

**We will tell the next generation  
the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord.**

**Psalm 78:4**

# **HURRICANE WATCH**

**August 7, 2025**

**Week 1**

## **Welcome to a New School Year**

By God's grace alone are we able to start the 26th year of Christian education. There have been some changes this summer: facility improvements, instructional enhancements, and updated staffing plans. Yet one thing remains constant: we are blessed to serve our families with the living and enduring Word of God each and every day. It's a privilege to serve you and your children. Thank you for trusting us to partner with you as we provide for their spiritual, social, emotional, physical, and academic needs. Our theme for the year comes from Psalm 78:4, "We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord." May God continue to bless our NCA family throughout this school year.

## **Newsletter Preferences**

If you would like a paper copy of the weekly NCA newsletter, please contact the office or let your classroom teacher know. All newsletters will be distributed by email and text. Paper copies will be distributed upon request only.

## **NCA Text Messaging**

NCA uses Remind to send important updates, newsletters, and other information by text. Click on the link below to sign up for the 2025-2026 school year or text @nca25-26 to the number 81010.

<https://www.remind.com/join/nca25-26>

## **Back to School Orientation**

Thank you to all our families for participating in the August 5 Back to School Orientation. The presentation was recorded and is available for you to view at this [link](#). A copy of the presentation slides is available to review at this [link](#).

## **Upcoming Events**

**August 7**

K-8 First Day of School  
Opening Chapel, 8:30 AM  
Noon Dismissal  
No After School Care

**August 8**

After school care begins for K-8

**August 10**

Worship, 8:30 AM  
Sunday School & Bible Class, 9:30 AM  
Worship, 10:30 AM

**August 11**

3K & VPK First Day of School

**August 22**

No School

**August 25**

Fall MAP Testing Begins

**September 1**

Labor Day, No School

**September 9**

Picture Retake Day

**Sept 15-19**

Parent/Teacher Conferences

**September 28**

Grades 3K-8 Sing during 10:30 Worship

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



### **Parking Lot Safety**

Safety is our primary concern when your child is dropped off and picked up. Please review the linked [map](#) so you are well informed of these safety procedures. Parking cones will be placed to help guide the flow of traffic. **Drop Off Notes:** If you want to walk your child into the classroom, park in the designated areas on the parking lot map. Please use caution when exiting the parking lot. **Pick Up Notes:** Please follow the blue arrows on the parking lot map and avoid cutting in front of other drivers. There will be extra traffic helpers for the first days of school. Please note the following dismissal procedure.

#### **3K & 4K Half Day**

12:00-12:15 PM, 3K & 4K Half Day Students

#### **1st Pick Up Group**

3:00-3:10, 3K - 2nd Grade

12:00-12:10 for Early Dismissal Days

#### **2nd Pick Up Group**

3:10-3:20, 3rd - 8th Grade & Families with Children in Both Groups

12:10-12:20 for Early Dismissal Days

### **Before School Care**

3K & VPK before school care checks-in at the 3K/VPK classroom. K-8 before school care checks-in at the main academy building. Please ring the bell for assistance getting your child checked in.

### **After School Care**

3K through 2nd grade after school care signs-out at the 3K/VPK classroom. 3rd through 8th grade after school care signs-out at the main church building. All students need to be signed out by the adult picking them up.

There are signs indicating which doors to use when picking up children from after care. Please keep in mind the group may be outside for recess when you come to pick up.

### **School Eatery Help**

Some families have not been able to access their pre-registered School Eatery account. If that is you, use this [step-by-step guide](#) to help you self-register.

### **Guitar & Piano Lesson Sign Up Open**

If you are interested in signing up for guitar or piano lessons for the 2024-2025 school year, you can do so by clicking the link below. Current music lesson students will be given scheduling priority in the new school year.

[Piano Lessons 2025-2026 School Year](#)

[Guitar Lessons 2025-2026 School Year](#)

### **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 3:00-5:00 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.

### **Amazon Wish Lists**

Each teacher has developed an online wish list through Amazon. The purpose of these lists is to highlight items that would benefit our classrooms and students which go above and beyond our budget. The links are provided here and in the classroom sections of this newsletter (pages 3-4). Thank you for considering this way to support our classrooms and students.

[Preschool \(3K and VPK\)](#)

[Kindergarten](#)

[1st & 2nd Grade](#)

[3rd & 4th Grade](#)

[5th & 6th Grade](#)

[7th & 8th Grade](#)

[Library](#)

### **Volunteer Survey**

NCA is looking for volunteers to consider leading or helping with various needs and events. You can use this online form to let us know where you'd like to serve. Please contact Mr. Mattes with any questions or for more information. Volunteer form:

<https://forms.gle/RU6FGE1HqykSSZN26>

### **Hall Pass Pictures**

Sign up for PhotoDay using the info on the attached flyer to get notified when your child's pictures are ready to view.



# Classroom News August 7-8

Mrs. Mattes 3K & VPK

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

Mrs. Mosakowski's Kindergarten Homeroom

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[Amazon Wish List for Kindergarten](#)

**Welcome to Kindergarten!** I am really looking forward to the year ahead of us. We will spend the first few weeks getting acquainted with one another and the classroom procedures.

**Bible:** This week we will discuss our School Theme. Psalm 78:4. This will also be our first memory verse for the year.

**Memory Work:** "We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord." -Psalm 78:4

**Reading:** This coming Monday you will receive a reading log for the month of August in your child's Monday folder. You or your child will color one of the images on the sheet for every book you read to them. Your child can return the sheet at the end of the month.

**Thank You!** - Thank you so much for all the supplies! I truly appreciate the added time it takes to find the requested items. I know it can be stressful and I thank you.

**No Preschool news this week.**

**See you on Monday, August 11!**

Miss Hardman's 1st & 2nd Grade Homeroom

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

**Memory work:** Psalm 78:4 "We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord." (due Thurs. 8/21)

**Don't forget:** An NCA jacket for the classroom (AC can get chilly) and a snack for the first half day tomorrow!

**Thank you:** Thank you for meeting with me before school began. I enjoyed connecting with you and my students. Thank you also for all the school supplies - I truly appreciate your support in stocking our classroom for learning, organization, and fun!

**Author Spotlight:** Our first author of the year is Denise Fleming. Her books are very colorful and her art style is unique in that she makes her own paper and then layers the colors on with paper pulp. We will watch a video on how she creates her paper art. We will be reading a lot of her fun books.



# Classroom News (Continued)

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

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

Welcome back to school! Everything is prepared and I am excited to begin partnering with you this year!

**Word of God** (Roemhildt): *Gabriel Announces the Births of John and Jesus*

**Memory Work:** John 3:16; Galatians 4:4, 5 (August 15)

**Literature:** Choosing good fit books

**Writing:** Journaling

**3 Math:** Chapter 1: Numbers to 10,000

**4 Math:** Chapter 1: Working with Whole Numbers

**Tech:** (Roemhildt) We will be establishing Chromebook guidelines.

**Reading Goals:** A good reading goal for the school year is 40 chapter books per student. As a class, the goal will be a total of 720 books. I will be keeping track as a way to encourage reading throughout the school year.

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

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

**Word of God:** *The Births of John and Jesus Announced*

**MW:** John 3:16 (8/12), Galatians 4:4,5 (8/14), First Commandment (8/15)

**Literature** (Schroeder): *Wild Wings* by Gill Lewis

**English:** Pretest for DGP

**Spelling:** No Spelling unit this week

**Math 5:** Chapter 1- Whole Numbers and Four Operations

**Math C1:** Chapter 1- Whole Numbers, Prime Numbers, and Prime Factorization

**Science:** Weather and Climate

**Social Studies:** Geography of the United States

**Tech & Music** (Roemhildt): We will be establishing Chromebook guidelines.

7th & 8th Grade Mr. Mattes [dane.mattes@northdalelutheran.org](mailto:dane.mattes@northdalelutheran.org)

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

Welcome back to school! I'm looking forward to partnering with you this school year! This first week will be dedicated to establishing expectations, routine, and getting to know one another activities. I'm excited for the upcoming school year and pray for the Lord's continued blessings as the year begins.

**Spelling:** Starting Monday: Lesson 1. The pre-test will be on Tuesday and the test will be on Friday.

**English:** Parts of speech review      **Literature:** Utopia / Dystopia project; *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

**Math:** Course 2 will begin with a review of place value and numerical operations Course 3 will begin with variable expressions, integers, and absolute value. Algebra 1 will begin with real numbers and real-world quantities.

**Word of God:** What is Truth?

**Social Studies:** Beginning Monday: Opening year trivia and the Soviet Union

**Science:** Class will begin Thursday with an activity to get thinking like a scientist. Our first topic will be "The Air Around You."



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