

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

Psalm 78:4

## HURRICANE WATCH

January 12, 2026

Week 20

### **Preferred Enrollment for NCA Families Open**

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 2026-2027](#) is available on our website. Current families should look for a January 2 email from TADS with 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 2026-2027 are already being received and will be given enrollment opportunity starting February 1.

### **Final Picture Retake Day**

Hall Pass Portraits will be onsite Tuesday, January 13 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 Mr. Mattes with any questions.

### **Upcoming Events**

<a href="#">January 12</a>	Winter MAP Testing Begins
<a href="#">January 13</a>	Final Picture Retake Day Basketball Practice, 3:20-4:30 PM Communicating Christ Class, 7:00 PM
<a href="#">January 14</a>	K-8 Chapel: 8:15; Preschool Chapel: 9:00 Piano Lessons Yearbook Club, 3:20-4:30 PM
<a href="#">January 15</a>	Piano Lessons Basketball Practice, 3:20-4:30 PM
<a href="#">January 16</a>	<a href="#">Track &amp; Field Registration</a> Due
<a href="#">January 18</a>	Worship, 8:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class, 9:30 AM Worship, 10:30 AM
<a href="#">January 19</a>	No School, MLK Jr. Day
<a href="#">January 22</a>	Home BB Game vs Bay Pines, 4:00 PM
<a href="#">January 26</a>	Spirit Week Begins
<a href="#">January 30</a>	NCA Walk-A-Thon
<a href="#">January 31</a>	Preferred Enrollment Ends

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.

Last week \$20.00

Total \$515.61

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



## End of 2nd Quarter

The second quarter of the school year came to an end on Tuesday, January 6. Second quarter report cards for K-8 will be distributed Monday, January 12. 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](#).

## Winter MAP Testing

Our next round of MAP testing will begin January 12. 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.

## No School January 19

This is a reminder that NCA will be closed Monday, January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King Junior Day. Classes will resume Tuesday, January 20.

## Third Annual Walk-A-Thon

A walk-a-thon is a peer-to-peer fundraising event that involves participants collecting pledges and sponsorships from donors in exchange for walking a set distance. Participants collect money per every lap or mile they walk, or as a flat donation amount. Prizes will be awarded for various fundraising tiers. Donation envelopes are going home Monday, January 12 along with additional details. **Please return donation envelopes by February 6.** See page 5 of this newsletter for additional information. Last year's event raised over \$9,300 toward our playground shade project.

We need walk-a-thon volunteers to help the younger students tally their laps, supervise the walking course at Northdale Park, help with the snow cone station, and encourage our students to do their best! Please contact any teacher or Mr. Mattes if you are available to help us on January 30.

## Spirit Week Themes

One of our favorite weeks of the school year is coming up. Spirit Week is January 26-30. The teachers have planned special dress up days and fun team-building activities each day of that week. We are looking forward to a great week of school spirit and enthusiastic participation culminating with the Walkathon on Friday, January 30. See the last pages of the newsletter for important Spirit Week information.

## Q3 Parent Forum Presentation Video & Slides

Thank you to all our participants in the 3rd quarter online parent forum on January 7. You can access the [presentation video recording here](#) and [presentation slides here](#). Highlights include the 2026-2027 re-enrollment process, academic year calendar, walkathon, staffing plans, after school clubs, track meets, soccer day, book fair, donuts with dad, school plays, and other events for the second semester. Check out the links to learn more. Please contact Mr. Mattes with any questions.

## Track and Field Registration (grades 3-8)

It is time to start preparing for the track and field season. All the information can be found using the registration link. Please register your children by January 16 to ensure a team shirt. [Register HERE!](#)

## Now Accepting 2026-2027 New Student Applications

NCA is currently accepting **new student** applications for the 2026-2027 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](http://NorthdaleChristianAcademy.org). **The application process is only for students new to NCA.** If you have a child not currently attending NCA whom you would like to enroll, please complete the application for enrollment. Currently enrolled students who will be returning can complete the re-enrollment process. See the preferred enrollment article for details.



# Classroom News January 12 - 16

Mrs. Mattes 3K & VPK

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

**What we're learning:** We are continuing to talk about seeds and flowers the next few weeks. We are learning what plants need to grow and the different parts of a plant. When the weather permits, we will be working on planting seeds and flowers in our garden!

**Bible story:** #24 Twelve Year Old Jesus

**Letter of the Week:** L

**Welcome:** We are excited to welcome Emory as a new student to our class this week!

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

Mrs. Mosakowski's Kindergarten Homeroom

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[Amazon Wish List for Kindergarten](#)

**Memory Work:** "For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;"  
- Psalm 91:11

**Reading:** This week we will learn the short sound /e/ as in *elf*. We will practice identifying that sound at the beginning and in the middle of words.

**Math:** This week we will continue reviewing some of our previous lessons. This will help us practice key concepts.

**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.

Miss Hardman's 1st & 2nd Grade Homeroom

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

**Memory work:** Revelation 2:10 *"Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown"*  
(due: 1/23)

**Spelling: First grade spelling** - unit 21 - long *a* words (CVCe) - test on Friday (1/16)

**Second grade spelling** - unit 21 - words ending in *-ed* or *-ing* - test on Friday (1/16)

**Ask us about:**

- Jesus healing a blind man and teaching Peter about forgiveness.
- Types of energy (mainly *light*, *heat*, and *sound*)
- Our new author Mem Fox. She is from Australia.

**Math MAP test will be this Wednesday (1/14).**

**Save the Date! Upcoming field trip to Zoo Tampa on Monday, February 2, 2026!**

More detailed information will be coming home soon. This field trip requires precise numbers, so there cannot be any last minute changes. If you need to request time off of work, please do that now. Also, if you need to complete volunteer requirements in order to chaperone, please start now! Ms. Lange can assist you in checking if your volunteer information (background check and video course completion) is up-to-date. Thank you!



# 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 Parable of the Unforgiving Servant & Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind*

**Memory Work:** The Sixth Petition [Jan. 16]

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

**Literature:** New historical fiction novel: [Snow Treasure](#)

**3 Math:** Chapter 6: Word Problems

**4 Math:** Chapter 4: Decimals

**Tech:** (Roemhildt) Google Slides

**Books:** We have read 240 books of our 720 class goal.

**Science:** Fossils

**Social Studies:** West and Southwest region quiz on Friday. [Use this link to study.](#)

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

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

**Word of God:** *Jesus Heals Ten Men of Leprosy; Mary and Martha*

**MW:** Psalm 118:1 (Tue); Psalm 139:14 (Th); Second Petition (Fri)

**Literature** (Schroeder): Forensics Fair Preparations!  
[The False Prince](#) by Jennifer Nielsen

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

**Math 5:** Chapter 5- Four Operations of Decimals

**Math C1:** Chapter 5- Rates and Speeds- Test (Wed);  
Chapter 6- Percent

**Science:** The Solar System

**Social Studies:** Routes of Exploration to the Americas

**Tech & Music** (Roemhildt): We will have a lesson on timbre in music class. In Technology we will continue working with Google Sheets.

**7th & 8th Grade**      **Mr. Roemhildt** [daniel.roemhildt@northdalelutheran.org](mailto:daniel.roemhildt@northdalelutheran.org)  
[Amazon Wish List for 7th & 8th](#)

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We will be starting MAP testing this week. Please make sure students are getting an adequate amount of sleep each night and eating a good breakfast each morning before school.

**Spelling:** Unit 20      **English:** Week 17      **Literature:** The Outsiders Chapters 1-2

**Math:** [Course 2](#) will continue looking at Angles and Angle Properties [Course 3](#) will continue to practice Linear Elimination and Substitution. [Algebra 1](#) is concluding linear inequalities and will begin exponential functions and models.

**Word of God** (Schroeder): On A Mission: A Study of Paul's Journeys      **Social Studies:** WWI

**Science** (Mattes): We are concluding the final section of notes before launching a research project on current and future missions. Ask your child about spotting the ISS in the night sky over Tampa. KSC field trip information has been sent home (hard copy and email). Please return the field trip form before January 23.

**Tech & Music:** We will start a unit on Forensics and public speaking in Music class. In Technology we will begin a unit on spreadsheets.



## NCA Walk-A-Thon 2026

The **Northdale Christian Academy School Walk-A-Thon** will be held on Friday, January 30, 2026 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at Northdale Park. Our students will be walking laps together for fun and fitness while they raise money for playground improvements.

### What to expect at the 2026 Walk-A-Thon:

- A fun morning at the park for the students, followed by pizza lunch back at school
- Pastor Guse will be running an NCA snow cone machine. Participants may purchase a snow cone for \$4 each. Please make sure you have cash for the snow cones as we cannot accept electronic payments.

**Where does the money go?** This year we are designating funds for additional playground improvements like a shade structure.

### FUNDRAISING GOAL & HIGHLIGHTS

- Our goal is for each student to raise at least \$100. That's just \$10 from 10 people for each student! This would be \$10,000 total for the whole school. If we can hit this whole school goal, Tanya and Matt's Ice Cream will cater a school-wide ice cream party before the end of the school year!
- Students will win prizes for every \$25 raised, such as a uniform free pass and other exciting prizes!
- The class that raises the most money will receive a donut party!

### COLLECTING DONATIONS

Students will earn prizes based on the total amount of donations raised. Donors may give a flat dollar amount or base their donation on the number of laps/distance walked. Students do not have to walk a certain number of laps to raise money. All flat donations and donation sheets are due by **Friday, February 6** and will be used to determine your prize level. Those that choose to donate based on the number of laps completed will be able to make the contributions after the event.

Please use the Sponsorship Form and envelope to keep track of the funds your student raises. We are accepting cash, check, and online donations. Checks must be made out to Northdale Christian Academy. While cash or check is preferred, online donations can be made by selecting **NCA Donation** at <https://northdale.breezechms.com/give/online>. Please remind donors to put your child's name in the Comments section before submitting so your child can receive credit.

We are encouraging students to reach out to family, friends, and neighbors to raise funds in exchange for them walking laps at the Walk-A-Thon. Remember to share your student's donation request far and wide - businesses may provide a corporate matching program for non-profit organizations. Every donation helps us get one step closer to our new playground! And remember that **donations are tax-deductible**.



**2026**  
**January**  
**26th - 30th**

<p><b>MONDAY</b>  <b>1/26</b></p>	<p><b>Hawaiian Day</b>          Crack out those Hawaiian shirts, shorts, and sundresses!          Wear flowers in your hair or around your neck.          Grass skirts are welcome as long as shorts are worn underneath and coconut tops will remain home, of course.</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b>  <b>1/27</b></p>	<p><b>Wacky Hair and Mismatch Day</b>          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 colored dyes please!)</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b>  <b>1/28</b></p>	<p><b>Class Color Day</b>          Wear as much of your class color as possible (from head to toe)          7-8 black, 5-6 red, 3-4 blue, 1-2 green, K pink, Preschool yellow.</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b>  <b>1/29</b></p>	<p><b>Sports Team Day</b>          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...)</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b>  <b>1/30</b></p>	<p><b>Walkathon Day</b>          Wear comfortable walking shoes, navy or khaki shorts or skorts, and a Walkathon shirt (will be provided)</p>

**SEE BACK OF SHEET FOR MORE IMPORTANT DETAILS!**

# 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. (ex. On Thursday your child IS wearing a sports team shirt or jersey...they may also wear jeans ... they do not have to wear khaki slacks).
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 Parent 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 midribs 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.