



Northside Catholic Academy

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NCA Family Calendar 2025 - 2026 School Year

**(Dates, times, and events are subject to change)*

AUGUST		
5 - 6	UNIFORM EXCHANGE Tuesday Wednesday	Cafeteria 8am - 10am 3pm - 5pm
14	NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION	5:00pm, Cafeteria
	VIRTUS TRAINING WORKSHOP (all welcome)	6:00pm, Cafeteria
19	PreK and Kindergarten Orientation *Supplies drop off for PreK and K	9:00am - 11:00am
20	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL- Half Day *Out of Uniform *Supplies drop off for 1st-8th	8:10am - 11:30am
21	FIRST FULL DAY OF SCHOOL In Uniform; shorts permitted	
23	WILDCAT STREET FEST + CORNHOLE TOURNEY	Street and parking lot 11:00 - 3:00 (Glenwood and Thome blocked off)
25	I-Ready testing begins 4th grade Girls Volleyball: vs Queen of Angels 5th grade Girls Volleyball: vs St Matthias 5th grade Girls Volleyball: vs St Clement Blue 6th grade Girls Volleyball: vs St. Helen	5:30 NCA/St. Gertrude 5:30pm HCJP 7pm HCJP 7pm NCA/St. Gertrude
26	FIRST ALL-SCHOOL MASS - Mass of the Holy Spirit	St. Gertrude 8:30
27	Early dismissal	2:30pm

	BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT (g. 1-8) includes presentation by principal + tables for various groups and possible extra-curriculars	6:00 - 8:30pm – Great Room (*formerly the Cafeteria) and classrooms
29	Band Demonstration Concert for grades 4 and 5	9:45-10:15am
SEPTEMBER		
1	LABOR DAY	No School
2	Band Instrument fitting	12:45 - 2:15pm
3	8th Grade HS Test Prep Practice test 8th grade parent meeting: testing & applications (Jen Reyes) + 8th grade events meeting 6th grade Girls Volleyball vs OLMCA	2:35 -5:05; Social Hall 6:30 -8:30 pm, Cafeteria 7:45pm at NCA/St.Gertrude's
6	Cross Country Meet Windy City XC Challenge Bubble Golf Outing (Double Bubble sponsor)	 off-site
11	<i>Eritrean/Ethiopian New Year</i>	
12	i-Ready testing closes	
13	Cross Country Meet DePaul Prep Catholic Cup	Horner Park
15	Hispanic Heritage Month begins OPEN BOARD MEETING	Sept 15 - Oct 15 6:30-7:30pm Cafeteria
16	Catholic Highschools Fair for 7th and 8th grade	1 - 2:15pm Social Hall
17	PICTURE DAY	
20	Cross Country CCYL St Helen's Open	
22	<i>Band Practice starts</i>	
25	House Day - All Students NCAPO Fundraiser	
26	NO SCHOOL: SYSTEM-WIDE PD DAY Cross Country: Loyola Academy Flight Night	 Munz Campus

27	<i>NCA Parent Tailgate and Flip Cup Tournament 2025</i>	off-site
30	Cross Country: Notre Dame HS Invite	At Notre Dame
OCTOBER		
1	NCAPO Meeting	8:30-9:30am Cafeteria
3	Pack The Field <i>To support NCA soccer players</i>	4:30pm, Rogers Park
4	Cross Country: Harms Woods Stampede	Harms Woods
6	Blessing of the Pets	3 pm in front of school
9	PACK - THE - GYM: Girls Volleyball	6 pm
11	IESA Sectionals	
13	INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY	No School
14 - 17	LITERATI Book Fair	Cafeteria
16-17	PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES Half Day of School / Middle School service day	12:30 - 6pm 12:30 - 4pm 11:30 early dismissal for conferences
17	Raising Cane's Dine-Out Fundraiser	5:30 - 8:30pm
20	Fun Run Kick Off	
21	7th-8th Grade Volleyball Playoffs vs. St. Ben's	7:15pm Queen of Angels
22	Picture Retakes	
24	NCAPO Halloween Family Dance	6:00 - 8:00pm Gym
31	FUN RUN Halloween class parties	All day – gym
NOVEMBER		
3	Advisory Board Open Meeting	6:30-7:30pm Cafeteria
5	NCAPO Meeting	6:30-7:30pm Cafeteria
7	NO SCHOOL: SYSTEM-WIDE PD DAY	
15	Trivia Night	6:30 - 9:30pm

	Dine Out with Beard and Belly	Social Hall
16-21	DISCOVER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK (week will include Open House and other events)	
18	Open House <i>*Grandparents Day</i>	9:30-11am
19	Soiree Out-of-Uniform Day	
20	Interfaith Prayer Service	8:15am
21	Trimester 1 Ends Loyola NCA Night: Northern Illinois Huskies at Loyola Ramblers	7 pm
22	ALUMNI EVENT	<i>Evening</i> – Gym and social hall
24-28	Thanksgiving Break	
DECEMBER		
1	Trimester 2 Begins <i>School Resumes</i>	
3	NCAPO Meeting	8:30-9:30am Cafeteria
8	All-School Mass - Feast of the Immaculate Conception *no mass on Tuesday, 12/9	
12	Our Lady of Guadalupe	
16	All-School Mass featuring Las Posadas Featuring students in Grades 3-5	
17	NCAPO Candy Cane Day Soiree Out of Uniform Day NCA Student Christmas Concert	7:45-8:15am 6:00 - 7:00 pm St. Gertrude
18	Pre-K Christmas Program	2:00pm St. Gertrude
19	Red and Green Day	
Dec 22 - Jan 5	Christmas Break	

JANUARY		
5	NO SCHOOL: Faculty Retreat	
7	NCAPO Meeting	6:30-7:30pm Cafeteria
16	Middle School Dance	Gym,
19	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	No School
21	8th Grade Graduation Photos	
25--30	CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:	
25 (Sun)	State of the School + Curriculum Fair (week includes Service Day, Vocations Day, Nations Day, etc. + possible NCA day at Loyola basketball)	Gym, Social Hall, Cafe
30	Soiree Out of Uniform Day	
31	Wine and Bourbon Night (Soiree Fundraiser)	6 pm; <i>Location TBD</i>
FEBRUARY		
	Black History Month	
1	NCA Skate Day	<i>*sponsored by the NCAPO</i>
4	NCAPO Meeting	8:30-9:30am Cafeteria
4 - 5	PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES Half Day of School / Middle School service day	11:30 early dismissal for conferences
6	NO SCHOOL: SYSTEM-WIDE PD DAY	
13	Soiree Out of Uniform Day	
16	PRESIDENT'S DAY	No School
17	Mardi Gras parties (No Mass) SOIREE ONLINE AUCTION Opens!!	
18	Ash Wednesday Mass / Lent Begins	
25	Retakes: 8th Grade Graduation Photos	
MARCH		

	Women's History Month	
1	SOIREE ONLINE AUCTION closes!!	
4	NCAPO Meeting	8:30-9:30am Cafeteria
6	*End of Trimester 2 Soiree Out of Uniform Day	
7	NCA SOIREE	Ravenswood Events Center
9	Trimester 3 begins	
10	8th grade Confirmation	7:00pm, St. Gertrude
16	NO SCHOOL: SYSTEM-WIDE PD DAY	
APRIL		
	Arab American Heritage Month	
1	NCAPO Meeting	8:30-9:30am Cafeteria
2	Stations of the Cross (tentative)	St. Gertrude Church
3	GOOD FRIDAY	No School
5	EASTER	
6-10	Spring Break	
12	Orthodox Easter	
23	Art Fair/ STEM/ Wax Museum Night	Tentative
MAY		
	Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month	
4-8	Teacher Appreciation Week	
6	NCAPO Meeting	8:30-9:30am Cafeteria
9	First Communion	9:00am, St. Gertrude
12	May Crowning (tentative)	St. Gertrude Church
20	FIELD DAY	Loyola U.

25	MEMORIAL DAY	No School
27	Rain date: Field Day	
28	8th grade Awards Dinner	(tentative)--Social Hall
29	8th Grade Graduation	St. Gertrude
JUNE		
1	Middle School House retreat (tentative)	Social hall
5	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL-Half Day	8:10am - 11:30am