# SCHOOL TALK



What a fantastic week! What an excellent group of students! What an amazing staff! Hats off to all our parents for helping us with a smooth start to a successful school week!

HAPPY 60th ANNIVERSARY! What an honor it is to be back in the hallways with the students and staff. I am extremely impressed with the ideas and plans that several students have presented in regard to growing specific initiatives this year. It is our commitment to implement student-initiated programs as that is what continues the culture of Nolan Catholic. Our students at Nolan Catholic continue to pave the way as trailblazers in leadership with ideas, initiative, collaboration, and execution in going above and beyond what we have called "college prep" for so many years. As 100% of our Nolan Catholic students have



proven acceptance to a college of choice, they have also brought in over \$15 million in scholarships every year. We provide ways that will grow our students experiences in knowing, loving, and serving God in all they encounter. Our goal is to work together to engage in on-campus internship-like interactions providing students the opportunity to research, collaborate, create, and sustain through the stages of the Trivium: Grammar, Logic, and Rhetoric model in following a Classical approach. These opportunities involve:

- Exposure and practice to stateof-the-art engineering equipment led by professionals in industry with partnerships from Lockheed Martin, Bell Helicopter, and Variosystems
- Expanding our health and wellness program with student leaders through the new weight room in partnership with outside companies and health care professionals
- Offering senior internships in our new upcoming university-style spirit store
- Engaging students with frequent interactions with livestock veterinarians, breeders, ranchers, and agricultural professionals in

our 4-H ag-barn and greenhouse

• Partnering with local news stations and universities to enhance internship opportunities for both college and high school students in connection with our broadcast program extending classroom learning to provide more collaborative approaches, along with off-campus opportunities for hands on experiences with community partners.

We hope to share some footage of some of the good work our students are encountering at Nolan Catholic. Thank you to our parents, educators, moderators, and coaches for providing the encouragement and confidence in our students that is enabling them to continue to leave their mark and continue the legacy of academics, faith, and social experiences at Nolan Catholic.

### STAY CONNECTED

Stay up to date on the latest health and safety protocols, the new Athletic Website, and the upcoming College Fair



#### **COLLEGE FAIR**

August 31, 2021 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Hartnett Arena

The annual college fair is scheduled for Tuesday, August 31. Come explore and learn what the various colleges have to orffer. Representatives from University of Texas at Austin, Texas Christian University, Loyola University Chicago, and Oklahoma State University will be on hand plus many more. For more information, contact Dr. Quarles.

#### **NEW ATHLETIC WEBSITE**



The Nolan Catholic Athletic Department is proud to launch a new look to the athletic website. Catch up on featured news stories, fall sports schedules, and various sponsorship opportunities. We will continue to add our winter and spring sports as we move closer into their respective seasons. Go Vikings! Visit Website

#### Accreditation

This year the Nolan Catholic staff and administration continues working together to welcome the assigned accrediting team to campus to perform an accreditation review. The Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops Education Department (TCCB ED) cooperates with diocesan school offices to oversee the accreditation of Catholic schools in Texas as stated on the TCCB ED website. Each school is under review every seven years. Please find more information about the accreditation process by clicking this link.

We are excited to journey this together with all stakeholders as it is an opportunity for us to share all of the amazing work, dedication, and commitment our students, staff, families, and community exhibit in providing an excellent Catholic school education. It is also a great opportunity for us to receive feedback and grow in areas that need strengthening or attention. Just as we participate in an annual business audit and analyze yearly surveys, all the information gathered helps inform and push the strategic planning process to better serve our students in continuing learning in a cutting-edge educational institution founded in Christ.

More information will come as we welcome our accrediting team September 19-22.

#### LIBRARY GETS A MAKEOVER!

There is no better time to give a facelift to our library and set up a University-Style Spirit Store at Nolan Catholic High School than the 60th year anniversary! Over the next several weeks, we will be working with students, staff, educators, families, and supporters to finish up these two areas. The once "fishbowl" that sat at the entrance of the library in undergoing a transition into a University-Style Spirit Store accessible to students and guests during the school day and for special events.

Our library had a facelift over the summer with new carpet, paint and flexible shelving for books. We are pulling together a group of stakeholders including students, staff, and community members to help to provide finishing touches. A survey to provide suggestions will go out next week. We would love to partner with any families who are interested in building unique shelving that is specific to creating a sense of beauty with natural woods and metals to provide a warm welcoming space for our students.

#### TOM LANDRY CLASSIC

Founded in 2000, the Tom Landry Classic is one of the premier high school football events in the country and the largest high school sporting event in Texas with an average attendance of 28,000. This season's version of the Tom Landry Classic will be played at Eagle Stadium on the campus of Allen High School on August 28. The Vikings, #7 in TAPPS 6A, and Eagles, #1 in 4A, will square off under the lights, with kickoff scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are now available for purchase online. Read More



#### WELCOME WEEK INFORMATION

Welcome Week kicks off on Sunday, August 22! This week is a favorite Nolan tradition Monday, August 23 pairing a member of the senior class with one or more students from the incoming freshmen | Freshmen arrive to decorated class. Activities are scheduled througaut the week.

#### What is a Blue Out Day?

Friday will be a "Blue Out" day with uniform bottoms and shoes for all students. Students may wear any Nolan Catholic t-shirt with their uniform bottoms (pants/skirts, socks, shoes).

#### Welcome Dance

Tickets for the Welcome Dance may be purchased via credit/debit card online, during all lunches, Monday, August 23 through Friday, August 27 with cash. Tickets purchased prior to the dance are \$10.00. Tickets purchased at the door, the night of, will be \$15.00.

Online tickets are available here.

#### Spirit Store Update

Our new Spirit Store is currently under construction with a opening date expected in November. The current store will be open Tuesday, August 24 from 7:15 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. with limited inventory to purchase. If you are interested in volunteering in the Spirit Store, please contact Kimberly Kane.

signs in E Hall

Tuesday, August 24

Goody Bags

Wednesday, August 25

Twin and Accessory Day

Thursday, August 26

Afternoon Ice Cream Social 1:20 p.m. - 1:40 p.m.

Friday, August 27

Blue Out Day | Fall Pep Rally

Welcome Dance

Gym | 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

#### NEXT WEEK IN SPORTS **VOLLEYBALL VOLLEYBALL FOOTBALL CROSS COUNTRY** at Argyle Invitational at Central V | 5:30 p.m. **VOLLEYBALL** at Crowley Tourn. **FOOTBALL** at Argyle (Allen, TX) V | 7:00 p.m.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Friday, August 20 Summer CM Hours Due

Saturday, August 21 Fall Sports Media Day

Monday, August 23 Welcome Week Begins

Wednesday, August 25 Senior Parent Meeting Auditorium | 5:45 p.m.

Back to School Night Hartnett Arena | 6:30 p.m.

Friday, August 26
Fall Pep Rally

Welcome Dance Gym | 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

## Saturday, August 28 North Texas Academy Day

Denton Guyer HS | 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Football vs. Argyle Eagle Stadium (Allen) | 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 31

College Fair Hartnett Arena | 6:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m.

Friday, September 3 First Friday Mass

#### VIKINGS APART OF INAUGURAL CATHOLIC BOWL

Fort Worth, TX - When an opportunity presents itself to showcase Nolan Catholic High School, our Vikings football program as well as the amazing work being done by the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth Advancement Foundation, administrators across the board jumped at the chance. The inaugural Catholic Bowl, featuring four catholic high schools from Texas and Arkansas, will place the Vikings front and center on the big stage.

Interim President, Krtisty Webb, is beyond thrilled to see the Vikings be a part of an event with deeper meaning than just a football game. "I am so excited that Nolan Catholic is participating in the inaugural Catholic Bowl - Faith, Freedom and Football," Webb enthusastical stated. "We will be celebrating the life of Fr. Emil Kapun, Dario Lorenzetti '88 and many other patriots who paid the ultimate sacrifice to represent our great country. The game itself represents so much but all the other events surrounding the game carry great importance as well. To have the opportunity to showcase our football team and high school, I know will make all Nolan Catholic families proud!"

The Catholic Bowl will feature two games, played Saturday, September 4th at The Star in Frisco. The Vikings will take on Little Catholic High School from Arkansas, with kickoff slated for 7 pm. Prior to the Vikings game, John Paull II will take on Houston St. Thomas at 2 pm.

As part of the Catholic Bowl celebration the <u>Advancement Foundation</u>, led by Clint Weber, stepped forward and made a generous donation. The work behind the scenes led by Weber and his staff is made possible by generous donors who seek to continually provide elite level opportunities for all Nolan Catholic student athletes.

"The Catholic Bowl is an outstanding opportunity for us to come together in community, real, authentic, Catholic community," said Weber. "When approached by Global Football, it was evident to us that participation in the event would support that effort. The Bishop's vision for us is to come together in unity and community as much, and as often as we can – always in the spirit of Christ's example to us. In Texas, community quite often revolves around football. Faith, Freedom, Football...the creed of the Catholic Bowl, can and should be a powerful message."

Stay up to date on all things Nolan Catholic High School athletics by following us on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook.

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

We are excited to bring back a favorite night for parents, faculty and staff. Back to School Night is an opportunity for parents to walk their student(s)' schedule(s) and meet their teachers. Faculty members will provide families with insights on the objectives and expectations of each course.

The campus will be open beginning at 5:00 p.m. for self-guided tours of our newest buildings and facilities. Student Ambassadors will be on hand to direct families to the IDEA building, Natatorium, the new Weight Room and to visit our four-legged athletes in the 4-H Barn.

Senior parents **ONLY** will meet with various members of the administrative staff in the Auditorium at 5:45 p.m.

Our evening events will begin at 6:30 p.m. in Hartnett Arena with introductions of this year's Administrators and Department Chairs. Class rotations will begin at 7:00 p.m. and the evening will end with our 3 o'clock prayer at 8:51 p.m. We look forward to see everyone!

#### **ROBOVIKES - TEAM 4206**

Team 4206, the Robo Vikes, will be opening their doors on Tuesday, August 24, inviting all to one of the most exciting and rewarding STEM-based extracurricular programs that Nolan Catholic has to offer. The Robo Vikes is a world championship qualifying team that takes part in an international robotics competition hosted by FIRST that challenges each team to create, present, and compete with a robot developed by students. Whether you have a background in robotics or are new and interested in what Team 4206 has to offer, our program accommodates all levels of experience and skill. If you have any questions, please contact Brad Billeaudeau. We hope to see you there!



#### **CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS FLASH**

#### **SUMMER 2021**

All summer service hours are due in x2VOL by midnight, Friday, August 20, 2021 for all Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors

This means that students are expected to log any summer service hours in x2VOL to begin the verification and approval process.

#### FRESHMEN SERVICE HOURS

All Freshmen will receive Christian Ministry training in their Theology classes on September 7 and 8.

Students will learn how to log their hours in x2VOL, our online tracking system.

Freshmen will have until the end of September to log any service hours they earned during the summer.

#### FALL 2021 SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES & REQUIRE-MENTS

Students should begin working on their Fall 2021 service hours, which will be due on January 4, 2022.

Please see this <u>link</u> for more information about the Christian Ministry graduation requirements. Service hours must be earned at a non-profit organization for credit.

CM Service Opportunity
CM Service Locations



#### NORTH TEXAS ACADEMY DAY

North Texas U.S. Service Academy Day will be held 2021 North Texas Academy Day Saturday, August 28 from 8 am until noon at Guyer High School, 7501 Teasley Lane, Denton, TX 76201. This informational outreach event, which is free and open to the public, will be held from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; registration opens at 7:30 a.m. North Texas students, grades 8-12, will have the opportunity to learn more about our nation's service academies, requirements for admission and the selection process.

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