

SCHOOL TALK

DEC 12

WAITING. The liturgical season of Advent, like the transition from fall to winter, is all about waiting. The milkweed seeds in the Activity Courtyard wait for a suitable breeze, a patch of good soil, and the warmth of spring to trigger growth. We wait to taste the sweet potatoes, harvested from the keyhole garden, so they can “cure” over the next couple of months and develop a sweet flavor. We wait for midterm results, college acceptance letters, and answers to prayers about vocations. We prepare our hearts, and wait for the celebration of the birth of our Savior. Waiting is a grace, an opportunity to pause, and show God that we put our trust in Him as we hope for the good things He has promised us.



Caption: These tiny seeds have a long journey ahead. A favorable breeze will carry them, with their gossamer parachutes, far away from their parent plant. They'll spend all winter in the cold soil, waiting for the warmth of spring to cue their growth.

As a stark contrast, the marketplace fuels impatience, telling us we must be busier than ever during the holidays—buying gifts, decorating, planning parties, etc. The world lauds busyness. We are inundated with opportunities for same-day delivery, pre-ordering merchandise, and “today only” sales. Over time, the busyness erodes our patience and steals our peace, leading to short tempers, stress, and the never-ending sense that we should be somewhere other than where we are. We forget that God walks with us each moment—every minute is a unique and beautiful grace.

Let's take these precious moments of Advent and spend them wisely, even when we are busy. Pray for the person who cuts you off in traffic. Offer a kind word to the harried sales clerk. Admire the leaves God scatters across your path today. Pause in your studying to truly be present in the sunset. It's easy to think these little things don't matter because no one sees them. But ponder this amazing truth—our little actions, sacrifices and acts of kindness give joy to God our Father. These gifts to Him are like tiny seeds. In His perfect time, God will cause them to bloom and bear

fruit in splendid ways.

Caption: One milkweed seed can grow into a huge, multi-stalked plant, providing gorgeous flowers for bees and wasps, tender leaves for monarch caterpillars, and habitat for insects like lynx spiders. What a stunning visual reminder of how a tiny act of kindness can grow and bear fruit in the world.



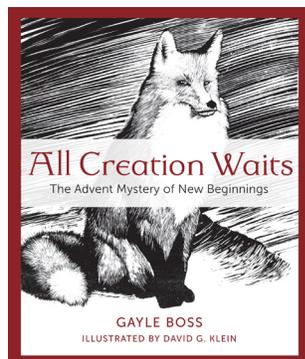
GREENHOUSE UPDATE



Our gorgeous new greenhouse is nearly complete! Please see Mrs. Breclaw if you are interested in helping to stock plants and tend the greenhouse spring 2022.

GOOD READS

All Creation Waits is a fantastic book for Advent, highlighting twenty-four different creatures and their unique adaptations to survive the cold, dark winter season.



4-H UPDATES

Email Mrs. Breclaw, ebreclaw@nchsx.org, for more information

Shooting Sports rifle project begins January 6, 2022

Youth fair entries for the Tarrant County Livestock Show are due early January. You can compete for cash prizes in photography, arts and crafts, plants, and baked goods.

STAY CONNECTED

Stay up-to-date on upcoming events and the various ways to get involved.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Please see the Class of 2022 College Newsletter, December 2021 - [HERE](#). Included in the newsletter is information about:

- Senior To Do List - December 2021
- After you submit an application...what next?
- Senior Survey of college acceptances and scholarship awards -- [HERE](#)
- Financial Aid Information
- Employment opportunities
- Scholarships

Please see the Class of 2023 College Newsletter, December 2021 - [HERE](#).

- Included in the newsletter is information about:
- Junior Year Counseling Timeline
- Student and Parent To Do List Dec 2021 and Jan 2022
- College News from Texas A&M
- ACT and SAT Testing Information
- Test Prep Options
- Using Naviance Student as a College Search Engine
- Employment and Scholarship Opportunities



Nolan Catholic High School NOW has a National Art Honor Society chapter!!! There are many benefits of being an NAHS member. In addition to exclusive competition and scholarship opportunities, get recognition for the AMAZING artist, student and leader that you are. Induction application for Spring 2022 is due Friday December 17. Please see Ms. Hamende for application and details.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT SCHEDULE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021

D Period	7:45 a.m.	8:15 a.m.
A Period	8:20 a.m.	8:50 a.m.
B Period	8:55 a.m.	9:25 a.m.
Christmas Concert	9:35 a.m.	11:05 a.m.
C Period	11:15 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
E1	11:50 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
E2	12:18 p.m.	12:45 p.m.
E3	12:48 ap.m.	1:15 p.m.
F Period	1:20 p.m.	1:50 p.m.
G Period	1:55 p.m.	2:25 p.m.
H Period	2:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.

Red & Green Shirts with uniform bottoms

SEMESTER EXAM WEEK

MON 13	TUE 14	WED 15	THUR 16	FRI 17
Fine Arts Christmas Program	8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. A Period	8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. C Period	8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. E Period	8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. G Period
	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. B Period	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. D Period	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. F Period	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. H Period
	CAMPUS CLOSED AT 12:00 P.M.			

CELEBRATING THE INCARNATION OF JESUS CHRIST

"The Word became flesh", the Church calls "Incarnation" the fact that the Son of God assumed human nature in order to accomplish our salvation in it. At the time appointed by God, the only Son of the Father, the eternal Word, that is, the Word and substantial Image of the Father, became incarnate; without losing his divine nature he has assumed human nature. - Catechism of the Catholic Church 461, 479

THE INCARNATION



"Adoration of the Shepherds" an oil on canvas painting of the nativity, by Dutch artist Gerard van Honthorst from 1622. (Image: Wikimedia)

The Incarnation is therefore the mystery of the wonderful union of the divine and human natures in the one person of the Word. - Catechism of the Catholic Church 483

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. Jn 1:14



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Alys Hidalgo

As we continue through the Advent season, the Gospel again reminds us how important it is to lead a life in the image of God. Mary was listening, and heard the message of the angel. We too can be like Mary, and respond to God's call to know, love, and serve him.

SPIRIT STORE HOURS

The spirit store will be open on Monday, December 13 during lunch and after school. On Tuesday, December 14 through Friday, December 17 it will be open before exams begin.

If you placed an online order they are available for pick-up from the spirit store during these hours.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, December 13
Fine Arts Christmas Program

Spirit Shop Hours
During Lunch & After School

December 14 - 17
Semester Exams
Campus is closed at 12:00 p.m.

Spirit Shop Hours
Before Exams

Wednesday, December 15
Viking Club Meeting
6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 17
End of 2nd Quarter

December 20 - January 3
No School

January 3
Used Uniform Sale | 2:00 p.m.

Make-Up Exams

January 4
Classes Resume

Fall CM Hours Due

Friday, January 7
First Friday Mass



VIKING FAITH LIFE

MON
13

DAILY MASS
6:50 a.m. | Chapel

TUE
14

DAILY MASS
7:30 a.m. | Chapel

WED
15

THUR
16

DAILY MASS
7:30 a.m. | Chapel

FRI
17

NO ALL SCHOOL MASS

ANGEL WINGS INFORMATION



Don't forget to purchase your Angel Wings items.

Go to www.nolancatholic.org/campusministry to purchase any missing items from our adopted families. Please contact [Olga Watson](mailto:owatson@nchstx.org) for more information at owatson@nchstx.org

Here's How It Works:

Nolan Catholic has created on-line wish lists for all the families participating in the Angel Wings outreach.

Click the "Select a Family" button above to find a family to view their Amazon wish list.

SELECT A FAMILY



CHRISTIAN MINISTRY SERVICE HOURS

December CM service hour opportunity: students will have opportunities to sign up to help with Angel Wings after school next week to earn CM service hours!

- Donate FOUR Rolls of Wrapping Paper
- Earn ONE CM service hour
- Donate Gift bags and Tissue Paper
- Earn ONE CM service hour

NEXT WEEK IN SPORTS

MON
13

TUE
14

B SOCCER
@ TCA
(JV, V) 5:30 p.m.

WED
15

THUR
16

G SOCCER
@ St. Thomas Aquinas
Tournament

FRI
17

G SOCCER
@ St. Thomas Aquinas
Tournament

SAT
18

G SOCCER
@ St. Thomas Aquinas
Tournament

G BASKETBALL
vs. Azle | Hartnett
Arena (JV, JV B, V)
1:00 p.m.

B BASKETBALL
vs. Bishop Lynch
(V, JV, F) 10:00 a.m.

B BASKETBALL
vs. Southwest
Christian | Hartnett
Arena
(V, JV, F) 3:00 p.m.

Swim @ Christmas
Classic | 10:00 a.m.

B SOCCER
vs. Brewer | Daskocil
Stadium
(JV, V) 4:00 p.m.

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS



"This past weekend several members of the Nolan Catholic Band auditioned for the ATSSB Region 5/30 Region Band. We are proud to announce we had three students earn a seat in the Region Symphonic Band. These students will be performing in the Region 5/30 Clinic and Concert at the Kennedale Performing Arts Center on January 14 - 15, 2022.

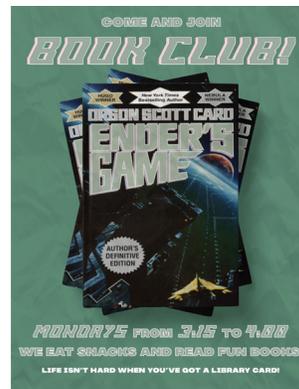
The students earning a seat in the Region Symphonic Band are:
Dominique Mendez on Flute
Noah Esquivel on Alto Clarinet
Phillip Socha on Percussion.

Congratulations to these students and their accomplishment.

WANDA CONLIN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Justin Le, Class of 2022 was recognized and received the 2021 Wanda Conlin Scholarship at the East Fort Worth Business Association's scholarship and awards banquet on November 11, 2021.



BOOK CLUB MOVIE WATCHING PARTY

Monday, December 13
3:00 p.m. | Library
We'll be watching Ender's Game.

ADMISSIONS CORNER

Attention, future Vikings! The admission application for the 2022-2023 school year is now open! All Admissions and Financial Assistance Applications submitted by December 1st will receive an acceptance offer and the award letter early.

Please be sure to visit the [school website](#) to schedule a tour or see when there will be an Open House.

For more information or to schedule an on-campus tour, contact Donna O'Malley, Executive Director for Admissions & Enrollment, at domalley@nchstx.org or at 817-395-0245.

UPCOMING OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

Outdoor Learning, Greenhouse, Sailing, 4H & Culinary Arts
Sun., Jan. 30, 2022
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Tours

Tours are one hour long and by appointment only. If you would prefer a live virtual tour, please contact the Admissions office directly at admissions@nchstx.org or 817-395-0245 to schedule a day and time.

ADMISSIONS UPCOMING EVENTS

EXPERIENCE THE POSSIBILITIES

Applications for the 2022-2023 school year will open October 1st



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