



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

HURRICANE WATCH

January 20, 2025

Week 21

Preferred Enrollment Ends January 31

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.

School Sings January 26

Grades 3K-8 are scheduled to sing on Sunday, January 26 during the 10:30 AM worship service here at Northdale Lutheran Church. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Upcoming Events

<u>January 20</u>	Hurricane Makeup Day for K-8
<u>January 21</u>	Basketball Practice, 3:30-4:30 PM
<u>January 22</u>	K-8 Chapel, 8:15 AM; 3&4K Chapel, 9:05 AM MLS Recruiter Visit, 1:00 PM Piano Lessons
<u>January 23</u>	Piano Lessons Basketball Practice, 3:30-4:30 PM
<u>January 25</u>	Beverly Hills BB Tournament (A team) Maitland BB Tournament (B team)
<u>January 26</u>	Worship, 8:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class, 9:30 AM Worship, 10:30 AM NCA Sings during 10:30 AM Worship
<u>January 27-31</u>	Spirit Week
<u>January 29</u>	Yearbook Club, 3:20-4:20 PM
<u>January 31</u>	Preferred Enrollment Ends
<u>February 10</u>	Chick-fil-A Spirit Day
<u>Feb 10-14</u>	Parent/Teacher Conferences

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

Mission Offerings

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

This week \$19.00
Total \$292.00

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.

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 winter round of MAP testing continues this week. 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.

Chick-fil-A Spirit Day

Save the date and mark your calendars for an NCA spirit day at our local Chick-fil-A on Monday, February 10. More details will be available in future newsletters.

Scholarship Renewal Opening Soon

Step Up for Students, NCA's preferred scholarship funding organization, will open the 2025-2026 renewal process February 1. Watch your email and this newsletter for additional information as it becomes available.

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.

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 20-24

Mrs. Mattes 3K & VPK

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

What We're Learning: Thank you for all the lovely plants and seeds that were sent in last week. Our garden is looking amazing! The children will continue to water and tend to it the rest of the year. As different things become ready to harvest, we will either share it in class or send it home. Can't wait! This week we will continue to learn about how vegetables grow, different parts of a plant, and what different vegetables taste like.

Letter Leader: N- Easton

Bible: #25 Jesus is Baptized

Reading Logs: Keep up the good work!

Veggie Day: This Friday, each student is invited to bring a vegetable to share with the class. We want to try a variety of things, maybe some we've never tasted before! Please send the vegetables whole as we will be preparing them together. Thank you!

Homeroom App:

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

NO SCHOOL for Preschool on Monday, January 20!

Miss Hardman's 1st & 2nd Grade Homeroom

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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 - no spelling unit this week

Second grade - no spelling unit this week

MAP testing - this Wednesday morning (1/22). Encourage your child to take their time and do their best.

Day 100 - falls during Spirit Week this year (Thursday, January 30, 2025). We will do fun things at school to celebrate.



Ask us about...

- Stars - temperature, color, our sun, where they are, how many we can see, why they appear to twinkle...
- The bronze snake, why Moses does not get to lead the Israelites into the promised land, and King Balak and Balaam and his donkey.

Mrs. Mosakowski's Kindergarten Homeroom

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[Amazon Wish List for Kindergarten](#)

Memory Verse: "Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God." Matthew 5: 9

Bible: In this week's bible lesson we learn how Joseph faced loneliness when he was hated by his brothers and sold as a slave. Yet in upcoming lessons we will learn that God was always with him. We ask God to help us trust in him when we are sad or lonely.

Math: This week we will begin a new unit on sorting. Students will learn how to match, group, and sort objects based on their similarities and differences.

Reading: This week we will meet our new SuperKid, Hot Rod. In this unit, your child will learn how to name and write uppercase and lowercase Hh. Your child will practice identifying the initial /h/ sound.

Social Studies: This week we will begin a unit about our solar system. We will learn about the sun, the moon, and the names of the planets.

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



Classroom News (Continued)

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

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

Word of God (Roemhildt): *Korah's Rebellion & The Bronze Snake*

Memory Work: Psalm 100:2, Psalm 112:1 (Jan. 24)

Literature: *Love, Amalia*

Spelling: Unit 19 - Pretest (Mon); Final Test (Fri)

Writing: Students have a speech schedule in their folders. We will complete speeches this week.

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: Thank you to all who helped make our day in St. Augustine successful.

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

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

Word of God: *The Twelve Spies; Korah's Rebellion*

MW: No Memory Work (Tue); Psalm 100:2 & Psalm 112:1 (Th)

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

English: Week 17

Spelling: Unit 19- Pretest (Mon); Final Test (Fri)

Math 5: Chapter 5- Four Operations of Decimals

Math C1: Chapter 5: Rates and Speeds

Science: Cell Theory

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 20 **English:** DGP Week 17 and Expository Family Essay

Literature: We will read Chapters 5 and 6 of *The Hobbit*

Math: Course 2 will start a lesson on Angle Properties and Straight Lines. Course 3 be continuing efforts on linear elimination and substitution. Algebra 1 is studying systems of linear equations.

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

Social Studies: We will investigate the presidency of John Adams.

Science (Mattes): We have started our magnetism study. This week we will explore the magnetic fields of our classroom.

Tech & Music: 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.