



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

HURRICANE WATCH

January 13, 2025

Week 20

Preferred Enrollment

NCA has opened preferred enrollment for current NCA families, their siblings, and members of Northdale Lutheran Church through January 31. Currently enrolled students who are returning will complete this re-enrollment process. The enrollment fee (K-8 only) will be \$400 per child through January 31. The fee will increase to \$500 February 1 and \$600 March 1. The full [tuition and fee schedule for 2025-2026](#) is available on our website. Look for a January 2 email from TADS with re-enrollment directions. Should the enrollment fee present any challenges or if you have any questions about this process, please contact Mr. Mattes directly.

Current families with siblings new to NCA need to complete the [online application for enrollment](#) prior to January 31 to qualify for preferred enrollment. The \$100 application fee will appear as a credit on your first tuition payment. Only new students need to complete the application for enrollment. New family applications for 2025-2026 are already being received and will be given enrollment opportunity starting February 1.

Picture Retake Day

[Hall Pass Portraits](#) will be onsite Tuesday, January 14 for the final retake day of the year. This is especially for those families who are new to NCA or missed the previous two picture days. Feel free to send your child in an outfit of your choosing. Pictures will be taken in the morning. Your child will be able to change into their uniform following pictures. Please contact Mrs. Mendez with any questions.

Upcoming Events

January 13	Winter MAP Testing Begins
January 14	Picture Retake Day Basketball Practice, 3:30-4:30 PM
January 15	K-8 Chapel, 8:15 AM; 3&4K Chapel, 9:05 Track & Field Registration Due Piano Lessons
January 16	Piano Lessons Basketball Game, 4:00-5:30 PM
January 17	Gr 3&4 St. Augustine Field Trip
January 19	Worship, 8:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class, 9:30 Worship, 10:30 AM
January 20	Hurricane Makeup Day for K-8
January 22	MLS Recruiter Visit, 1:00 PM
January 25	Beverly Hills Basketball Tournament
January 26	NCA Sings during 10:30 AM Worship
January 27-31	Spirit Week
January 31	Preferred Enrollment Ends <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 \$10.00
Total \$273.00

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



Call News

On January 6 Mr. Chris Haring received a divine call to serve as 4th grade teacher at Divine Savior Academy in Missouri City, TX. This call comes not because Mr. Haring 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. Haring considers where the Lord would have him serve next school year.

End of 2nd Quarter

The second quarter of the school year came to an end on Monday, January 6. Second quarter report cards for K-8 will be distributed Monday, January 13. Along with report cards will be a quarterly attendance report. Please note that students will serve an after school detention for every fifth tardy per quarter. There will be a \$26 charge per student for each detention served ([handbook](#) p. 21-22). Each family can review their child's attendance through their [TADS Educate account](#).

Q3 Parent Forum Presentation Video & Slides

Thank you to all our parents who participated in the 3rd quarter parent forum January 8. You can access a [presentation video recording here](#) and [presentation slides here](#). Highlights include academy events, future fundraising project ideas, 2025-2026 re-enrollment process, after school clubs, track meet, soccer day, book fair, donuts with dad, drama productions, and other events. Check out the presentation slides and video link to learn more. Contact Mr. Mattes with any questions.

Winter MAP Testing

Our next round of MAP testing will begin January 13. Students in kindergarten through 8th grade will take these computer adaptive assessments over the next couple of weeks to help us track learning progress and help our teachers make data-driven educational decisions. Results will be available during February parent-teacher conferences.

Spirit Week Themes

One of our favorite weeks of the school year is here! School Spirit Week is January 27-31. The teachers have planned special dress up days and fun team-building activities each day that week. We are looking forward to a great week of showing school spirit and enthusiastic participation in all our activities. See the last pages of this newsletter for important Spirit Week information.

The Last \$850

We are down to the last \$850 of our original \$50,000 goal needed to pay off our new playground. Please consider a 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.

Michigan Lutheran Seminary Presentation

Michigan Lutheran Seminary (MLS) is a preparatory high school owned and operated by the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) in Saginaw, MI. MLS exists to encourage, prepare, and train its students to serve God as a pastor or teacher in the WELS. Mr. Mark Burger from MLS will be visiting NCA January 22 at 1:00 PM to share information with our students in grades 3-8. Parents are welcome to attend. You can learn more about MLS by visiting their website: www.mlsem.org.

Bible Information Class

A new Bible Information Class we begin on Tuesday, January 28 at 7:00pm. 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. Contact Pastor Guse for more information: pastor@northdalelutheran.org.

Science Club Survey

We would like your input regarding a Science Club NCA is planning for this semester. Please complete the [brief survey](#) to provide helpful feedback as we plan.

Now Accepting 2025-2026 Applications, 3K-8th

NCA is currently accepting applications for the 2025-2026 school year, 3 year old preschool (3K) through 8th grade. If you know of a family that could benefit from the excellent, safe, and Christ-centered education we offer, 3 year old preschool (3K) through 8th grade, please have them contact Mr. Mattes to schedule a visit. Prospective families can learn more about our admissions process on our website: NorthdaleChristianAcademy.org.



Classroom News January 13-17

Mrs. Mattes 3K & VPK

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

What We're Learning: It's still a little chilly, but we're focusing on gardening this week. We have a class garden that we maintain so we will be giving that some attention, as well as learning about different seeds, how plants grow, and planting some things of our own!

Letter Leader: M- Bailey

Bible: #23 God Keeps Jesus Safe from Herod

Reading Logs: Keep up the good work!

Garden: We will be having a gardening day this Friday, January 17th, to plant new vegetables in our garden! If your child would like to contribute a plant, please send it to school any time this week and they will get to plant it on Friday. It is so much fun for them to take turns watering and watching our garden grow!

Homeroom App:

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

Mrs. Mosakowski's Kindergarten Homeroom

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[Amazon Wish List for Kindergarten](#)

Memory Verse: "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."
James 1: 17

Bible: God takes Jacob home safely

Math: This week we will continue to review the key concepts we have learned so far this year.

Reading: This week we will finish our unit on Ettabetta.

Science: We will continue our science unit on seasons and weather. We will discuss how weather affects us and the different forms of severe weather.

READ! READ! READ! In your child's Monday folder you will find a book your child has been reading during small groups. Please encourage your child to read this book at home every night. This book does count toward the reading log.

Miss Hardman's 1st & 2nd Grade Homeroom

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

Memory Work - Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (due Friday 1/24)

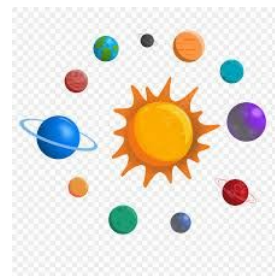
Spelling - First grade - Unit 21 - long *a* words - test on Friday (1/17)

Second grade - Unit 20 - words that end with *-ing* and *-ed* - test on Friday (1/17)

MAP testing - this Wednesday morning (1/15) and next Wednesday morning (1/22)

Ask us about...

- The 12 Israelite spies who went to check out the promised land of Canaan.
- Korah and his friends who rebelled against God, Moses, and Aaron.
- The planets of the Solar System - we are studying Space in Science right now.



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 Day of Atonement; Twelve Spies*

Memory Work: The First Article (Jan. 16)

Literature: *Love, Amalia*

Spelling: Unit 18 - Pretest (Mon); Final Test (Th)

Writing: Students have a speech schedule in their folders. Speeches begin on Monday.

3 Math: Chapter 6: Word Problems

4 Math: Chapter 4: Decimals

Tech: (Roemhildt) None

Social Studies: Florida's role in The Civil War

Science: Living Things - Animal Kingdom

Reading Goals: 13 more chapter books were read this week. As a class, we have read 139 of our 640 book goal.

2-Liter Soda Bottles: We need about 6 more bottles for a science starting end of February.

St. Augustine: Field trip on Friday; [online meeting](#) Wednesday, January 15. [Click here for more information!](#)

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

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

Word of God: *The Tabernacle; The Day of Atonement*

MW: Apostles' Creed (Tue and Th)

Literature (Schroeder): *Bud, Not Buddy*, by Christopher Paul Curtis

English: Week 16

Spelling: Unit 18- Review Week- No Test

Math 5: Chapter 4: Decimals- Chapter 4 Test on Wednesday

Math C1: Chapter 5: Rates and Speeds

Science: Plant and Animal Adaptations

Social Studies: The Geography of the Nile

Tech & Music (Roemhildt): We will be studying writing music and focus on typing.

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

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

Spelling: Unit 19 **English:** DGP Week 16 and Expository Family Essay

Literature: We will read Chapter 3 of The Hobbit

Math: Course 2 will test this week on direct proportion, inverse proportion, and percent change. Course 3 be continuing efforts on linear elimination and substitution. Algebra 1 is studying systems of linear equations.

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 investigate the presidencies of George Washington and John Adams

Science: Ask your child about the different between series and parallel circuits. We will take a test on electricity this Tuesday. A study guide has been provided. Our next topic is magnetism.

Tech & Music (Roemhildt): We will review cultural music and discuss savings accounts in personal finance.



SPIRIT WEEK

January 27-31, 2025

Monday January 27	Pajama Day Roll out of bed, but <u>do</u> comb your hair, wear <u>all</u> the underwear, and put on shoes. You may bring slippers to wear in the building, but must have shoes for recess and PE.
Tuesday January 28	Wacky Hair and Mismatch Day Plaid with flowers? Stripes and polka dots? Red and purple? Layers? Make sure your outfit clashes. Mess up your hair in a wacky fashion – 10 pony tails? curlers in hair? 3 big bows? Wig? (*No hair <u>colored dyes</u> please!)
Wednesday January 29	Camouflage Day / USA Day Wear camouflage. Will we even see you? Don't have camouflage? Wear Red, White, and Blue! Go, USA!
Thursday January 30	Sports Team Day Show off your favorite team's jerseys or t-shirts! (college teams, professional teams, local recreational leagues, cheerleading, vintage NLS/NCA Hurricanes t-shirts, etc...)
Friday January 31	Class Color Day Wear as much of your class color as possible (from head to toe) 7-8 Red, 5-6 black, 3-4 blue, 1-2 green, K orange, Preschool pink

Keep reading for additional guidelines for these special dress-up days!

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. (for example: On Thursday if your child IS wearing a sports team shirt or jersey...they may also wear jeans or appropriate shorts ... they do not have to wear uniform 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 Family 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.