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Ephesians 4:32



HURRICANE WATCH

August 12, 2026

Week 1

Welcome to a New School Year

By God's grace alone are we able to start the 27th year of Christian education. There have been some changes this summer: facility improvements, instructional enhancements, and new staff members. 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 Ephesians 4:32, *"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."* 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 2026-2027 school year or text @nca26-27 to the number 81010.

<https://www.remind.com/join/nca26-27>

Back to School Orientation

Thank you to all our families for participating in the August 10 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

<u>August 12</u>	3K-8 First Day of School K-8 Opening Chapel, 8:30 AM Noon Dismissal No After School Care
<u>August 13</u>	After school care begins
<u>August 16</u>	English Worship at 8:30 or 10:00 AM Spanish Worship at 11:30 AM
<u>August 24</u>	Fall MAP Testing Begins
<u>September 4</u>	No School
<u>September 7</u>	Labor Day, No School
<u>Sept 14-18</u>	Parent/Teacher Conferences
<u>September 18</u>	Grades 3-8 Kickball Mixer Field Trip
<u>September 27</u>	Grades 3K-8 Sing during 10:00 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. Also make use of your carline tag. 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.

After Care Position Filled

Ms. Carrie Nguyen has been hired to fill our after school care position. Her first day on the job will be Thursday, August 13 when after care begins for the new school year. Ms. Nguyen has experience in after care and early childhood programs. We are excited to have her join the NCA family!

Piano Lesson Sign Up Open

If you are interested in signing up for piano lessons for the 2026-2027 school year, you can do so by clicking the link below. Previous piano lesson students will be given scheduling priority in the new school year.

[Piano Lessons 2026-2027 School Year](#)

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/b7mXCeJgwv81VgXg7>

Step Up for Students Action Needed

In case you missed it, beginning in the 2026-27 school year, parents and guardians of awarded students must complete an attestation in EMA each quarter for funding consideration. This attestation is to confirm that the student is not enrolled full-time in a public school. Please take your time to ensure you select the correct response for your student(s) by August 15 for initial Q1 funding. ACTION NEEDED: Log in to EMA to review your student's attestation on your Dashboard. When asked if your student is "Enrolled in public school for Quarter 1?": Select "NO" if your student is NOT enrolled in a PUBLIC SCHOOL for the first quarter of the 2026-27 school year. For example, students enrolled in a private school or homeschool. Please contact Mr. Mattes with any scholarship questions.



Classroom News August 12-14

Mrs. Mattes's 3K & VPK Classroom

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

Welcome to Preschool! I am so excited to welcome your children into our class. We will be working on learning our new routine this first week and getting to know our new friends!

Bible: We will start with devotions this week focused on Who is Jesus? What is the Bible? And learning the Bible verse for our school theme this year, Ephesians 4:32- Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Paperwork: I will be in touch with you next week if I am still missing any necessary paperwork.

Monday folders: Monday folders will go home for the first time next Monday. Please check them each Monday and return them in the tray in the entryway.

Homeroom: You are invited to join our homeroom app to see pictures of what we're doing each week. Click this link to join! <https://gethomeroom.com/i/2N8B5U98>

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. Ephesians 4:32. This will also be our first memory verse for the year.

Memory Work: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." - Ephesians 4:32

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.

Mrs. Guse's 1st & 2nd Grade Homeroom

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

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Important reminders for kicking off a great year:

- Bring a water bottle! (have your child practice opening and closing it at home)
- Bring NCA jacket for the classroom AC.
- Get a good night's sleep every night (set a bedtime and make a routine).
- Eat a healthy breakfast.
- Arrive to school on time.

Memory work: Genesis 1:1- In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (due 8/21)

Thank you: Thank you so much for visiting with me before school started. I really enjoyed talking with about your summers, and the upcoming school year. Thank you also for all the school supplies!



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): *The Creation of All Things*

Memory Work: Genesis 1:1 (due Fri)

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 760 books. I will be keeping track as a way to encourage reading throughout the school year.

Miss Ponath's 5th & 6th Grade Homeroom

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

Great to be back in school for this new year! This first week of school will be mostly procedures and routines. The students will be doing lots of review and getting back into the swing of things! I pray for a great year full of learning and fun!

Word of God: *Devotion / Bible Study Plan*

T/Th: No Memory Work

Literature (Schroeder): *The Giver* by L. Lowry - Utopias

Literature (Ponath): *Loser* by Jerry Spinelli

English: Pretest for DGP / Review

Spelling: No Spelling

Math 5: Review

Math C1: Review

Science: Review

Social Studies (Schroeder): Archaeology! Maps! Fun!

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

Mr. Roemhildt's 7th & 8th Grade Homeroom

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

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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 (7): *The Giver* by Lois Lowry - Intro: Utopias

Literature (8): Johnny Tremain Introduction

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: "You are Free Indeed" - Paul's letter to the Galatians

Social Studies: Opening year trivia and an Introduction to Government

Science: Class will begin Thursday with an activity to get thinking like a scientist. Our first topic will be the atmosphere.

