

Back to School Guide



Mission

Northshore Christian Academy partners with families to provide a superior Christian education developing spiritual, academic, and personal excellence in a Christ-centered environment.

Vision

To transform our communities by graduating resilient disciples of Christ who are spiritually equipped and academically prepared to be the leaders of tomorrow.





Northshore Christian Academy began in 1995 with 37 students in kindergarten through third-grade meeting in a rented warehouse. Now located on our picturesque 33-acre campus, we have grown to serve over 1,100 students annually in Early Learning through eighth grade. As a ministry of Northshore Christian Church, we hold to a traditional Biblical worldview. NCA's four pillars which stand on a Christ-centered foundation are: Faith, Academic, STEM, and Fine Arts.

You are a part of our NCA family. Go Lions!

NCA Parents and Students,



Welcome to our 30th year of pursuing excellence through Christian education at Northshore Christian Academy! We are excited to celebrate this special milestone as a school community throughout this year. Whether this is your child's very first year at NCA or they are entering their final year as an 8th grade student, our team is eager to welcome you back to campus.

The Lord continues to bless our school richly with excellent educators, passionate professionals, and a committed leadership team, aligned and unified, to partner with your family through a Christ-centered education. I look forward to all that God will accomplish in the hearts and minds of our students this year.

Our Theme

This year's theme is 'God is Faithful' and is taken from Deuteronomy 7:9:

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.

As we celebrate the faithfulness of God to us as a school and as individuals in the past, I am praying it will embolden us to look to the future with excitement, confidence, and anticipation.

I am looking forward to a great year with you!

God Is Faithful!

Mr. Lane Beasley
NCA Head of School

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Welcome back NCA family! We are excited to start the new school year with you!

This interactive guide will help you prepare and navigate useful information as you hover over titles and use the links provided leading to our website or Blackbaud.

Join us: Back to School Family BBQ

Thursday, August 28 @ 4:00 - 6:00 PM Front Lawn & Main Lobby



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2025-2026 Theme & Verse

God is Faithful

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WE ARE LIONS!





Early Learning

TODDLERS, PRESCHOOL, PRE-K

ORIENTATION

Early Learning Parent Orientations - Thursday, August 28

Toddler, Preschool, & Pre-K Full-Day @ 3:00 – 5:00 PM

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

• Toddler, Preschool, & Pre-K Full-Day – Tuesday, September 2



LEADERSHIP & SUPPORT TEAM

Mrs. Eliana Borowicz, Early Learning Program Supervisor Mrs. Tais Mazariegos, Early Learning Program Supervisor



Mrs. Olga Kubay, Early Learning Administrative Assistant okubay@nca.school

Lower Elementary

KINDERGARTEN, 1ST & 2ND GRADES

ORIENTATIONS

K-2nd Grades Orientation – Tuesday, September 2

- Kindergarten Orientation @ 9:00 AM
- 1st-2nd Grades: Two options: 10:00 AM or 11:00 AM

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Wednesday, September 3 @ 8:30 AM K-8th

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Uniform Exchange in Main Lobby – Week of September 9-12 during school hours

Convocation Prayer on Front Lawn (everyone welcome) – Friday, September 5 @ 8:45 AM

LEADERSHIP & SUPPORT TEAM

Mrs. Sarah Leighow, Lower Elementary Principal Mrs. Heather Sidenquist, Lower Elementary Assistant Principal Mr. Gene Berge, K-2nd Grade Counselor



Mrs. Satori Wong, Lower Elementary Administrative Assistant swong@nca.school





Upper Elementary

3RD, 4TH, & 5TH GRADES

ORIENTATION

3rd-5th Grades Orientation – Tuesday, September 2

Two options: 10:00 AM or 11:00 AM

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Wednesday, September 3 @ 8:30 AM

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Uniform Exchange in Main Lobby – Week of September 9-12 during school hours

Convocation Prayer on Front Lawn (everyone welcome) – Friday, September 5 @ 8:45 AM

LEADERSHIP & SUPPORT TEAM

Mrs. Heather Shaw, Upper School 3rd-8th Principal Mrs. Noelle Brown, Upper Elementary Assistant Principal Mrs. Jackie Dewitt, Behavioral Support Specialist for Upper School



Miss Alexis Griffin, Elementary Executive Assistant agriffin@nca.school

Middle School

6TH, 7TH, & 8TH GRADES

ORIENTATION

Middle School Orientation - Tuesday, September 2

- 6th Grade @ 12:30 PM
- 7th Grade @ 1:00 PM
- 8th Grade @ 1:30 PM

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Wednesday, September 3 @ 8:30 AM

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Uniform Exchange in Main Lobby – Week of September 9-12 during school hours

Convocation Prayer on Front Lawn (everyone welcome) – Friday, September 5 @ 8:45 AM

Middle School Curriculum Night - Tuesday, September 9 @ 6:30 PM

LEADERSHIP & SUPPORT TEAM

Mrs. Heather Shaw, Upper School 3rd-8th Principal Mrs. Amanda Tormon, Middle School Assistant Principal Mrs. Kaylene Williams, 6th-8th Grade Counselor Mrs. Jackie Dewitt, Behavioral Support Specialist for Upper School



Mrs. Corlyn Watson, Middle School Executive Assistant & Uniforms Coordinator cwatson@nca.school



Specialists Program

Computer (K-5th)

Drama (6th-8th)

• Middle School Musical

Foreign Language (3rd-8th)

- Spanish
- American Sign Language

Library (PreK-5th)

Middle School Electives (Art, Computer, Drama, Library, Music, Spanish)

Music (PreK-8th)

- General Music
- Choirs
- Bands
- Orchestras

Physical Education (K-8th)

STEAM (K-8th)

- Robotics (2nd-8th)
- Science Lab (K-2nd)
- Computer Coding
- Game Design
- Web Design
- Project Lead the Way (PLTW): Magic of Electrons
- PLTW: Flight and Space
- PLTW: Design and Modeling
- PLTW: Medical Detectives
- Horticulture: The Art & Science of Plants
- Art
- Yearbook Design





Athletics

Athletics program offered for 6th-8th students with the WIAA Conference.

- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Soccer
- Track & Field
- Volleyball
- Flag Football

Lion's Club

After School Enrichment Classes

We offer K-8th after-school classes throughout the school year with revolving options such as STEAM, Fine Arts, Cultural Exploration, Sports, Robotics, and Culinary Arts.





Extended Care Program

We offer before and after school care options for K-8th students, and All-Day Care on specific days.

Hours:

- Before (AM) Care: 7:00-8:00 AM / Mon-Fri
- After (PM) Care: After school until 6:00 PM / Mon-Fri
- All-Day Care: 7:00 AM-6:00 PM

Calendars & Schedules

CALENDARS

All available at nca.school/calendar and in Blackbaud Resources

- Parent Calendar 2025-2026
- Key Events Calendar 2025-2026
- PTF Calendar 2025-2026

BELL SCHEDULES

Early Learning

• 7:00 AM-6:00 PM (Mon-Fri) Up to 10 hours per day

Elementary (K-5th)

- 8:30 AM-3:05 PM (Mon-Thur)
- 8:30 AM-1:05 PM (Fri)

Middle School (6th-8th)

- 8:30 AM-3:25 PM (Mon-Thur)
- 8:30 AM-1:25 PM (Fri)

CHAPEL SCHEDULES

Early Learning Preschool - Wednesdays @ 9:30 AM

PreK (Full Day) - Wednesdays @ 9:50 AM

K-2nd – Wednesdays @ 9:40 AM

3rd-5th - Wednesdays @ 8:40 AM

6th-8th - Fridays @ 8:30 AM

Parent Resources

SCHOOL UNIFORMS & LION'S SPIRIT WEAR

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

ARRIVAL / DISMISSAL

BLACKBAUD

- Family Portal, Resource Boards / Forms
- Tuition Management
- Magnus (Medical Forms)



Mrs. Trisha Decker, Registrar & Enrollment Manager (Family Portal), tdecker@nca.school

Mrs. Michaela Murphy, Accounts Receivable (Tuition Management), mmurphy@nca.school

Mrs. Amanda Derezes, RN, Head Nurse (Magnus/Medical Forms), aderzes@nca.school

Required Forms

Complete Required Forms (sign-in to your NCA Blackbaud Parent Portal > go to Resource Boards > choose the 'Forms and Documents' tile)

- ? General Forms
- ? Early Learning Forms
- ? Elementary School Forms
- ? Middle School Forms
- Student Support Forms
- ? Athletics Forms (6th-8th)
- Medical Forms (Magnus)

Health, Safety, & Student Support

HEALTH ROOM / NURSE



Mrs. Amanda Derezes, RN, Head Nurse, aderezes@nca.school

Mrs. Peggy Gray, RN, Nurse

SAFETY



Tom Goepfert, Safety Coordinator tgoepfert@nca.school

Mr. Thomas Griffin, Northshore Campus Pastor Mr. Ben Thomas, Viking Protective Services

THRIVE TUTORING



Mrs. Janet Christy, Thrive Director ichristy@nca.school

Mrs. Debbie Ellis, Thrive Tutor Mrs. Janet Lines, Thrive Tutor Mrs. Janet Scarth, Thrive Tutor Mrs. Chrissy Nicolici, Speech Pathologist

COUNSELORS & BEHAVIOR SUPPORT SPECIALIST



Mr. Gene Berge, K- 2nd Grade Counselor gberge@nca.school

3rd-5th Grade Counselor TBD

Mrs. Kaylene Williams, 6th-8th Grade Counselor kwilliams@nca.school

Mrs. Jackie Dewitt, Behavioral Support Specialist for Upper School jdewitt@nca.school

Development

ONLINE AUCTION (Fall)

WALK-A-THON (Spring)

WAYS TO GIVE

- Annual Fund
- Educator Excellence Award Program / Investment Fund



Mrs. Lina Maragliano, Development Director lmaragliano@nca.school

Parent Teacher Fellowship

VOLUNTEERING OPTIONS

- PTF Board
- Annual Benefit Auction
- Staff Appreciation Luncheons
- Classroom Ambassador Parents
- Multi-Cultural Connections
- Popcorn Club
- Giving by Purchase
- Moms in Prayer / Parents in Prayer
- Thrilling Thursdays / Middle School Quick Bites
- Walk-A-Thon
- WatchDOGS
- Office Volunteers



Accreditation



Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) – Accredited



Cognia/Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC) – Accredited

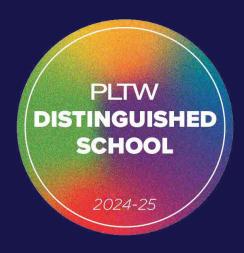


Washington State Board of Education (SBE) – Approved



Washington State Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) – Licensed

Award Winning School



PLTW
Distinguished School



Best in the PNW 2024 Winner



US Dept. of Education
National Blue Ribbon School 2019







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