



I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me. Psalm 13:6

# HURRICANE WATCH

December 9, 2024

Week 17

## NCA Christmas Services

Mark your calendars for the NCA Christmas services:

- ★ Grades 3-8: Thursday, December 19 at 6:30 PM
- ★ Grades 3K-2nd: Friday, December 20 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 20 will be a uniform free day for students in 3K through 2nd grade.

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 19, 6:30 PM Grades 3-8 Christmas Service](#)

[December 20, 11:00 AM 3K-2nd Grade Christmas Service](#)

For the grades 3-8 Christmas program on Thursday, December 19, 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 Friday, December 20, 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 will be closed for Christmas break starting at noon on December 20 through January 3. There will be no after school care or extended care following the noon dismissal on December 20. The teachers will have an in-service January 3. Classes resume on January 6.

## Movie Night Concessions Results

Thank you to all our families for attending the outdoor movie night and supporting our concession stand. We were able to raise \$750 to help pay off our playground installation.

## Upcoming Events

<u>December 10</u>	Bible Information Class, 7:00 PM Basketball Practice, 3:20-4:30 PM
<u>December 11</u>	K-8 Chapel, 8:15 AM; 3&4K Chapel, 9:05 Piano Lessons Advent Worship, 6:30 PM
<u>December 12</u>	Piano Lessons Basketball Practice, 3:20-4:30 PM
<u>December 15</u>	Worship, 8:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class, 9:30 Worship, 10:30 AM
<u>December 18</u>	Yearbook Club; 3:20-4:30 PM
<u>December 19</u>	Grades 3-8 Christmas Service; 6:30 PM
<u>December 20</u>	Grade 3K-2 Christmas Service; 11:00 AM Noon Dismissal - No After School Care Toy Drive Ends
<u>Dec 23 - Jan 3</u>	Christmas Break
<u>December 24</u>	Christmas Eve Worship, 7:00 PM
<u>January 6</u>	Classes Resume, End of Q2
<u>January 8</u>	<a href="#">NCA Online Forum</a> , 6:30 PM <i>Visit our website for a complete <a href="#">online calendar</a>.</i>

## Mission Offerings

Mission offerings to support training of future teachers, pastors, and missionaries.

This week \$22.00

Total \$263.00

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



## **Call News**

On December 8 Mr. Dane Mattes received a divine call to serve as Principal and 7th/8th grade teacher at Paul's Lutheran Church & School in Norfolk, NE. 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. Your comments and prayers are welcome as Mr. Mattes considers where the Lord would have him serve next school year.

## **Toy Drive**

NCA is partnering with Metropolitan Ministries to host a toy drive for the Christmas season. Please join us in sharing the joy of knowing our Savior is born by supporting 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. Non-perishable food items can be donated too. See page 5 of this newsletter for more details. We will be collecting donations at NCA through noon on Friday, December 20. We have been so blessed! Let's share our blessings with others!

## **Food Drive Results**

Congratulations to 1st and 2nd grade for winning our Thanksgiving Food Drive challenge! Their classroom gathered 598 pounds of food and "turkeys!" Miss Hardman will announce when the pizza lunch and uniform free day will be scheduled. Thank you Dorr family for sponsoring the pizza lunch.

## **Playground Year-End Donations**

We still need about \$3,650 to finish covering the cost of our playground installation. Please consider a year-end charitable contribution toward this debt 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. Your generous support is deeply appreciated.

## **Basketball Court Improvements**

As your child has probably reported, our basketball court was sealed and striped over Thanksgiving break. This has enhanced the quality of the playing surface while improving safety for our students. Thank you to the Bencosme family for sponsoring this project.

## **Track and Field (grades 3-8)**

Now that the basketball season is underway, it is time to start planning for the track and field season. [Please use the link to register](#) your child(ren) before January 15 to make sure you receive a team shirt.

## **Cool Weather Dress Code Reminders**

As the weather brings cooler temperatures, please ensure your child has the necessary and dress code compliant apparel. Our full dress code can be reviewed on p. 22-23 in the [handbook: NorthdaleChristianAcademy.org](#) > Resources > Documents. Here are a few highlights:

- If students choose to wear long sleeves inside the building, it must be the uniform jacket available for purchase through the [online store](#). Outside jackets are your choice.
- Shirts will be tucked in.
- Girls may wear plain navy blue leggings under shorts, skirts, or skorts.

Please label your child's jacket and other personal belongings. Feel free to speak with any teacher or Mr. Mattes if you have dress code questions.

## **Piano Lesson Openings in January**

If your child is currently taking piano lessons or you would like to sign up your child for lessons starting in January, please complete this [online form](#). Slots are available on a first come, first served basis. Additional details are available in the online form.

## **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 11: Advent Worship 6:30 PM & Cookie Share after service
- ★ Thursday, December 19: NCA Grades 3-8 Christmas Program 6:30 PM
- ★ Friday, December 20: NCA 3K - Grade 2 Christmas Program 11:00 AM
- ★ Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 PM

## **January is Preferred Enrollment Month**

Current NCA families, their siblings, and members of Northdale Lutheran Church will have 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 enrollment fee and tuition schedule: [Northdale Christian Academy.org](#).



# Classroom News December 9-13

**Mrs. Mattes 3K & VPK**

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

**What We're Learning:** We are in full Christmas mode! We are practicing hard for our Christmas service, making Christmas crafts, and focusing on the meaning of Christmas, the birth of our Savior, Jesus!

**Letter Leader:** Review

**Bible:** We will be having advent devotions as we prepare for the birth of Jesus!

**Reading Logs:** It's not too late to hand in your November logs! Keep working on those December logs as well!

**Christmas Service:** Please mark your calendars for our 3K-2nd grade Christmas service on Friday, December 20th at 11:00am. More details to come!

**Homeroom App:**

<https://gethomeroom.com/i/B6P4EGD5>

**Mrs. Mosakowski's Kindergarten Homeroom**

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[Amazon Wish List for Kindergarten](#)

**Memory Verse:** "You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sin."  
Matthew 1:21

**Math:** Students will continue to group up to 20 objects. Students will learn that numbers are composed of tens and ones, which is a fundamental concept when dealing with larger numbers.

**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/.

**Social Studies:** This week we will begin a new unit about Holidays around the world. We will learn about the different customs and traditions celebrated during this time of year.

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

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

**Memory work:** We are working on Christmas Service song and recitations at school.

**Christmas Service for the 3K - 2nd will be at 11:00 AM on Friday, December 20th.**

*\*See dress code for the Christmas Service on front page of the Newsletter!*

**Spelling: First Grade** - Unit 18 - plural words - test on Friday 12/13

**Second Grade** - Unit 19 - words with *oi*, and *oy* - test on Friday 12/13

**Ask us About:**

- How God provided food, water, and victory for the Israelites as they traveled through the wilderness on their way to the promised land.
- New seating arrangement.

**Grades 1-2 Pizza Party and Pajama Day on Friday, December 13th!** - Our class won the November Food Drive contest with 598 pounds of food and turkeys! The Dorr Family will be donating pizza, drinks, and a side for our lunch on Friday! Thank you, Dorrs! The pizza will be coming from Marco's Pizza (just FYI). Please DO send a morning snack for your child that day! This will also be our uniform free day, so your 1st and 2nd grader only can wear their pajamas to school on Friday. Slippers are ok as long as there are proper closed-toed shoes for recess. Christmas themed pajamas would be extra fun! Questions can be directed to Miss Hardman.



# 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 First Passover; and God Delivers His People At the Red Sea*

**Memory Work:** Conclusion (Dec. 13)

**Literature:** Story Elements: Important Events; Genre Study: Humorous Fiction

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

**Writing:** Begin writing show-and-tell speeches

**3 Math:** Chapter 5: More Multiplication

**4 Math:** Chapter 3: Fractions

**Tech:** (Roemhildt) Google Slides

**Social Studies:** US Revolution

**Science:** Living Things - Plant Kingdom

**Reading Goals:** Two more chapter books were read this week. As a class, we have read 117 of our 640 book goal.

**ST. AUGUSTINE TRIP:** Permission forms went home before break. **Deadline is this Friday, December 13.**

**2-Liter Soda Bottles:** As you attend Christmas parties these next few weeks. Our class will need bottles for a science activity. We are looking for clear, smooth 2-liter bottles

**7th & 8th Grade**      **Mr. Roemhildt** [daniel.roemhildt@northdalelutheran.org](mailto:daniel.roemhildt@northdalelutheran.org) Cell: 507-469-3063

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

**Spelling:** Unit 16- Pretest (Tuesday); Test (Friday)      **English:** Week 14 & Integrity Final Due      **Literature:** Monte Cristo Ch. 36-39- We will get as far as we can this week and prep for a test next week.

**Math:** Course 2 will conclude our lessons on Algebraic Equations and Inequalities with a test (Thursday) and begin a discussion on proportions and percent of change.. Course 3 will continue discussing Lines and Linear Equations. Algebra 1 is concluding discrete linear functions with a test on Monday. Our next topic will be piecewise-defined functions.

**Word of God:** Christ Light: Paul's letter to the Ephesians; God's plan to gather, bless, and keep his Elect

**Social Studies:** We will begin looking at Article III of the Constitution.

**Science:** Ask your child about our static electricity activities last week. This week we take a closer look at electric current.

**Tech & Music** (Roemhildt): In Technology, we turn our discussion to personal finance. In Music, we will practice for our Christmas program on Dec. 19.

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

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

**Word of God:** *Crossing the Red Sea; Quail and Manna*

**MW:** No Memory Work due

**Literature** (Schroeder): *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan

**English:** Week 13

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

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

**Math C1:** Chapter 4- Ratio

**Science:** Plant and Animal Adaptations

**Social Studies:** The Legacy of Mesopotamia

**Tech & Music** (Roemhildt): In Music, we will practice for our Christmas program on Dec. 19. In Technology students will be editing a picture.





# MOST NEEDED TOY ITEMS

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## HOLIDAY TOY ITEMS **Most Needed Items in bold**

### 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  
Sports Clothing & Hats



### WALMART REGISTRY FOR GOOD

**SCAN HERE** to shop our most needed items and they'll be shipped directly to us!

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**For any questions or concerns throughout your donation drive please contact our Drives Coordinator at **(813) 209-1034****

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**Our NCA Toy Drive ends December 20 at noon.  
All unwrapped items may be dropped off with your child any school day between now and Christmas break.**

