



# Northside Catholic Academy

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## NCA Family Calendar 2025 - 2026 School Year

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

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

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

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| 27              | NCA Parent Tailgate and Flip Cup Tournament 2025                                 | off-site  |
| 30              | Cross Country: Notre Dame HS Invite  | At Notre Dame   |
| <b>OCTOBER</b>  |  |   |
| 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              | <b>INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY</b>   | <b>No School</b>  |
| 14 - 17         | LITERATI Book Fair   | Cafeteria   |
| 16-17           | PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES<br><br>Half Day of School / Middle School service day | 12:30 - 6pm<br>12:30 - 4pm<br>11:30 early dismissal for conferences |
| 17              | Raising Cane's Dine-Out Fundraiser   | 5:30 - 8:30pm   |
| 20              | Fun Run Kick Off   |   |
| 21              | <b>7th-8th Grade Volleyball Playoffs vs. St. Ben's</b>                           | 7:15pm<br>Queen of Angels   |
| 22              | Picture Retakes  |   |
| 24              | NCAPO Halloween Family Dance   | 6:00 - 8:00pm Gym   |
| 31              | <b>FUN RUN</b><br><br>Halloween class parties                                    | All day – gym   |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b> |  |   |
| 3               | Advisory Board Open Meeting  | 6:30-7:30pm Cafeteria   |
| 5               | NCAPO Meeting  | 6:30-7:30pm Cafeteria   |
| 7               | <b>NO SCHOOL: SYSTEM-WIDE PD DAY</b>   |   |
| 15              | Trivia Night   | 6:30 - 9:30pm   |

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

| JANUARY  |   |                                       |
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| 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   | <b>CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:</b><br><br>State of the School + Curriculum Fair<br><br>(week includes Service Day, Vocations Day, Nations Day, etc. + possible NCA day at Loyola basketball) | Gym, Social Hall, Cafe                |
| 30       | <b>Soiree Out of Uniform Day</b>  |                                       |
| 31       | Wine and Bourbon Night ( <b>Soiree Fundraiser</b> )   | 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<br><br>Half Day of School / Middle School service day  | 11:30 early dismissal for conferences |
| 6        | NO SCHOOL: SYSTEM-WIDE PD DAY   |                                       |
| 13       | <b>Soiree Out of Uniform Day</b>  |                                       |
| 16       | <b>PRESIDENT'S DAY</b>  | No School                             |
| 17       | Mardi Gras parties (No Mass)<br><br>SOIREE ONLINE AUCTION Opens!!   |                                       |
| 18       | Ash Wednesday Mass / Lent Begins  |                                       |
| 25       | Retakes: 8th Grade Graduation Photos  |                                       |
| MARCH    |   |                                       |

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|              | Women's History Month                                       |                          |
| 1            | SOIREE ONLINE AUCTION closes!!                              |                          |
| 4            | NCAPO Meeting   | 8:30-9:30am Cafeteria    |
| 6            | <b>*End of Trimester 2</b><br><br>Soiree Out of Uniform Day |                          |
| 7            | <b>NCA SOIREE</b>   | Ravenswood Events Center |
| 9            | <b>Trimester 3 begins</b>                                   |                          |
| 10           | 8th grade Confirmation                                      | 7:00pm, St. Gertrude     |
| 16           | <b>NO SCHOOL: SYSTEM-WIDE PD DAY</b>                        |                          |
| <b>APRIL</b> |   |                          |
|              | 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         | <b>Spring Break</b>   |                          |
| 12           | <b>Orthodox Easter</b>                                      |                          |
| 23           | Art Fair/ STEM/ Wax Museum Night                            | Tentative                |
| <b>MAY</b>   |   |                          |
|              | 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.                |

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