

SCHOOL TALK

† Nolan Catholic High School

2023-2024

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Dear Vikings,

One of the cornerstones of Nolan Catholic is community. For this reason, when I look at our student body I see St. Joseph's Catholic School; I see Holy Family and St. Rita's Catholic School; I see St. Peter's and St. John the Apostle Catholic School; I see all of our partner schools and their parishes. This is exciting because it means that rather than being an isolated, independent unit, we are a part of a great family. It is also exciting because it exemplifies our belief at Nolan Catholic that students will flourish when all of us come together to pour into their lives.

One of the ways we practice community at Nolan Catholic involves relationship with our parish priests and principals. For example, over the last several weeks, I've been in conversation with our parish priests and principals to discuss how Nolan Catholic can serve our community better. I am always blessed to hear of the love that our diocesan pastors have for their communities, their prayers for us, and their feedback on how we, as Nolan Catholic, can orient ourselves towards the greater community.

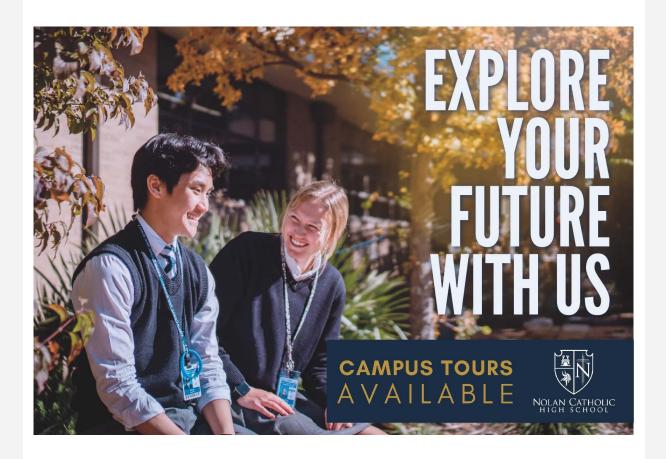
I am also humbled by our principals' eagerness to hear about their students who now attend Nolan Catholic. They love to see Nolan Catholic students back on campus and serving at their carlines, or back in the classroom, or gracing the halls. We are richly blessed to have the principals' support. We would not be Nolan Catholic without them.

You will also notice that at the end of all of our newsletters, we have a "Promoting section called Community." We do this in an effort to show everyone that the community of Nolan Catholic extends beyond our campus. As a diocesan school, our community is all of you, it is every principal and pastor, every Pre-K to 8th grade student, it is every parish in the diocese of Fort Worth, and it is every alumni that extends into our past.

Kind regards,

Mr. Ortiz

Head of School. Nolan Catholic High School



NOLAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

2023-2024 ADMISSIONS EVENTS

COFFEE TALK - 9:15 AM

SEPTEMBER 22 OCTOBER 20 **NOVEMBER 17**

DECEMBER 15 JANUARY 26

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 27 OCTOBER 25

NOVEMBER 8

CAMPUS TOURS - 6:00 PM

OCTOBER 5 NOVEMBER 2 DECEMBER 7 **JANUARY 11**

OPEN HOUSE

DECEMBER 3

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





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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

School Volunteering (Ongoing)

- Viking Pantry Click this link for more information on what you can bring. Donations can be delivered to Mrs. Reimer at the Front Desk.
- Band Booster Mum Making-Every Sunday 1:00 pm - 4:00 p.m. in the Band Hall. We offer CM hours for students who help! Middle schoolers are welcome to help with parental supervision in attendance.

Viking Club Volunteering

- Service hours can be logged via x2Vol
- Use this link to sign up

Partner School Volunteering

St George Catholic School

- SGCS Fall Festival Sunday, Oct. 8th, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- SGCS GYM Volleyball Tournaments - Thursday, Oct. 12th - Saturday, Oct. 21st
- Email Mrs. Bunt if you are interested.

St Andrew Catholic School

• SAS Fall Festival -Sunday, Oct 8th, from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

St. Francis Catholic Church

 Hoedown BBQ Cook-Off and Festival - Saturday, Oct 7th from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Sunday, Oct 8th from 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Important Updates on Christian Ministry Hours

ATHLETIC TRAINING OR SPORTS TEAM MANAGEMENT

We want to encourage our students to reach out to our DFW community to obtain their service hours. Therefore, from this point on, managing sports teams or participating as an athletic trainer will have a limit of 25 hours **total** for a student's 4 years at Nolan. Previously approved hours will not be affected. If you participate in either organization and are getting credit for the opportunity in the form of a Nolan course, no CM hours are able to be accepted.



baked goods, fruit, and coffee.

Parent Point Opportunities

Viking Club Volunteering

- 5 Points towards your student's house for each event where you volunteer
- Sign up here

Friday Adoration- 10/6, 10/20, 10/27

- 5 Points towards your student's house for each day you volunteer
- Sign up here

Band Booster Mum Making

- Every Sunday 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. in the Band Hall.
- 5 Points towards your student's house for each day you volunteer!
- Middle schoolers are also welcome to assist, provided they have parental supervision.

Altar Linens

- 5 Points towards your student's house for each time you volunteer
- Sign up here

We love to see our community come together to cherish the campus that we as a diocesan school share in common with all of you for a single purpose.

For this reason, please do not hesitate to join us on campus for Masses, rosaries, or weekly adoration.

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

National Merit Recognition



Last fall, over 3.6 million students nationwide took the PSAT/NMSQT. Only 34,000 students qualified for National Merit Commended status, including five of our Nolan Catholic seniors. We are proud of our students for their academic achievements!

Please join us in congratulating our National Merit Commended students:

Abigail Cawyer Anthony D. Nguyen Emma Paschall Penelope Sauer Andrew Self

Let's Go! Get Involved!

New! STEM Club

Introducing our STEM Club initiative! Vikings, join us to make a positive impact in our

community, gain valuable mentorship, and prepare for college. Explore the world of engineering, design, and computer science, where you can learn CAD design software, write project proposals, and even program your very own Roblox game. For any questions, please contact Bobby Johnson or Ms. McGreal. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of the STEM Club's transformative journey—enroll today and let's create a brighter future together!



POOR YORICK'S CORNER

Do you love music? Do you play an instrument or love to sing with others? Then join "Poor Yorick's Corner," a folk music club, where we will learn and jam to historic folk songs.

We'll have fun and prepare for all-school winter bonfires
(Surprise! More details on bonfires coming soon!).

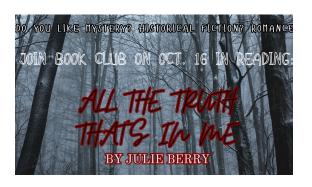
When: Collegium period

Day: TBD

Where: Classroom TBD

What to bring: Your voice (if you are a singer), guitar, fiddle, banjo (if you have one), or small percussion instrument.

If interested, email principal@nchstx.org.

















Mark Your Calendars!

- Fall Play Performance: Thursday, October 5-Saturday, October 7
- 4th Annual Viking Club Golf Tournament: Friday, October 6
- First Quarter Ends: Friday, October 6
- National Art Honor Society induction: Tuesday, October 10
- PSAT (9th-11th): Wednesday, October 11 (Dismissal at 11:30); No school for seniors
- No school (Diocesan Inservice): Friday, October 13
- Q1 Report Cards Sent: Friday, October 13
- Homecoming Hall Decoration: Friday, October 13 Saturday, October 14
- Homecoming Week: Monday, October 16 Saturday, October 21
- No School (Diocesan Inservice): Friday, November 10

See our full calendar here!

NATURE NOTES



"And all at once, summer collapsed into fall" -Oscar Wilde

It's hard to imagine autumn as summer temperatures continue to overstay their welcome. Despite the heat, the days are starting to shorten, and plants are starting to prepare. The Oakleaf Hydrangea is one of my favorite plants to watch, as it has a brilliant display for every season. In winter, it shows off beautiful cinnamon-colored bark. Spring brings a brilliant display of creamy white flowers. During the summer, those flowers turn pink, and eventually dry out on the plant and turn a soft brown. In fall, the hydrangea imitates its namesake and the leaves turn brilliant shades of red.



The gorgeous leaves on an oakleaf hydrangea



Springtime beauty



Oakleaf hydrangea in late summer, with the blooms drying on the shrub



The tiny hairs we observed in class

We have several gorgeous Oakleaf Hydrangeas in Mary's Courtyard. I took advantage of cooler weather in the morning this week, and brought my horticulture students to the courtyard to journal. A group of observant students noticed tiny white hairs on the oakleaf hydrangea, and so we did some research to discover more. Those tiny hairs provide a layer of insulation for the leaves, helping the plant retain moisture when it's hot outside. Thus the oakleaf hydrangea is the only variety of hydrangea well-suited to our dry climate (although they still require a lot of shade to thrive). How cool is that? You can learn more about oakleaf hydrangeas (and their moisture-loving East Texas relatives) here

Just like God never ceases to amaze me with something new to learn in nature, the Church has a wealth of obscure and amazing saints to give us insight on our daily lives. Did you know there's even a patron saint of <u>oat growers</u>? St. Ciaran was an Irish priest in the sixth century. According to tradition he had a love of learning inspired by a grandfather who was a historian and a poet. He spent his childhood tending the family cattle herds. When he left his family to become a priest, tradition holds that one of the cows refused to leave him, and provided enough milk to care for his entire monastery. As an adult, he was taking a small bag of oats to be milled during a time of famine. He prayed as he walked, and the bag became heavier. The tiny sack of oats turned into a bag of pure wheat equal to four sacks of flour. The bread made from that flour was said to heal every sick person in the monastery who ate it.

What a beautiful reminder that no matter how mundane and unimportant our daily tasks appear, God can infuse them with supernatural grace when we offer them to Him!

SCHOOL RESOURCES



O2 Period Rotation: 2023-24

Please see the schedule for Q2 below; times for classes can be found on the following pages.

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10/9-10/13	Felix Day F, G, H, A, B pds.	Crispin Day C, D, E, F, G pds.	9th-11th PSAT: Half Day, No Classes (12:00 dismissal) 12th: No School	Helena Liturgy Day- Special Schedule (Speaker) H, A, B, C pds.	No School: Diocesan Inservice
10/16-10/20	Dominie Day D, E, F, G, H pds.	Anselm Day A, B, C, D, E pds.	Felix Liturgy Day F, G, H, A pds.	Bede Day B, C, D, E, F pds.	Gertrude Day- Pep Rally Schedule G, H, A, B, C pds.
10/23-10/27	Dominie Day D, E, F, G, H pds.	Anselm Day A, B, C, D, E pds.	Felix Liturgy Day F, G, H, A pds.	Bede Day B, C, D, E, F pds.	Gertrude Day- Pep Rally Schedule G, H, A, B, C pds.
10/30-11/3	Dominic Day D, E, F, G, H pds.	Anselm Day A, B, C, D, E pds.	Felix Liturgy Day F, G, H, A pds.	Bede Day B, C, D, E, F pds.	Gertrude Day G, H, A, B, C pds.
11/6-11/10	Dominic Day D, E, F, G, H pds.	Anselm Day A, B, C, D, E pds.	Felix Liturgy Day F, G, H, A pds.	Bede Day B, C, D, E, F pds.	No School: Diocesan Inservice
11/13-11/17	Gertrude Day G, H, A, B, C pds.	Dominic Day D, E, F, G, H pds.	Anselm Liturgy Day A, B, C, D pds.	Edith Day E, F, G, H, A pds.	Bede Day- Pep Rally Schedule B, C, D, E, F pds.
11/20-11/25	No School: Thanksgiving Break				
11/27-12/1	Gertrude Day G, H, A, B, C pds.	Dominic Day D, E, F, G, H pds.	Anselm Liturgy Day A, B, C, D pds.	Edith Day E, F, G, H, A pds.	Bede Day B, C, D, E, F pds.
12/4-12/8	Gertrude Day G, H, A, B, C pds.	Dominie Day D, E, F, G, H pds.	Anselm Day A, B, C, D, E pds.	Felix Day F, G, H, A, B pds.	Crispin Liturgy Day- Immaculate Conception C, D, E, F pds.
12/11-12/15	Gertrude Day G, H, A, B, C pds.	Dominie Day D, E, F, G, H pds.	Anselm Liturgy Day A, B, C, D pds.	Edith Day- Pep Rally Schedule E, F, G, H, A pds.	Special Schedule: Christmas Concert
12/18-12/22: Exam Week 11:45 Dismissed	8:30: A pd. Exam 10:15: B pd. Exam	8:30: C pd. Exam 10:15: D pd. Exam	8:30: E pd. Exam 10:15: F pd. Exam	8:30: G pd. Exam 10:15: H pd. Exam	Christmas Break School Resumes 1/9/24

2nd Quarter Class Rotation

As we enter into the month of October the administration would like to provide you with the <u>2nd Quarter Class Rotation</u>. If you have any questions please contact at us at <u>principal@nchstx.org</u>

Press Box Suites

Ready for the ultimate VIP experience? How about chilling in your very own private suite at a home football game? We've got TWO exclusive suites up for grabs on these dates:

October 7, 2023

November 3, 2023

Each suite is designed for maximum fun with room for you and five of your favorite people. We've got your snacking and sipping covered! All this excitement can be yours for just \$250 per game.



Senior Portraits

Please schedule an appointment with Glamourcraft's studio by calling 817-292-8989 or by clicking here. If you don't schedule a session with Glamourcraft, you will not have a formal portrait in the yearbook. The deadline for Senior Portraits to be made is **November 24**th.

Senior Ads: November 24th is also the deadline to create your Senior Tribute ad!

Guidance

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.

> <u>Class of 2024 September College</u> <u>Newsletter</u>

<u>Class of 2025 September College</u> <u>Newsletter</u>



Lunches by ECI

Need to add funds to your student's account for cafeteria purchases? You can do so by <u>clicking here</u>. 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

DC Civics Trip

Get ready to embark on an experience of a lifetime! Nolan Catholic High School is diving headfirst into an exhilarating, hands-on civic education program in none other than the heart of it all—Washington, DC! This adventure is tailor-made for our incredible **Junior and Senior students**! If your student is interested, reach out to <u>Patrick Simeroth</u> for more info.

To learn more about Close Up, please visit their website at <u>www.CloseUp.org</u> and watch the informative video found <u>here</u>.

NY Fine Arts Trip

The Fine Arts Department is thrilled to announce our spring trip to the vibrant city of New York, from March 12th to 15th!

Calling all students and parents who want to be part of this incredible journey! If you're eager to join or need details about setting up a convenient payment plan, don't hesitate to get in touch with our enthusiastic coordinators: Ms. Collard or Ms. Hamende.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to immerse yourself in the heart of the artistic capital—New York awaits!







Mum's The Word

It's that time of year again! The Nolan Band fundraiser is here, and the word of the day is... MUMS! Get your mums for Homecoming on October 20, 2023. Order early, as prices will increase as we approach the event. Students who lend a hand will earn CM hours! Middle schoolers are also welcome to assist, provided they have parental supervision.

Click here to order your HOCO Mum!

Between Love & Duty

Nolan's Annual Fall Play

Come see The Old Man and the Old Moon on October 5th, 6th, and 7th at 7:00 pm. Tickets are on the Nolan Catholic Website! The Old Man has kept his post as the sole caretaker of the moon for as long as he (or his wife, the Old Woman) can remember. When she is drawn away by a mysterious melody that sparks memories of their shared past, the Old Man must decide between duty (and routine) and love (and adventure). Luckily for audiences everywhere, he chooses the latter, and what follows is an imaginative sea-faring epic, encompassing apocalyptic storms, civil wars, leviathans of the deep, and cantankerous ghosts, as well as the fiercest obstacle of all: change.





Seniors Spotlight

























Communications policy: Our Nolan Catholic Administration prides itself in always responding within two business days. For pressing needs, please contact principal@nchstx.org.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



Ballet Folklorico





On Sunday, September 17th, our amazing NCHS Ballet Folklorico "La Vikina" stole the show at the Fiestas Parias Parade in The Fort Worth Stockyards' National Historic District. Talk about kicking off Hispanic Heritage Month and Mexican Independence Day with a bang!
Let's keep the celebration going!

All Region Jazz Band

On September 19th, Junior Gabe Villarreal not only auditioned but also clinched the prestigious 1st Chair overall at the All Region Jazz Band Competition! Let's congratulate Gabe!





"AND" an Eagle Scout

Remember Coach Mattox's "AND" athletes? Well, senior Arlen Michael Hansen represents what at Nolan Catholic we strive for: well-rounded athletes that are leaders. Please join me in congratulating Michael for earning the highest achievement of "Eagle Scout" with Troop 1905. Congratulations, Michael!

Sailing Club

Congratulations to our Viking Sailing Team on a fantastic weekend at the Fort Worth Boat Club for the annual Jr. Ol' Man of the Sea Regatta. Our sailors showed continuous leadership through the long weekend, helping each other and helping other newer sailors navigate the waters of how a regatta works. Results are as follows:

1st Place - Gentry Schneider & Christian Lopez

2nd Place - Mickey Valenti & Katherine Gutierrez 3rd Place - Lilyana Moody & Julia Lopez

Thank you to our amazing parents and coaches who carried our team through the weekend!





Get ready for a semester full of sports excitement! The Fall Semester Season Pass is your golden ticket to all the action at Nolan Catholic's home games until December 24, 2023 (note: playoff games are not included).

Grab your pass now for non-stop fun! Head over to NCHS Online Box Office to secure your spot in the stands! (Some Don't miss out on the games!

THE VIKING CLUB



GOLF TOURNAMENT UPDATES

4th Annual Viking Club Golf Classic is in 15 days!

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.

We are also still accepting bottles of whiskey for the Whiskey Pull through September 29. Donations can be left at the front desk.



BENEFITING THE NOLAN CATHOLIC STUDENTS & COMMUNITY



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 <u>HERE</u> 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 <u>HERE</u> for more info and to purchase.

PROMOTING OUR COMMUNITY







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

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.

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 Immersion Network (Two-Wav 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.



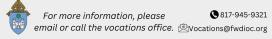
NOVEMBER 3 - 5, 2023

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



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.





SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30. 2023

Sign Up TODAY! Come and Throw with us and give I REGISTRATION/SIGN IN
TOURNAMENT BEINS
TOURNAMENT WINNERS ANNOUNCED to a good Cause!



SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1 A SMGCS TRADITION

Saturday 11am-7pm & Sunday 7:30am-3pm

FOOD BOOTHS

Loaded Nachos **BBQ Ribs** Jerk Chicken Kabobs Beignets Texas Tornadoes Turkey Legs Authentic German Food Egg Rolls

Fajitas Hamburgers Drinks and More!!!

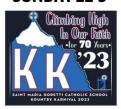
BREAKFAST SUNDAY MORNING

7:30am-10:30am **Breakfast Tacos**

VENDOR SHOW

20+ Vendors

BINGO! WITH CASH PRIZES **SATURDAY 12-5 SUNDAY 11-3**



St. Maria Goretti Catholic School * 1200 S Davis Dr. Arlington, TX 76013 Call-817-275-5081 Website-smgschool.org



Holy Trinity Catholic School's 5K Fun Run/Walk is a wonderful event for families and running enthusiasts! Sign up today and join in the fun!

Fun Run Registration









Catholic Respect Life Resource Fair

Good Shepherd Catholic Community

Parish Hall

1000 Tinker Road, Colleyville, Texas 76034

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

After the 9am and 11am Masses

Meet representatives and learn about various resources in our community that can help local families in need.

Prizes!

Malking with

To visit the RESOURCE LIST available to Moms in Need, please scan this QR Code:



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.sfalivingsaints.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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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

EDUCATION IN FAITH \mid FORMATION IN HOPE \mid PERSEVERANCE IN CHARITY

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