



SCHOOL TALK

✝ NOLAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

2023-2024

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NOLAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

2023-2024 ADMISSIONS EVENTS

COFFEE TALK - 9:15 AM

SEPTEMBER 22	DECEMBER 15
OCTOBER 20	JANUARY 26
NOVEMBER 17	

CAMPUS TOURS - 6:00 PM

OCTOBER 5	DECEMBER 7
NOVEMBER 2	JANUARY 11

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 27	NOVEMBER 8
OCTOBER 25	

OPEN HOUSE

DECEMBER 3

SIGN UP FOR AN EVENT OR TOUR AT NOLANCATHOLIC.ORG/EVENTS-AND-TOURS



www.nolancatholic.org

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Stay Connected with the NCHS App



On your phone or tablet, navigate to the App Store or Google Play Store and search for "Nolan Catholic High School." After installing the app, you will be prompted to create an optional "User Profile." The Nolan app has an up-to-date official calendar, recent issues of *School Talk*, and portals. The app also provides a convenient link to our social media accounts, guidance office updates, frequently used forms, and much more.



CAMPUS MINISTRY



Student Service Opportunities

All Service hours can be logged through x2Vol. Freshmen will be trained during their theology class in September and will have an updated summer hours due date.


Viking Club Volunteering

- Service hours can be logged via x2Vol
- Use [this link](#) to sign up

Viking Pantry (Ongoing)

- Help stock snacks and water for your fellow Vikings! Donations can be delivered to Mrs. Bunt / Campus Ministry in room C20.
- Click [this link](#) for more information on what you can bring.

Students: Check Points with the PBIS Rewards App

1. To check for personal points, students should download the **PBIS Rewards Student app**  onto their phone or device.
2. Come to the History Hallway to meet Mrs. Jung and Mrs. Bunt with your device to get your Teacher Code to log into the app at one of the following times:
 - Tuesday, 9/12 at 7:20 - 7:50 am
 - Wednesday, 9/13 at 2:50-3:10 pm
 - Thursday, 9/14 at 7:20 - 7:50 am and 2:50-3:10 pm

For coming to get your code, you will receive 2 engagement points!

3. More details to follow about how parents can check their student's points!

NOLAN CATHOLIC FAITH LIFE

DAILY MASS -- Chapel
Mondays & Thursdays - 2:50pm
Fridays - 7:00am

ALL SCHOOL MASS -- Hartnett Arena
Wednesdays
& Holy Days of Obligation - 10:20am

CONFESSION -- Fr. Metzler's Office
Mondays, Wednesdays,
& Thursdays - 11:30am-1:00 pm

ADORATION -- Chapel
Every Friday
Exposition - 7:30am Reposition - 2:20pm

Parent Point Opportunities

Viking Club Volunteering

- 5 Points towards your student's house for each event where you volunteer
- [Sign up here](#)

Friday Adoration- 9/1, 9/8, 9/22, 9/29

- 5 Points towards your student's house for each day you volunteer
- [Sign up here](#)

Viking Club Meeting

- Wednesday, September 13 @ 6:00 pm at Mama's Pizza on Camp Bowie in Fort Worth
- 5 points towards your student's house for attending

*Know of a service opportunity? Want student volunteers at your non-profit?
Fill out this form. Thank you!*



Mark Your Calendars!

- **Q1 Progress Reports:** Friday, September 8th
- **No School (Diocesan Inservice):** Friday, September 15th
- **School Picture Retakes:** Wednesday, September 20th
- **Future Viking Night (Middle School Night):** September 22
- **Mass for Mothers (Grandmothers too!):** September 22 at 7:00am
- **Class of 2024 Retreat:** September 25, 2023
- **Class of 2025 Retreat:** September 26, 2023

See our full calendar [here!](#)

SCHOOL RESOURCES



RoboVikes

Robo Vikes will have a mandatory parent meeting Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 10am in the Idea Building. We look forward to seeing you!

For questions, please contact Julia Ermish at jermish@nchstx.org

Medical Accommodation

If there is a medical reason that your student cannot wear the uniform shoes, please fill out the Medical Exemption Request Form [here](#).

If a medical accommodation request is accepted, the shoe must be a solid black athletic shoe with black soles, black laces, and black brand logo, or, a solid white athletic shoe with white soles, white laces, and white brand logo.



[Class of 2024 September College Newsletter](#)

[Class of 2025 September College Newsletter](#)

Guidance

Break out those family calendars! College visit forms must be submitted to the Dean's office no less than one week prior to an absence for the visit to be approved and coded such that it will not count as an absence.

Seniors: please be sure you are keeping up with your responsibilities regarding the college checklist as you embark on your last year of high school!

Lunches by ECI

Need to add funds to your student's account for cafeteria purchases? You can do so by [clicking here](#). For new families, you can locate your student's ID number listed on the Student RenWeb dashboard. Click on the "Add Student/Patron" button on the upper left menu and follow the prompts.



[Click here for next week menu](#)



NY Fine Arts Trip

The fine arts department is taking students to New York this spring, March 12-15. Each department has special outings planned. Art enthusiasts will spend time at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Theater students will get a backstage tour and workshop on Broadway. Music lovers will get a chance to sing at St. Patrick's Cathedral. As a whole group, we will also enjoy the 9-11 Memorial, Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Central Park, and much more.

If you are a student or parent who would like to go and/or need more information for a payment plan setup, please reach out to Ms. Collard (mcollard@nchstx.org) or Ms. Hamende (vhamende@nchstx.org).

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NATURE NOTES



September: A month for the Harvest

By Emily Breclaw

It may be hard for us to imagine tending a garden right now, as this year's intense heat continues into September. But this month is rich with traditions and saints who help us find beauty and purpose in the humble garden.



September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary. Did you know ladybugs are named for Mary? In German, they're actually called *marienkäfer*. Originally, the tiny insects were called "Our Lady's birds", and then nicknamed lady beetles. There's a lovely medieval legend describing the origin of ladybugs. As the story goes, one season aphids were decimating crops, and threatening to ruin the year's harvest. The farmers prayed and asked Mary to protect the plants. In response to the prayer, tiny red beetles arrived at the farms and ate all of the aphids, saving the crops. European ladybugs have seven black spots, representing Our Lady's Seven Sorrows.



What else happens in September? Have you noticed the small statue of St. Fiacre in the Activity Courtyard? His feast day is September 1, and he is the patron saint of vegetable gardens. Even though he wished to live a quiet life of prayer as a hermit, Fiacre had a gift for understanding plants and their uses. Everywhere he went, people followed to ask for his help with illnesses.

Once he asked his bishop for some land where he could live alone, and create a garden to meet his needs and grow food for the poor. This bishop told him he could have as much land (in a forest), as he could prepare in a single day. The next day Fiacre walked the perimeter of the bishop's land, dragging a shovel. Wherever the shovel touched, trees fell, bushes uprooted, and the land became ready for gardening. The miracle continued, as it's said that animals never ate any of the food Fiacre grew in his gardens.

St. Benedict and St. Fiacre set good examples for Benedictine and Cistercian monasteries. Often hermit members of these orders would have a small garden connected to their hermitage. The garden was called *le jardin de potager*, or "garden for the soup pot". These gardens included vegetables and herbs (to feed the hermit and share with the poor), and flowers to decorate the church altar. These gardens were often a beautiful mix of decorative and useful plants, unlike gardens today which tend to focus on either beauty or utility. I wonder if that mix helped prevent animals from eating all of the plants?

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

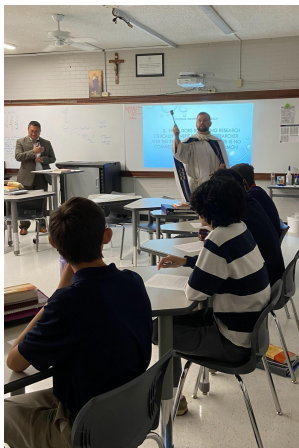


College Fair, Campus Blessing, & More



The Nolan Catholic College Fair was a great success! We welcomed over 30 college representatives from across the country. Thank you to all our students and parents who attended! Mark your calendars for the National Catholic College Fair, Wednesday, October 18!

Campus Blessing



As Catholics, we believe not only that the words of our prayers have meaning, but that the words of our blessings and sacramental prayers enact what they say. By the grace of God, what we ask for happens in these sacred prayers. For the campus blessing, we went throughout the entire school and classrooms blessing every space. We asked God and his angels to protect our campus, to bestow peace upon it while driving away all evil, and to sanctify it. We asked God to support the school with heavenly assistance and to guide the teachers and students in their teaching, learning, and most especially in their pursuit of virtue. We asked all of this trusting in the power of our most Blessed Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS



**PURCHASE
TICKETS**

\$10 STUDENTS || \$20 ADULTS

CLICK HERE

AVAILABLE THROUGH [SEATGEEK.COM](https://www.seatgEEK.com)



GAME DAY INFORMATION

BAG POLICY

The Ford Center limits the size and types of bags entering the venue on event days for all events. Ford Center strongly encourages guests to not bring any type of bag into the venue; however, should bags be needed, approved items include:

- Clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC totes that do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12"
- Clear one-gallon re-sealable storage bags
- Small clutch purses/bags approximately the size of a hand – not to exceed 5.5" x 6.5" in size – with or without a handle or strap
- Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: purses larger than a clutch bag, coolers, briefcases, backpacks, fannypacks, cinch bags, seat cushions, luggage of any kind, computer bags, binocular bags, camera bags, or any bag larger than the permissible size.

CONCESSIONS

Legends Hospitality Management is the concessionaire for Ford Center. For the guests' convenience, all concession stands at Ford Center accept every major credit and debit card.

LIVESTREAM

Livestream of the event will be available through [ReelZeal TV](https://www.ReelZealTV.com).

PARKING

Parking spaces may be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. General parking spaces are located in Gridiron and Gaylord surface lots as well as in Blue and Silver parking garages. Parking in Cowboys Garage is only available to the public Monday through Fridays after 5:00pm as well as at any time on Saturdays and Sundays. Parking areas open 90 minutes prior to high school football games (map attached).

SEATING

The main entrance of Ford Center is located at the South entrance, off of the Tostito's Championship Plaza on the south side of the stadium. The Media entrance is located on the east side of Ford Center in the middle of the concourse.

Seating is general admission and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Band seating areas are located in sections 120-122 on the east side and sections 110-112 on the west side.

TICKETS

Available online through [SeatGeek.com](https://www.SeatGeek.com). Adult tickets are \$20 and student tickets are \$10.



The Fall Semester **Season Pass** is on sale now! Season passes are valid for all Nolan Catholic home sporting events through December 24, 2023 (playoff games excluded)

Purchase your Fall Season Pass online at nchsvikings.com/ticket-info





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THE VIKING CLUB



GOLF TOURNAMENT UPDATES

Call for “Distilled Donations” – We are still accepting bottles of whiskey for the Whiskey Pull through September 29. Attendees of the 4th Annual Viking Club Golf Classic will have the opportunity to choose a random bottle of whiskey from a wall/table and will have no idea what whiskey they are pulling. Bottles should range in price, so depending on their luck, participants may go home with something really tasteful...or at least something great for mixing!



Raffle Tickets – Raffle tickets are now on sale!!! Here is your chance to win a table of 10 at Nolan’s Gala on Friday, February 2, 2024!! Only 100 raffle tickets are available, so get yours before they are gone! There will not be a physical ticket. Your purchase of the raffle ticket is your proof. You do not have to attend the golf tournament to enter/win. Click [HERE](#) to purchase.

Register to Sponsor and Play - If you have not registered your team yet, please do so as soon as possible. This event will sell out, and you don’t want to miss your chance to come out and have a lot of fun with your fellow Viking parents, alumni, and supporters! We also have some sponsorship opportunities available as well. For more information on those and to register your team, please click [HERE](#).

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We have a lot of volunteer opportunities coming up this week and next!! Click [HERE](#) to view the upcoming events and sign up. All proceeds from concession sales go directly to the Viking Club, which in turn supports our NCHS-approved athletics/organizations, and we can't do it without YOU!

VIKING CLUB FAN PACKAGES: It's not too late to get your Viking gear, premium parking spots at football games, all-you-can-drink tumbler/mug, and more!!! Click [HERE](#) for more info and to purchase.

MONTHLY VIKING CLUB MEETING

Our next monthly Viking Club meeting will be NEXT WEEK, Wednesday, September 13, @ 6:00 at Mama's Pizza on Camp Bowie in Fort Worth. Come join us and learn how the Viking Club helps maximize our students' extra-curricular activities at NCHS!

PROMOTING OUR COMMUNITY



St. Rita Catholic Community will hold our 45th Annual International Fair on **Sunday, October 15, 2023 from 10 am to 4 pm**. This day-long event honors our multi-cultural identity with a festival of ethnic foods, live entertainment, a silent auction, raffle, games, prizes and activities for all ages! Proceeds from the festival will go toward improvements to our gym. The fair will be held on our campus at 5550 East Lancaster Avenue.



St. Michael Feast Day 2023
Diverse in Culture,
United in Faith
Saturday, September 30
10:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Our [St. Michael Feast Day Festival](#) is an event for the whole family and will bring our community together for a day of celebration, fellowship, entertainment, food, and games! For the children there are bounce houses, clowns, a train, a petting zoo, and many more age-appropriate games. You will not want to miss the Marshmallow Longest Drive, Cake Walk, Silent Auction or Bingo! And don't forget about our online raffle!



All Saints Catholic School is a proud member of the Boston College TWIN-CS (Two-Way Immersion Network for Catholic Schools). TWIN-CS is a national initiative to share dual language research, ideas, and resources with the goal of supporting students in becoming bilingual, bicultural, and biliterate. All Saints' Dual Language began in 2015 and goes through the 5th grade with students learning classically in both English and Spanish.



NOVEMBER 3 - 5, 2023

*Vocations Weekend Retreat for Men
in High School and College
Ages 16 and Older*

MASS

COMMUNAL
PRAYER

DISCERNMENT
STORIES

SEMINARY
TOUR

NO COST. Transportation provided to and from seminary. Please register no later than October 27, 2023. For those who are or will be 18 years of age at the time of the event, you will be required to register and complete the Safe Environment training.



For more information, please email or call the vocations office. Vocations@fwdioc.org

817-945-9321



**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 30,
2023**

12:00PM REGISTRATION/SIGN IN
1:00PM TOURNAMENT BEGINS
7:00PM TOURNAMENT WINNERS ANNOUNCED

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT
- REGISTRATION FEE \$50/TEAM
- WINNING TEAM WILL WIN CORNHOLE
BOARDS AND TROPHY

REGISTER WITH QR CODE:



**Sign Up
TODAY!
Come and
Throw
with us
and give
to a good
Cause!**

FOOD BOOTHS

- Loaded Nachos
- BBQ Ribs
- Jerk Chicken Kabobs
- Beignets
- Texas Tornados
- Turkey Legs
- Authentic German Food
- Egg Rolls
- Fajitas
- Hamburgers
- Drinks and More!!!

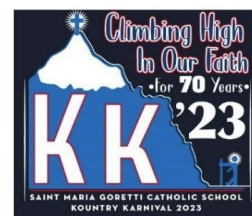
**VENDOR
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SATURDAY 12-5
SUNDAY 11-3

**BREAKFAST SUNDAY
MORNING**

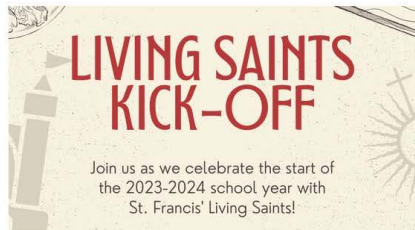
7:30am-10:30am
Breakfast Tacos



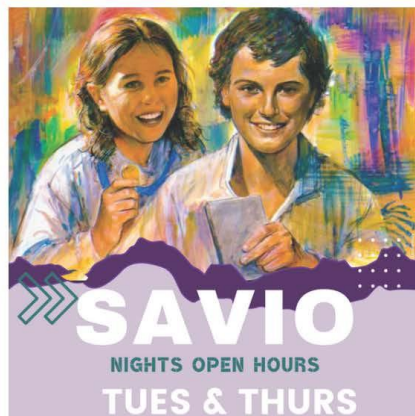
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Coming up at St. Francis

GRAPEVINE, TX



Don't forget to register your 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th graders for our thriving high school ministry and join us for our high school kick-off on Sunday, September 10th featuring a dunk tank, inflatables, and adoration! Register at <https://www.sfallivingsaints.com/>



Looking to build community with other high schoolers within the Parish? Join us on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 4:30-6:30pm starting Sept. 19th for Savio Nights. Come for the snacks, activities, study tables, or just to hang out with friends. The goal of these nights is to allow students to come and go with their availability to come to know St. Francis as their second home. *St. Dominic Savio, pray for us!*



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