WEDNESDAY – Crazy Socks and a Hat Day

- Wear your crazy socks! Elf socks...unicorn socks...ramen socks...mismatch some fun socks
- Wear a hat – big, small, silly, serious, dressy, casual...surprise your classmates

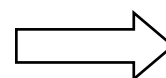
THURSDAY – Sports Team Day

- Show off your favorite team's colors/jerseys/t-shirts! (USF, Bucs, Packers ☺, Lightning, Local recreational league, Cheer team outfits, NLS Hurricanes, etc...)

FRIDAY – Color by Class Day (No hair color or dyes please)

- PreSchool – wear YELLOW
- Kindergarten – wear ORANGE
- Grades 1-2 – wear GREEN
- Grades 3-4 – wear BLUE
- Grades 5-6 – wear RED
- Grades 7-8 – wear BLACK

See back of sheet for more details



Guidelines for Spirit Week Dress Up Days!

1. If your child does **not want** to participate in a dress up day they will need to **wear the school uniform as usual that day**.
2. If your child **IS** participating they are allowed to dress up according to the theme of the day as well as the uniform free day policy listed in the handbook and copied below. (ex. On Wednesday or Thursday if your child IS wearing crazy socks, a hat, or a sports team shirt or jersey...they may also wear jeans or shorts ... they *do not* have to wear khaki bottoms).
3. For those of you new to our school, participation is very high – around 98%! We have spirit! Yes, we do!
4. Please remember no face paint or hair dye/color of any kind is allowed during any spirit week dress up day.

Thank you!

Guidelines as stated in Parent Handbook

Spirit Dress

Certain times throughout the year may be designated as academy spirit days along with the annual academy spirit week. During these times students may be allowed to dress out of the normal uniform dress code following the daily theme and the uniform-free guidelines.

Uniform-Free Days

Occasionally the students will be allowed a Uniform-Free Day during which students will be allowed to wear something of their choosing in accordance with what is appropriate for a young Christian person.

- Tank tops, spaghetti-strap tops, sleeveless tops, and exposed midriffs are not permitted.
- Spandex, stretch, yoga, or any excessively tight bottoms may not be worn as outer clothing.
- Mini-skirts, mini-dresses, and short shorts are not permitted. Hemlines will be no shorter than mid-thigh. Pants must be ankle length and not drag on the floor.
- Bottoms may not have printing on the backside.
- All pants, shorts, skirts, and skorts will be secured at the waist.
- Clothing that is torn, frayed, or stained will not be allowed.
- Excessively tight fitting clothing, such as leggings, are not acceptable without shorts or skirts worn over the top.
- Closed toed shoes will be worn and securely fastened to the feet. Crocs, flip-flops, shower shoes, skate shoes, or similar type shoes are considered unsafe and therefore unacceptable.
- Hair will be clean and neatly groomed. Any hair dye used should reflect naturally occurring hair color. The general appearance of a student should reflect neatness and good personal hygiene.
- Hats and other head coverings will not be worn in the building.
- No excessive jewelry. Boys are not allowed to wear earrings.

NCA staff reserves the right to use discretion in judging the appropriateness of student dress code compliance.