

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

**Psalm 78:4**

# ***HURRICANE WATCH***

**January 20, 2026**

**Week 21**

## **Preferred Enrollment Due 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 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.

## **School Sings January 25**

Grades 3K-8 are scheduled to sing on Sunday, January 25 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 19</u>	No School, MLK Jr. Day
<u>January 20</u>	Basketball Practice, 3:20-4:30 PM Communicating Christ Class, 7:00 PM
<u>January 21</u>	K-8 Chapel: 8:15; Preschool Chapel: 9:00 Piano Lessons
<u>January 22</u>	Piano Lessons Home BB Game vs Bay Pines, 4:00 PM
<u>January 24</u>	Orlando Basketball Tournament
<u>January 25</u>	Worship, 8:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class, 9:30 AM NCA Sings during Worship, 10:30 AM
<u>January 26</u>	Spirit Week Begins
<u>January 30</u>	NCA Walk-A-Thon
<u>January 31</u>	Preferred Enrollment Ends
<u>February 3</u>	1st Track Practice, 3:20-4:30 PM
<u>February 6</u>	Walk-A-Thon Donations Due
<u>Feb 9-13</u>	Parent/Teacher Conferences

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      \$68.16

Total            \$583.77

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



### **Winter MAP Testing**

MAP testing continues this week. Students in kindergarten through 8th grade will take these computer adaptive assessments to track learning progress and help our teachers make data-driven educational decisions. Results will be available during February parent-teacher conferences.

### **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 went 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.

### **Photographer Needed**

NCA needs a new photographer for the 2026-2027 school year since Hall Pass Portraits is closing the photography business. Hall Pass currently takes pictures for our yearbook, staff pictures for our website, staff IDs, assembles the whole school composite, and provides ordering options for families. Please refer any individual or business to Mr. Mattes who might be a good fit for filling this need at NCA.

### **Scholarship Renewal Opening Soon**

Step Up for Students, NCA's preferred scholarship funding organization, will open the 2026-2027 renewal process February 1. Watch your email and this newsletter for additional information as it becomes available.

### **Pee Wee Soccer (K-3)**

Registration is now open. [Please use the link](#) for more information.

### **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.

### **Call News**

On January 5 Miss Aimee Hardman received a divine call to serve as 2nd grade teacher at Christ-St. Peter Lutheran School in Milwaukee, WI. This call comes not because Miss Hardman requested it, but because she was considered among other candidates as a match for the needs of their educational ministry. Your comments and prayers are welcome as Miss Hardman considers where the Lord would have her serve next school year.

### **O3 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.

### **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 19 - 23

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 this week. We'll learn about the life cycle of a plant, do a flower stem science experiment and make our own sunflowers. When the weather permits, we will be working on planting seeds and flowers in our garden!

**Bible story:** #26 Jesus Changes Water Into Wine

**Letter of the Week:** M

**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:** "Children obey your parents in the Lord for this is right." - Ephesians 6:1

**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.

**Math:** This week we will begin chapter 6. Students will learn to group up to 20 objects by making a 10 and ones.

**Science:** This week we will wrap up our science unit on seasons and 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 19 - Pretest (Tue); 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, Southwest, & Rocky Mountain regions 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:** *The Parable of the Great Banquet; The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector*

**MW:** 2 Timothy 3:15,16 (Tue); Proverbs 3:5 (Th); Third Petition (Fri)

**Literature** (Schroeder): Forensics Fair Preparations!

[The False Prince](#) by Jennifer Nielsen

**Spelling:** Unit 20- Pretest (Tue); Final Test (Fri)

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

**Math C1:** Chapter 6- Percent

**Science:** The Solar System

**Social Studies:** Early English Settlements

**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)

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

We will be continuing 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 3-4

**Math:** [Course 2](#) will conclude our chapter on Angles. [Course 3](#) will continue to practice Linear Elimination and Substitution with Real World Problems. [Algebra 1](#) is working with exponential functions and models.

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

**Social Studies:** WWI

**Science** (Mattes): Each student is doing a research project on current and future missions. Ask your child about the missions they have selected. 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 continue to build our public speaking skills by selecting a Forensic piece to practice and perform before the class.



## 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.