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

HURRICANE WATCH

May 5, 2025 Week 35

2025-2026 Scholarships

While the renewal period has closed for returning scholarship students, Step Up for Students is accepting new K-8 student scholarship applications for 2025-2026. Scholarships are universal for Florida residents. A unique abilities scholarship is available for those who have a qualifying diagnosis. You can learn more and apply by visiting StepUpForStudents.org.

Once awarded, please share your child(ren)'s award ID with Mr. Mattes. This will be required in order to register your child's scholarship and the credit applied to your 2025-2026 financial agreement.

Grades 1-4 Musical Performance

We will be performing "Pirates 2" Thursday, May 8, at 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM. Costumes need to be at school on Monday, May 5. Please have your child to school by 6:00 PM for our evening performance on Thursday, May 8. We will be meeting in the classrooms. Doors to the church will open at 6:00 PM. Please contact Miss Hardman or Mr. Haring with any questions. The 6:30 PM performance may be viewed live or afterward at this link.

Spring Performances

Thank you to all our hard working students and teachers as we prepare our spring events at NCA. Video links for viewing live or afterward are included:

- Grades 1-4 Musical, *Pirates 2*: Thursday, May 8 at 9:00 AM & 6:30 PM, video link.
- Grades 3K-K Spring Program: Thursday, May 16 at 6:30 PM, video link.

Upcoming Events

May 6	Presentations by Dentist Dr. Ghosh
May 7	K-8 Chapel, 8:15 AM; 3&4K Chapel, 9:05 Piano Lessons Scholarship Renewals Due
May 8	Grades 1-4 Musical, 9:00 AM & 6:30 PM
May 9	Grades 5-6 Raymond James Field Trip
May 11	Worship, 8:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class, 9:30 AM Worship, 10:30 AM
May 15	Grades 3K-K Program, 6:30 PM
May 19	Picnic Sign Up Due
May 18	8th Grade Graduation & NCA Sings during 10:30 AM Worship Service
May 21	Chuck E. Cheese Spirit Night, 3:00 PM
May 22	Last Day of School Closing Chapel, 8:15 AM Family Picnic Noon dismissal, No after care
June 16-20	Vacation Bible School, 9:00-noon

Visit our website for a complete online calendar.

Mission Offerings

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

This week $31.00
Total $420.00

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

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 5-9 is Teacher Appreciation Week. Several families have requested ideas for expressing appreciation. This can be found on pages 5 of this newsletter. There is no obligation to participate. Our teachers are grateful for all your support and the opportunity to partner with you for the Christian education of your children. Please contact Mr. Mattes if you have any questions.

Spring MAP Testing

Our final round of MAP testing continues this week. Students in kindergarten through 8th grade will take these computer adaptive assessments to help us track learning progress and inform data-driven educational decisions. Results will be available prior to the end of the school year.

Kea Smile Studio Presentation

Dr. Joita Ghosh, dentist at Kea Smile Studio Family Dentistry, will be on campus to provide educational presentations on Tuesday, May 6. She will be sharing age appropriate dental health information to all of our students and answering questions about the dental industry. Feel free to learn more about Kea Smile Studio online at https://keasmile.com/. Thank you Dr. Ghosh for coming to our academy!

Last Day of School Picnic

There will be a last day of school family picnic on May 22 starting at 11:15 AM. School will dismiss by noon that day (there is no after school care). Everyone is welcome to participate in the picnic. Please complete the online form by May 19 so we can plan accordingly.

Extended Care Position Available

Northdale Christian Academy is hiring an additional aftercare supervisor for the 2025-2026 school year. We are looking for someone who enjoys working with school aged children and is available after school. The hours would be up to 3:00-6:00 PM, Monday-Friday depending on the age group served. Qualifications also vary based on the age of students being supervised. Compensation is based on qualifications and experience. Click here to access a position description and application for employment. Printed copies are available in the office. Please contact Mr. Mattes directly if you are interested or have a referral.

Guitar & Piano Lesson Sign Up Now Open

Guitar and piano lessons conclude next week. If you are interested in signing up for guitar or piano lessons for the 2025-2026 school year, you can do so through the links below. Piano lessons are offered throughout the summer. You can indicate if you are interested in the piano lesson form. Current music lesson students will be given scheduling priority in the new school year. Sign up now if you'd like to take piano or guitar lessons.

Piano Lessons Summer and/or 2025-2026 School Year

Guitar Lessons 2025-2026 School Year

Piano Recital

Mark your calendar for our spring piano recital on Sunday, May 18 at 3:00 PM. Some of our NCA piano students will have opportunity to share what they have learned in their lessons this year. The recital will be held at 18440 Exciting Idlewild Blvd, Lutz, FL, United States.

2025-2026 Academic Calendars

Next year's NCA calendars for preschool and K-8 are available on our website.

Cooler

There is an unclaimed red igloo cooler leftover from the soccer day. Please claim it in the NCA lobby.

VBS Registration Open

Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Northdale Lutheran will be held June 16-20. VBS is for children ages three (potty trained) through entering 5th grade. You can register for VBS through the Northdale Lutheran website. This year's VBS is themed *Splash Canyon: God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride*. Register your child today or visit the website for more information.

Classroom News May 5-9

Mrs. Mattes 3K & VPK
joanne.mattes@northdalelutheran.org
Cell: 920-588-7596
Amazon Wish List for 3K & VPK

What We're Learning: It's a special week to celebrate our moms and all the ways they take care of us! We are also hard at work on our Spring performance, only a week and a half away!

Props Needed: We are looking for the following items to borrow for our spring program: a wig of any kind, a toy pig, a teddy bear, a toy dog. If you have something that might work, please let me know. Thank you!

Letter Leader: Z- Mrs. Mattes

Bible: #47 Faithful Stephen

Reading Logs: Keep up the good work! Last one!

Spring Program: Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 15 at 6:30pm. We will be presenting a spring program with the Kindergarten class for our families to celebrate the end of the year! All family and friends welcome!

Homeroom App:
https://gethomeroom.com/i/B6P4EGD5

Mrs. Mosakowski's Kindergarten Homeroom
mary.mosakowski@northdalelutheran.org
Cell: 813-362-2492
Amazon Wish List for Kindergarten

Bible: Ten days after Jesus went back to heaven, he sent the Holy Spirit to strengthen the disciples' faith and help them share it with others. We ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen the faith he has given us and to help us share it with others.

Memory Verse: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Reading: This week we will begin unit 23 and the letters X and Y. Your child will practice identifying the letters and their corresponding sounds.

Math: This week we will begin learning about time. We will identify the parts of the clock and practice telling time by the hour.

I could use some helping hands creating the backdrop for our spring program. Please contact me if you are willing to help or donate supplies. Thank you!

Miss Hardman's 1st & 2nd Grade Homeroom
Cell: 813-464-5113

aimee.hardman@northdalelutheran.org
Amazon Wish List for 1st & 2nd

Memory Work - Matthew 28:19 **"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"** due Friday (5/9)

Spelling - First grade - no spelling unit this week.
Second grade - no spelling unit this week.

Spring Musical for grades 1-4:
Performances on May 8th at 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM. Costumes need to be at school tomorrow (5/5)

Bowling field trip to Pin Chasers for grades 1-2 on Tuesday, May 13th. I still need permission slips from 6 kids. Please return permission slips by Friday, May 9th. Thank you.

April Reading Logs - can be sent in until Friday, May 9th. There is no new reading log for May, but keep reading anyway! And then keep reading all summer long!

Classroom News (Continued)

Mr. Haring's 3rd & 4th Grade Homeroom
chris.haring@northdalelutheran.org
Cell: 517-202-7283
Amazon Wish List for 3rd & 4th

Word of God (Roemhildt)**:** *Elijah and Elisha* & *The Shunammite Woman*

Memory Work: Confession Second[May 9]

Literature: Biography groups; Facts & Opinions

Spelling: Unit 31 - Pretest (Mon); Final Test (Fri)

3 Math: Chapter 10: Time

4 Math: Chapter 7: Angles and Lines

Science: Animal Expert Slide Presentations

Social: Influential Floridians

Tech: (Roemhildt) Research Practices

Mrs. Guse's 5th & 6th Grade Homeroom
elizabeth.guse@northdalelutheran.org
Cell: 760-622-2161
Amazon Wish List for 5th & 6th

Word of God: *Jonah; Hezekiah and the Assyrian Invasion; Hezekiah's Illness*

MW: Romans 1:16, Romans 10:17 (Tue); Revelations 2:10(Th)

Literature (Schroeder): ***The Westing Game*** by Ellen Rankin

English: Week 30

Spelling: Unit 33- Pretest (Mon); Final Test (Fri)

Math 5: Chapter 9- Ratio

Math C1: Chapter 9- The Coordinate Plane

Science: Ecosystems

Social Studies: Ancient China

Tech & Music (Roemhildt)**:** We will discuss AI dangers and benefits. In Music, we will continue working on part singing.

Field Trip: We will be taking a tour of Raymond James Stadium on Friday, May 9.

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

We are MAPs testing this week. Make sure your students are well rested and ready each morning to do their best and show their growth.

Spelling: Unit 31 **English**: Week 29

Literature: We finish Tangerine this week.

Math: Course 2 will be will continue to look at Probability and Compound Events. Course 3 will work on using volume and surface area in the real world. Algebra 1 is studying the use of square roots to solve quadratic equations.

Word of God (Schroeder): Christ Light: A Study of 1st and 2nd Peter

Social Studies: Students will finish investigating the presidency of Millard Fillmore, and begin looking at the presidencies of Franklin Pierce and James Buchanan.

Science (Mattes)**:** This week we continue our unit on the science of sound. Musical instrument presentations will begin Wednesday. As your child to practice their presentation at home with you.

Tech & Music: We will be working on our typing skills this week in Technology and continue our part singing in Music Class.

May 5-9, 2025

Some families have asked for our teachers' favorite things for teacher appreciation week. Classroom Amazon wish lists are linked if you would like to donate an item from there. If you would like to give a cash donation, it will be used towards a gift card for your child's teacher(s). There is no obligation to participate. Please contact Mr. Mattes with any questions: 813-961-9195 or dane.mattes@northdalelutheran.org.

Mrs. Mattes (3K & VPK): Starbucks, Target, WaWa, or Amazon gift cards

Mrs. Young (3K & VPK aide, aftercare): Wendy's, Walmart, Publix, hugs

Mrs. Storm (3K & VPK aide): Target or Amazon gift cards, sparkling water, coffee

Mrs. Mosakowski (K): dark chocolate, Raffaello, Lakeshore Learning Gift card or Amazon gift card

Miss Hardman (1-2): Scented stickers, cut flowers (not plants), Applebee's, Olive Garden, Walmart, Publix, Chili's, Chick-fil-A, Amazon, see Amazon classroom wish list

Mr. Haring (3-4): scissors, children's dictionaries and thesauruses, Clementine book series, State Profiles books, see Amazon wish list

Mrs. Guse (1st grade reading, 5-6): Starbucks, Target, Amazon, and Chick-fil-A

Mr. Roemhildt (7-8): Target, Amazon, Dark Chocolate, Dark Chocolate Covered Pretzels, Cashews, Home Depot

Mr. Mattes (principal, 7-8): Coffee, nuts, Chipotle, Chick-fil-A, Home Depot, Lowes, science items on the 7-8 Amazon wish list

Mrs. Schroeder (library, 5-8): Chick-Fil-A, Amazon, Publix, Barnes & Noble Gift Cards, Chocolate

Mr. Schroeder (7-8): Spicy beef jerky, McDonald's, Culver's, Amazon

Pastor Guse (7-8): Chick-fil-A, Home Depot, Amazon

Mrs. Allan (aftercare): Chocolate & coffee; enjoys cooking, baking, gardening, and puzzles