



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

HURRICANE WATCH

December 16, 2024 Week 18

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.



Upcoming Events

<u>December 17</u>	Bible Information Class, 7:00 PM Basketball Away Game, 3:30-5:30 PM
<u>December 18</u>	K-8 Chapel, 8:15 AM; 3&4K Chapel, 9:05 AM 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 at Noon
<u>December 22</u>	Worship, 8:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class, 9:30 AM Worship, 10:30 AM
<u>Dec 23 - Jan 3</u>	Christmas Break
<u>December 24</u>	Christmas Eve Worship, 7:00 PM
<u>January 3</u>	Faculty In-Service, 9:00 AM
<u>January 6</u>	Classes Resume, End of Q2
<u>January 8</u>	NCA Online Forum , 6:30 PM
<u>January 13</u>	Winter MAP Testing Begins
<u>January 20</u>	Hurricane Makeup Day <i>Visit our website for a complete online calendar.</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!



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!

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.

- ★ Thursday, December 19: NCA Grades 3-8 Christmas Service 6:30 PM
- ★ Friday, December 20: NCA 3K - Grade 2 Christmas Service 11:00 AM
- ★ Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 PM
- ★ Monday, December 25: Christmas Day Service at [Peace Lutheran Church in Trinity](#) 10:00 AM
- ★ Sunday, January 5: New Year's Worship 8:30 & 10:30 AM

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!

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.

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.

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.

Favorite Things Request

Some of our NCA families have requested a list of our staff favorite things this Christmas season. That information is provided in the [linked PDF](#). If you are so moved, please consider each classroom's Amazon wish list or a gift toward the December Toy Drive. There is no obligation to give. Please contact Mr. Mattes with any questions.

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 16-20

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: K- Victoria

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

Reading Logs: Let's get all those December logs finished! I have plenty of books to give away to eager readers!

Christmas Service: Please mark your calendars for our 3K-2nd grade Christmas service on Friday, December 20th at 11:00am. See dress code on the front page of the newsletter.

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 work with numbers up to 20. Students will extend their knowledge to order numbers and find numbers that are missing.

Reading: This week we will meet our new Superkid, Frits. We will identify and write uppercase and lowercase Ff. We will also listen for the initial /f/ sound.

Social Studies: This week we will continue to learn about different customs and traditions celebrated around the world. We will discuss different Christmas traditions in Germany, Italy, Australia and the United States.

Miss Hardman's 1st & 2nd Grade Homeroom

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

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

Dress Code for Friday, December 20th:

- Boys: slacks and a nice collared shirt (perhaps a tie or vest?)
- Girls: nice dresses (no santa dresses or elf dresses 🙅, wearing socks or tights will prevent heel rubbing sores from dress shoes 👍)
- No jeans, shorts, t-shirts, santa hats, reindeer antlers, bells, etc... If you are unsure, please text me a picture, ask, or just wear the NCA uniform.



Small Class Christmas Party: We will have a small, low-key Christmas party in our classroom on Friday morning before our Christmas Service performance at 11:00 AM. There is no need to send anything except a morning snack (please pick a snack that will not mess up their nice clothing if spilled). We dismiss at noon (or right after the Christmas Service).

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



Classroom News (Continued)

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

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

Word of God (Roemhildt): *God Feeds His People In the Desert & Water From the Rock*

Memory Work: Luther's Evening Prayer (Dec. 20)

Literature: Genre Study: Humorous Fiction

Spelling: Unit 16 - Pretest (Mon); Final Test (Fri)

Writing: Practice Speeches; Students will give speeches when we return from the break.

3 Math: Chapter 5: More Multiplication

4 Math: Chapter 3: Fractions; Test

Tech: (Roemhildt) None

Social Studies: Seminole Wars

Science: Living Things - Plant Kingdom

Reading Goals: Four more chapter books were read this week. As a class, we have read 121 of our 640 book goal.

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

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

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

Word of God: *At Rephidim; The Giving of the Law*

MW: No Memory Work due

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

English: Week 14

Spelling: Unit 16- Pretest (Mon); Final Test (Fri)

Math 5: Test on Chapter 3: Multiplying and Dividing Fractions and Mixed Numbers (Th)

Math C1: Test on Chapter 4- Ratio (Th)

Science: Plant and Animal Adaptations

Social Studies: Mediterranean Civilizations

Tech & Music (Roemhildt): In Music, we will practice for our Christmas program on Dec. 19.

7th & 8th Grade Mr. Roemhildt daniel.roemhildt@northdalelutheran.org Cell: 507-469-3063

[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: None this week **English:** None this week **Literature:** Count of Monte Cristo Test

Math: Course 2 will continue talking about direct and inverse proportions. Course 3 will look to conclude a discussion on graphing Linear Equations. Algebra 1 is studying 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 study Articles IV and V of the Constitution.

Science: This week we take a closer look at electric current circuits. Following Christmas break, there will be a lab to practice building simple, series, and parallel circuits.

Tech & Music (Roemhildt): For specials we will practice for our Christmas program on Dec. 19.





MOST NEEDED TOY ITEMS

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



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

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

**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.**

