



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

Psalm 78:4

## HURRICANE WATCH

August 25, 2025

Week 4

### Q1 Scholarship Payment Approval Needed

Step Up for Students has started funding scholarship accounts for the first distribution of Q1 funds. This means many of our NCA families should have been notified of the arrival of funds into your scholarship account. NCA then processes invoices as those funds arrive. Families are required to approve invoices each quarter which is completed through your EMA account. You will receive notification from Step Up for Students when you have invoices to approve. Please contact Mr. Mattes if you have any question about the approval process. Please note that not all of our NCA families have received their Q1 invoices yet. This process will continue over the next few weeks.

### Grades K-8 Progress Testing

The first of our three rounds of progress testing (Measures of Academic Progress or MAP Tests) will be taking place this week through September 5. MAP is a nationally recognized, computer adaptive assessment tool which we use to monitor student learning and improve instruction for grades K-8. There are two to four hours of testing that will be spread out over the course of two weeks. We will plan to share the results of the testing with parents at our Parent-Teacher Conferences September 15-19.

### Upcoming Events

<u>August 25</u>	Fall MAP Testing Begins
<u>August 27</u>	K-8 Chapel, 8:15 AM Preschool Chapel, 9:00 AM Piano Lessons
<u>August 28</u>	Piano Lessons
<u>August 31</u>	Worship, 8:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class, 9:30 AM Worship, 10:30 AM
<u>September 1</u>	Labor Day, No School
<u>September 5</u>	Family Photos Due
<u>September 8</u>	Chick-fil-A Spirit Day
<u>September 9</u>	Picture Retake Day
<u>September 16</u>	Communicating Christ Class Begins, 7 PM
<u>Sept 15-19</u>	Parent/Teacher Conferences
<u>September 19</u>	Grades 3-8 Kickball Field Trip
<u>September 28</u>	Grades 3K-8 Sing during 10:30 Worship

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

### Mission Offerings

Mission offerings to support Anchor Lutheran Church, a new church in Panama City Beach, FL.

This week      \$27.72

Total            \$27.72

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



### **Family Photos for Academy Theme Display**

As we celebrate 25 years of God's grace to our school with Psalm 78:4 "We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord" as our theme, we want to see the family generations that make up our academy family! Please send in a family photo for us to display in the lobby under our 2025-2026 academy theme banner. You may email or text your family photo to your oldest child's classroom teacher. We will print the photo for you. Teacher email and cell numbers are included with their classroom sections of the newsletter on pages 3 & 4. Please submit your photos by Friday, September 5. Thank you!

### **Chick-fil-A Spirit Day**

Save the date and mark your calendars for an NCA spirit day at our local Chick-fil-A (3800 Ehrlich Rd) on Monday, September 8! Mention Northdale Christian Academy when making your purchase and a percentage will be donated back to NCA. Additional details will be shared in future newsletters.

### **Academy Pictures**

While many of our NCA students had their pictures taken during orientation on August 5, there will be a retake day September 9. This will be for any students who did not get their picture taken August 5 or need a retake. Retakes will start by 8:30 AM on September 9. See the attached flyer with details about viewing your child's pictures.

### **Communicating Christ Class**

A new Bible Information Class will begin on Tuesday, September 16. This class is for those wanting to know more about what we teach and believe here at Northdale Lutheran Church. The Tuesday night course is open to all, runs for 1 hour each Tuesday night at 7:00 PM, and babysitting is provided. Talk with Pastor Guse for more information: [pastor@northdalelutheran.org](mailto:pastor@northdalelutheran.org) or text/call 920-571-9000.

### **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>

### **Daily Devotions**

Is something troubling you? Are you overwhelmed? Stressed out? Take a time out and see what God's Word has to say about it. Did you know that you can get a daily dose of God's Word right on your computer or mobile device? WELS (our church body) offers a [daily devotion](#) delivered directly to your inbox. Each day's devotion includes the option to listen, which is a great tool for those of you commuting to work. You can subscribe online by clicking this [link](#).

### **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.

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### **Mission Project**

This year's mission offerings will support our district's new mission in Panama City Beach, FL: Anchor Lutheran Church. This is one of our church body's 100 new missions in 10 years initiative. Students may deposit their mission offerings in the small church located by the receptionist's desk anytime during the week. This newsletter will be used to track mission offerings for the year. Thank you for your support of this mission project.

### **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>



# Classroom News August 25-29

**Mrs. Mattes 3K & VPK**

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Cell: 920-588-7596

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

**What we're learning:** We are learning about friends the next few weeks. We will be playing games that help us learn each other's names, teamwork and taking turns. We are still practicing our routines and procedures. It has been so fun getting to know each child in the class so far!

**Thank you!** Thank you for the kind donations from our Amazon wish list this past week. The kids have been very excited to try out each one!

**Assessment:** We will begin our first round of assessments this week. Results will be shared with you at Parent/Teacher conferences in September.

**NO SCHOOL:** There is no school scheduled on Monday, September 1, for Labor Day.

**Monday folders:** Monday folders will go home every Monday. Please check them each Monday and return them in the tray in the entryway.

**Homeroom:** Check out our homeroom app for class pictures each week! <https://gethomeroom.com/i/59OPCSDH>

**Miss Hardman's 1st & 2nd Grade Homeroom**

Cell: 813-464-5113

**Memory work:** Galatians 4:4-5 "But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive adoption to sonship." (due Fri. 9/12)

**Spelling:** 1st grade - Unit 2 - more short a words - test on Friday 8/29

2nd grade - Unit 3 - short i words - test on Friday 8/29



**We love sharing pictures!** Please don't hesitate to text me pictures of your kids if they ask! We love sharing with the class fun things that we've done with our families. Spontaneous show and tell on the big screen is fun!

**MAP testing:** This Wednesday morning (8/27) we will take our math test. Next Wednesday (9/3) we will take the reading test. Just encourage your child to take their time and do their best.

**Ask us about: (great conversation starters with your child about their day)**

- Popsicle art (currently on display in the academy hallway - they look good enough to eat)
- Who are Simeon and Anna and why was it so special that they got to see Jesus!
- Social studies vocab: taking turns, sharing, listening, talking, good sport, play fairly

**Mrs. Mosakowski's Kindergarten Homeroom**

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[Amazon Wish List for Kindergarten](#)

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

**Math:** This week we will continue our Math unit on Shapes. This week we will identify the different attributes found in flat and solid shapes.

**Reading:** This week we will meet Oswald. Oswald will introduce us to the letter O and it's sound /o/. This week your child will learn how to write the letter Oo and practice identifying words with the initial /o/ sound.

**Social Studies:** This week we will continue our Social Studies unit on Citizenship. This week we will discuss cooperation and helping others.

**Reading Logs:** I can't believe it's the last week of August! If your child has completed their reading log you can return it this week.

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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): *The Birth of Jesus; Jesus is Brought to the Temple*

**Memory Work:** Psalm 91:11; Eph. 6:1 (Aug. 29)

**Spelling:** No Spelling

**Literature:** Starting our first class novel, *Third Grade Angels* by Jerry Spinelli

**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, we have read 14 of 720 books.

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

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

**Word of God:** *The Escape to Egypt; The Twelve Year Old Jesus*

**MW:** Psalm 103:1,2 (Tue); Isaiah 43:11 (Th); The Second Commandment (Fri)

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

**English:** Week 2

**Spelling:** Unit 3- Pretest (Mon) & Final Test (Fri)

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

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Monday we will welcome to new students to our classroom: Camden (8th) and Greyson (7th). MAP testing begins this week and will conclude next week. We will have no more than one testing session per morning.

**Spelling:** Lesson 3. The pre-test will be on Tuesday and the final test for those who need it will be on Friday.

**English:** DGP- Week 3

**Literature:** *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

**Math:** Course 2 is working with a review of place value and numerical operations Course 3 is concluding work with variable expressions, integers, absolute value, and significant digits. We will have a review before our first test. Algebra 1 is working with linear equations and inequalities in one variable.

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

**Social Studies:** The Soviet Union

**Science:** This week we learn about the discovery of cells and prepare for our first activity: using simple, compound, and stereo microscopes.

**Tech & Music:** In music we will be practicing reading rhythm patterns. In technology we learning about digital citizenship.



# IT'S TIME!

## YOUR PHOTOS ARE READY!

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Once you have registered with PhotoDay for this year's photos, you will receive a text and/or email with a code to access your child's private album.

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