



# SCHOOL TALK

✠ NOLAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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### Solar Eclipse: April 8, 2024

*Waiver needed for each student*

The school has exciting activities planned for the Solar Eclipse and will provide approved glasses for safe viewing. Look out for a separate email on Tuesday, April 2, with more details about this event.

Today during their F period class, your student received a waiver form for the upcoming Solar Eclipse viewing on Monday, April 8. **To participate, please ensure the waiver is completed and returned to their F period teacher no later than Thursday, April 4.** Thank you for your cooperation and support.



### School Calendar Change

There will be no school on Easter Monday, April 1.

In addition, we will have our bad weather make-up day on Friday, May 10, 2024. This day originally was listed as a No School/Teacher Inservice Day.

Finally, we have decided not to utilize Monday, May 20 as a bad weather day. Therefore, there will be no school on Monday, May 20.

As always, please contact the Attendance Office [attendance@nchstx.org](mailto:attendance@nchstx.org) with any notifications about your student's attendance.



### March

- **Friday, March 29: No School - Good Friday**

### April

- **Monday, April 1: No School- Easter Monday**
- **Thursday, April 4:** Percussion Concert
- **Friday, April 5:** Mother's Mass-*Canceled*
- **Saturday, April 6:** Royelles Dance Clinic
- **Sunday, April 7:** [Senior Show](#)
- **Monday, April 8:** Special Schedule (Eclipse)
- **Thursday, April 11:** Royelles Spring Show
- **Friday, April 12:** BCB Coffee
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- **Wednesday, April 17:** Viking Club Meeting
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- **Friday, April 19:** Mothers' Mass
- **Friday, April 19:** Prospective Parent Coffee & tours
- **Wednesday, April 24:** Tower Hill Forum

- **Monday, April 22-24:** Royelles Auditions
- **Thursday, April 25:** Spring Pep Rally
- **Friday, April 26:** BCB
- **Friday, April 26: No-School -Inservice**
- **Friday, April 26:** Junior/Senior Prom
- **Sunday, April 28:** Spirit Games

### May

- **Friday, May 3:** Prospective Parent Coffee tour
- **Friday, May 3:** Dance Spring Show
- **Monday, May 6 - 10:** Teacher Appreciation Week
- **Thursday, May 9:** Gallery Night
- **Friday, May 10:** School In Session (Snow Day Make-Up)
- **Friday, May 10:** Culinary Arts Showcase
- **Monday, May 13 -15:** Senior Exams
- **Wednesday, May 15:** Senior Graduation Practice (11:00am, Arena)
- **Thursday, May 16:** Senior Picnic
- **Friday, May 17:** Early Dismissal -11:45am
- **Friday, May 17:** Senior Robing Ceremony
- **Saturday, May 18:** Baccalaureate Mass
- **Sunday, May 19:** Commencement
- **Monday, May 20:** No School
- **Tuesday, May 21-24:** Semester Exams

***See our full calendar [here!](#)***



## Message from Fr. Metzler

During these next few days, as we enter into the mystery of the Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection, I pray that each of you and your families may encounter the Lord's mercy and redemptive grace in your lives. Remember that he endured all, including his agony in the garden, his scourging and whipping at the pillar, the mockery, rejection, abuse, denial, and indifference, and finally his brutal crucifixion on the cross, for one reason and one reason only: for You. In an address at World Youth Day on August 15, Saint Pope John Paul II tells us, "Don't ever think then that you are unknown to Christ, as if you were just a number in an anonymous crowd. Each one of you is precious to Christ, He knows you personally, he loves you tenderly, even when you are not aware of it."

My prayer for you this week is that you walk with our Lord in the Gospels, grasping the immensity of his sacrifice and a deeper recognition of his love for you, so that you may awake on Easter morning with a renewed recognition that our Savior has risen, the Kingdom of God has come, and that you, as his disciple are invited to follow him on a new and more joyous path. Let us go forth to meet Him once again.

Have a Blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter.

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## Please support the Class of 2024's "Sweet Adventures"



The Senior Show is on Sunday, April 7 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Hartnett Arena. The Senior Show supports Nolan's Project Graduation; a national movement started by a group of parents who wanted to establish an alcohol and drug-free celebration for graduating classes. The event includes a fashion show where the seniors model borrowed clothes from local stores along with a live auction and dinner. Your generous participation in this event will

help ensure that our seniors have a safe, fun and memorable week of graduation beginning with a senior picnic at Camp Thurman and ending with a lock-in. Below are the ways to help support the senior show.

- Purchase an Individual Table Ticket: Tickets are \$100. These tickets include dinner and seating on the Hartnett Arena floor at one of the limited tables. [Click here](#) to purchase.
- Become a Sponsor: There are multiple sponsorship opportunities. All of the sponsorship opportunities come with floor seating and dinner. [Click here](#) to read more about the sponsorship and purchase yours today.
- Stadium Seating: Stadium Seating is now open! Students in ANY grade level and their families are welcome. These tickets are \$25 each and will receive a water bottle and a snack. Dinner is not provided. [Click here](#) to purchase a stadium ticket.
- Donate: If you cannot attend the show or want to make a donation, please [click here](#) to make a donation today.

**Click the image below to visit our Admission website.**



NOLAN CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL

# EXPLORE YOUR FUTURE WITH US



*Applications open  
for the 2024-2025  
school year*



For more information, or to schedule a campus tour, please contact Donna O'Malley today at [domalley@nchstx.org](mailto:domalley@nchstx.org), or call 817-395-0245.



# CAMPUS MINISTRY



## a guide to **HOLY WEEK**

By Melinda McPherson

### Palm Sunday



People of Jerusalem welcome Jesus as king as he triumphantly enters the city



Crowd waves palms and lays cloaks on the ground before him



Jesus rides in on a donkey to fulfill Old Testament prophecies



The liturgy begins with blessing of palms, an extra reading about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, and a procession while the congregation waves palms to play the part of the crowds



Take the palms and place them in your home or workplace as a witness to faith in Jesus' Paschal Victory

Put yourself in the shoes of the people who first welcomed Christ as king, but in a matter of days, called for his crucifixion

What Happened That Day



What You'll See at Church



How to Live Out the Day



DIocese of LAFAYETTE-IN-INDIANA

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Though chronologically three days, the **PASCHAL TRIDUUM** is one liturgical day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery

### Holy Thursday



Jesus celebrates the Last Supper with his Apostles



Jesus institutes the Eucharist and constitutes the Apostles as priests



Displaying great humility, Jesus washes the feet of his Apostles



Gives *mandatum*, command to love one another as he has loved them



During the agony in the garden, he accepts God's will, then is arrested



At the end of Mass the altar is stripped and all decorations are covered or removed. Even the tabernacle is emptied and all consecrated hosts are moved to an Altar of Repose to mimic the absence and loss felt by the disciples during Jesus' agony and death.

No final blessing as the liturgical day continues



Make a pilgrimage to visit seven churches in your area

Spend an hour in adoration

### Good Friday



While Jesus was being questioned, Peter denies him three times



Pilate has Jesus scourged and a crown of thorns put on his head



Jesus carries his own cross to Calvary, where he is crucified



With the words, "It is finished," Jesus dies and darkness descends



Jesus is taken down from the cross and placed in the tomb



This is the only day of the year where no Masses are celebrated, and no sacraments are performed, unless it's an emergency

Candles are only lit during the liturgy when the Eucharist is present and during the Veneration of the Cross



Fasting and abstinence from meat

Pray the Stations of the Cross

Maintain silence during the hours Jesus was on the cross

### Easter Sunday



Jesus rises, conquering death, and opening the path to new life!



Empty tomb is found first by the holy women, then by Peter and John



Jesus appears to multiple groups of disciples, they see and believe



Take part in a festive gathering with family and friends to honor this day as the highest of feasts

Start by blessing the table and home with holy water from the Easter Mass

Keep the celebration going during the Octave of Easter for eight days, and the Easter season for 50 days until Pentecost



Catechumens receive sacraments of initiation, and the whole congregation renews baptismal vows

We sing Alleluia again for the first time since the beginning of Lent

The new Paschal candle is carried into the church and the congregations' candles are lit from it

**For more information on the Triduum [click here.](#)**

## Student Volunteer Opportunities



In My Shoes serves homeless, pregnant and parenting women and their children in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Whether you want to build relationships or bookshelves, your time gives these young families a fresh start in life.

[Click here](#) to sign up!



Opportunities include: build and repair homes, brush clean up, and ReStore support

[Click here](#) to sign up!



Opportunities include: sorting, boxing, packing, or distributing food

[Click here](#) to sign up!



Volunteer Hours:  
7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday.  
You don't need an appointment in advance.  
Come on in, and we'll get you to work.

### On Campus Student Volunteering

#### Viking Pantry

- [Click this link](#) for more information. Donations can be delivered to Mrs. Reimer at the Front Desk.

#### Viking Club Volunteering

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

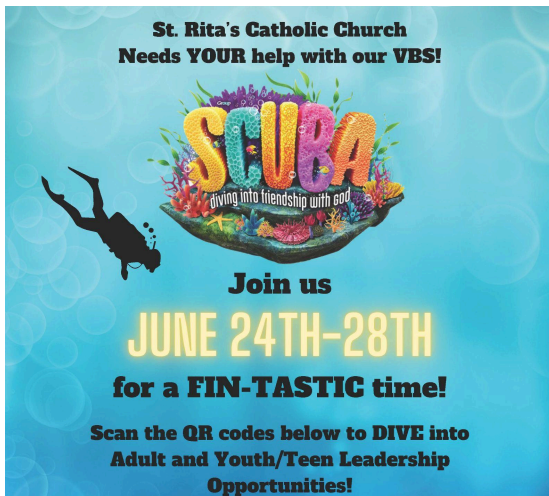
### Parent Point Opportunities

#### Viking Club Volunteering

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

#### Friday Adoration

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



**St. Rita's Catholic Church**  
**Needs YOUR help with our VBS!**

**SCUBA**  
*diving into friendship with God*

**Join us**  
**JUNE 24TH-28TH**  
**for a FIN-TASTIC time!**

Scan the QR codes below to **DIVE** into **Adult and Youth/Teen Leadership Opportunities!**

### VBS CM hours

Are you looking for a fun and engaging way to share your faith as well as earn a lot of Christian Ministry hours! St. Rita's Catholic Church is looking for high school volunteers to help make a splash at their SCUBA VBS the week of June 24 - 28. Parent volunteers are welcomed. See the flyer for details and volunteer forms are due Monday, April 15.

If you are interest click on the appropriate link:

- [Adult Volunteer Registration](#)
- [Teen Volunteer Registration](#)

**BCB**  
*(Black Coffee Brotherhood)*

A group that will be starting at Nolan Catholic for Fathers of students at Nolan, teachers, and /or coaches.

**Mission:**  
1. Pray  
2. Become better spiritual leaders for your families.

**Where:**  
Nolan Catholic Chapel

**What:**  
Adoration  
Brief talk  
Mass at 7 am for those who can attend.  
(Coffee is permitted in the chapel per Chaplain's permission).

**When:**  
Friday, Feb 9  
Friday, Feb 23  
Friday, April 12  
Friday, April 26  
6 am-7am

**MOTHERS' MASS**

CANCELED- FRIDAY, APRIL 5  
FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 8:15 AM

Mass in the Nolan chapel, followed by baked goods, fruit, and coffee.

All mothers or grandmothers of students are invited and encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity for our mothers to come together, worship, and build relationships as a Nolan Catholic Community.

### Student Retreats Opportunities



### High School Girls Summer Retreat

The [Dominican Sisters of Mary Immaculate Province](#) - Sister Anna Imelda, O.P.'s community) are hosting a high school girls' retreat this summer, July 9- 13 in Houston. If you are interested, please [click here](#) for more information.



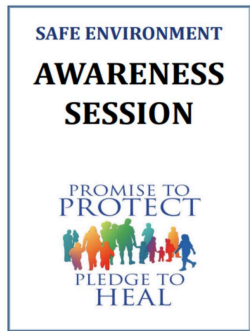
### High School Women's Retreat

Join us for a day retreat as we journey together as women learning about who we are as women in Christ. We will have talks, games, activities, testimonies, small groups, times for prayer, worship, and adoration.

We will begin after the 9 am daily Mass and go up until the 4 pm vigil Mass. Click on this [link](#) to register

Breakfast snacks & lunch will be provided!

# SCHOOL RESOURCES



Click the image for a list of all upcoming sessions and to register.



**NOLAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

## Admission: Future Vikings

Do you have a rising freshman or are you looking to transfer your child to Nolan Catholic High School? Admission applications are still being accepted for the 2024-2025 school year! Please [click here](#) to visit our Admission website.

If you have any questions about the admission process or would like to tour the campus, please contact Donna O'Malley at [domalley@nchstx.org](mailto:domalley@nchstx.org) or 817-395-0245.

## Safe Environment Awareness

Adult volunteers or employees who serve the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth or the school community — in any capacity — must be current in their certification. Participants can see a list of all upcoming sessions offered throughout the Diocese and can register for the session which best fits their schedule. Contact Michelle Wessel [mwessel@nchstx.org](mailto:mwessel@nchstx.org) to check your status.

## Re-enrollment is open for the 2024-2025 school year!

Click [here](#) to view Mr. Ortiz's re-enrollment letter outlining 2024-2025 tuition fees.

## FACTS Grant & Aid Application

If you missed the deadline to apply for tuition assistance, Nolan still urges you to complete the application. Those applications that were submitted by the deadline, will take priority. Applications after the deadline will be reviewed based on available funds. Do not delay - complete the [application today](#). It is located on your FACTS account. Reach out to Kimberlee Glover with any questions.

## Guidance Information

NOLAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

### College Counseling Class of 2024

Senior Year  
March 2024

NOLAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

### College Counseling Class of 2025

Junior Year  
March 2024





## TAPPS State Band Championship

The band competed at the TAPPS State Band Championship where 7 judges gave them the highest ratings possible in every category. This completes a year of competitions for the band in which they have earned the Sweepstakes Title of 1st place in every state category including Marching, Drumline, Color Guard, Jazz, Concert, and Sight-Reading. Congratulations to our Viking Band on an amazing year.

### Big Band Dance

Join us for an evening of swingin' tunes and dance the night away at the Big Band Dance sponsored by the Nolan Catholic Band! Grab your family and friends and get ready to boogie-woogie!

Admission is free, and we'll have refreshments and drinks available. Experience the timeless sounds of The Doug Maguire Big Band and the smooth melodies of the NCHS Jazz Ensemble.

Mark your calendars, [RSVP](#) and look for more exciting information to come. See you on the dance floor!



### Free Dance Lessons and Bring your Friends!

Students, lace up your dancing shoes! Swing Dance lessons will be held after school on **March 27, April 3, April 4, and April 9**. Our instructors? None other than the talented members of the University of Dallas Swing Dance Club. They also will be joining us for the main event! House points and senior points will be available for dance lessons and Big Band Dance attendance!

### Calling all Juniors!

Overwhelmed by all the testing coming your way? Confused about what is happening when? See the [attached PDF](#) for all the info and links to help guide you.

**Junior Testing Announcements**

**SAT**  
The On-Campus SAT Exams will be held on Wednesday, April 17, for all currently enrolled Juniors. Students will report to the Gym before 8am when testing begins. All Juniors will automatically have an exam ordered for them unless they specifically opt-out using [THIS LINK](#). Students are encouraged to bring a lunch, however, if a lunch needs to be purchased, use [THIS LINK](#) to help us know. Be watching for additional info after Spring Break!

**CLT**  
The Classical Learning Test is designed as an alternative to standardized tests such as the SAT and ACT. The test assesses reading, grammar, writing, and mathematics. This test is being offered on the Nolan Catholic High School Campus on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 8am. The cost is \$59. Accommodations are available as needed and must be approved by the CLT at least 4 weeks in advance. Please complete this [LINK](#) if you are interested or would like more information.

**ARK**  
The Assessment of Religious Knowledge is an exam held in the Spring each year to gauge student knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Faith. This test is hosted within a student's Theology class during regular class time and only takes 30-45 minutes. This year's Junior ARK exams will take place on Monday and Tuesday, April 8 & 9. For more information, visit [pccat.org](#).

For more information, email Mrs. Jordan Callegos at [jcallegos@nchshs.org](mailto:jcallegos@nchshs.org)

DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 10TH  
TIME: 6:00 PM TO 7:30 PM  
PLACE: NOLAN CATHOLIC COMMONS

**NCHS Culinary Arts Showcase**

VOTE FOR THE WINNING DISH

5\$ Per Person!

### Culinary Arts Showcase

Nolan Catholic Culinary Arts is pleased to announce its first-ever NCHS Culinary Arts Showcase on Friday, May 10 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Come taste Culinary Arts II students' signature dishes and vote on category winners. There will also be food from Culinary Arts I students. The entrance fee is \$5 per person, which comes with five voting tickets. We hope to make this an annual event.

### Lunches by ECI

Need to add funds to your student's account for cafeteria purchases? You can do so by [clicking here](#).

[Click here for next week's menu](#)



**Click the image to purchase a Commemorative Brick.**



**WONDERING WHAT TO GIVE SOMEONE WHO MAY HAVE EVERYTHING? OR MAYBE YOUR FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO HONOR YOUR LEGACY AT NOLAN?**

**JOIN THE MANY VIKINGS WHO HAVE PROUDLY DISPLAYED THEIR TIME AT NOLAN WITH A COMMEMORATIVE BRICK.**

**THE COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS DECORATE THE ENTRY UPON HARTNETT ARENA AND CONVEY THE MAGNITUDE OF PROUD VIKINGS.**

**SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION!**



**CLICK HERE <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/t1csBbbj>**

## Royelles Spring Events

The team is hosting a dance clinic on April 6 from 1:00-4:00 pm to work on technique and prepare for auditions on April 22-24. Additionally, the team is hosting their Spring Show on April 11 at 7:00 pm to perform new and familiar routines from the year. Clinic registration, audition sign-ups, and Spring Show tickets can be accessed at this [link](#). Can't wait to see you there!



**GET INVOLVED WITH Nolan Cheer**

**MANDATORY INFORMATION MEETING**  
 Tuesday April 2, 2024  
 6:30 PM NCHS Library

**TRYOUT CLINICS**  
 April 15th-17th  
 4:00- 6:00 PM NCHS Gym

**MOCK TRYOUTS**  
 April 18th  
 4:00- 6:00 PM NCHS Gym

**TRYOUTS**  
 April 19th  
 4:00 PM NCHS Gym

Register Today!

## Cheer Try-outs

Are you interested in Cheer? There will be a tryout information meeting on Tuesday April 2nd at 6:30 pm in the library. We will talk about our upcoming clinics and what to expect for tryout week! [Sign up here!](#) We hope to see you there!

## Europe Adventure June 2025

Enrollment for the 2025 Europe trip is NOW OPEN! London, Paris, Barcelona & Rome, here comes NCHS!

Space is limited so sign up today at [www.eftours.com/2706610SH](http://www.eftours.com/2706610SH)

For any questions, feel free to contact Señora Ojeda at [fojeda@nchstx.org](mailto:fojeda@nchstx.org).

**EF** EDUCATIONAL TOURS

Hey NCHS! We are going to...

**London, Paris, Barcelona, & Rome**  
 Summer 2025

Dear Parents & Guardians,  
 I am so excited to invite your student on this upcoming educational travel opportunity! Learn more about this exciting tour at an information session where we'll discuss:

- What we'll see and do
- Travel logistics
- How to earn high school or college credit
- Affordable payment options
- How to enroll on this trip (before it fills up!)

Please register for the meeting by March 20, 2024  
 I look forward to seeing you there!  
 Favola Ojeda

P.S. Can't make the meeting but want more information?  
 Register using the QR code or link below and select "No but send info."

Register below & join us for more details!

Meeting date & time:  
 Thursday, March 21, 2024  
 @ 5:00 PM

Location:  
 NCHS Commons Area

Contact information:  
 fojeda@nchstx.org

Remember with this QR code to attend the meeting!

### Welcome Mills Families!

We're happy to announce that your school will be fully served by DENNIS Uniform starting March 25! For over 100 years, DENNIS has built a reputation as true uniform experts, creating a smooth shopping experience for the high-quality, comfortable and durable uniforms students deserve.



DENNIS has been working side by side with us on the Mills team since our acquisition in 2022 and will continue bringing you consistent, thoughtful service alongside top-quality products.

Best regards,

**DENNIS and Mills Uniform Team**

### Create a DENNIS Account

Create a new DENNIS customer account to track your DENNIS shopping history, keep sight of shipping timelines, save their school code once live and more. **Please note that your existing Mills account will not transfer over – all shoppers will need to create a new DENNIS account.**

### Welcome Kit

Download a DENNIS Welcome Kit (available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#))! This is a go-to guide to all things DENNIS, including helpful information on how to get started shopping online, support for sizing and fit and much more.

### Support

DENNIS is here to help! Explore their **FAQ hub** to find answers to all your questions or reach out for individualized support from the DENNIS **Customer Care Center**.

**Click the image to register.**

**SUNDAY APRIL 28TH 2024**  
 11AM MASS • 12-2PM FESTIVAL • 2PM CLOSING EVENTS

**Spirit Games**

STEPHEN BREEN MEMORIAL FOUNDATION | CATHOLIC DIOCESE of FORT WORTH

BBQ Cook-Off | Inflatables | Carnival Games | Flag Football, Soccer & Dodgeball  
 Live Music | 8th Grade Ice Cream Social | Starpee Mobile | Parent Social

SCAN CODE TO REGISTER OR REGISTER ONLINE  
[stephenbreenmemorialfoundation.org/spirit-games/](http://stephenbreenmemorialfoundation.org/spirit-games/)

**\$15 PER CHILD\***  
 \*\$75 MAXIMUM PER FAMILY

Wearing the 2024 Spirit Games T-shirt Is Your Child's Ticket to Participate

# THE VIKING CLUB

## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Please consider signing up to work these events or check out other future events as well. Your student can receive those needed service hours for volunteering as well! Please click [HERE](#) to sign up.



# PROMOTING OUR COMMUNITY


**ILLUMINATE**  
A FAMILY HOLY HOUR WITH PRAISE AND WORSHIP

- January 31
- February 28
- March 20
- April 24
- May 29

**7:45-8:45PM IN THE CHURCH**


SNACKS TO FOLLOW  
8:45PM-9PM

A MINISTRY OF: 




**MASS OF REPARATION FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE**  
Saturday, April 6th, 2024  
10:00 am

*You are invited to attend a Mass of reparation for Victims of Abuse to be celebrated by Bishop Michael Olson, STD, MA*



St. Patrick Cathedral  
1206 Throckmorton Street  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102



Nolan Catholic High School is a ministry of the Diocese of Fort Worth providing a college preparatory education and evangelizing students to be tomorrow's servant leaders through

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