

# SCHOOL TALK

+ Nolan Catholic High School

2023-2024

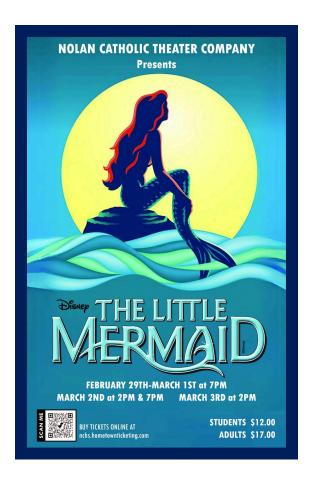
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#### **Get Your Tickets!**

Come out to see <u>The Little Mermaid</u> in the Auditorium. Performances are:

February 29 at 7:00 p.m. March 1 at 7:00 p.m. March 2 at 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. March 3 at 2:00 p.m.

Click <u>here</u> to purchase tickets or visit the <u>Nolan Catholic website</u>. Be sure to get yours before they are sold out!



- Thursday, February 29 Sunday, March 3: Spring Musical The Little Mermaid
- Friday, March 8: Mother's Mass (8:15 a.m.)
- Friday March 8: Half Day-Dismissal 11:45 a.m.
- Monday, March 11 Friday, March 15: Spring Break
- Monday, March 11 Friday, March 15: First Robotic Competition (all are welcome to attend at Nolan Catholic)
- Wednesday, March 20: Senior Show Auditions
- Wednesday, March 20: Viking Club Meeting
- Friday, March 22: No School Diocesan Inservice
- Wednesday, March 27: Tower Hill Forum: Jonathan Sanford, PhD
- Friday, March 29: No School Good Friday
- Wednesday, April 4: Percussion Concert
- Friday, April 5: Mother's Mass
- Sunday, April 7: Senior Show

See our full calendar here!



# Don't forget our silent auction is open until midnight tonight.

Please help us achieve our goal of having all silent auction items sold! <u>Click here</u> to read more about the packages that are available and take the <u>Gala survey</u>.

### **CAMPUS MINISTRY**



#### **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!



Taking church to the people

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.

# Church Grounds Spring Cleanup Our Mother of Mercy



Catholic Church

DATE: Saturday - March 16, 2024 TIME: 11 am - 2 pm

WHERE: 1001 East Terrell Ave, Fort Worth, TX 76119

WHAT: NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP RAKE LEAVES, PULL WEEDS, MULCH BEDS AROUND CHURCH, PLANT FLOWERS, REMOVE DEBRIS TO PREPARE OUR CHURCH GROUNDS TO LOOK THEIR BEST AHEAD OF PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER CELEBRATIONS.

ACTION Sign up as volunteer or as a group by March 9th so we have a estimate of the number of volunteers for this project. Bring:
Gardening Tools such as .. Rakes, Pruning shears, wheel barrow, Work Clothes, Hats or Caps to protect you from the Sun. Show up at 10:45 am on Mar 16.

Church Office Phone: 817-336-1695

Project Contact RSVP- Jennifer Rattliff / Lydia Salas RSVP Email: ourmother@omomftworth.org WWW.OMOMFTWORTH,ORG

#### **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 <u>this link</u> 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





## **High School Girls Summer Retreat**

The Dominican Sisters of Mary Immaculate Province (<a href="www.houstondominicans.org">www.houstondominicans.org</a> - 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 <a href="click here">click here</a> for more information.



### **NATURE NOTES**



#### A Season of Waiting

By Emily Breclaw

We planted garlic cloves last November in our raised garden beds. The squirrels took great delight in following after us and digging up some of the cloves. Soon after, tiny green shoots sprouted and grew tall. Some of them grew in beds where we did not plant them- I suspect the squirrels are responsible for those. The plants stopped growing when the temperatures got colder. Garlic is one of those plants that needs a period of cold weather to trigger bulb growth the following year. The shoots are slowly starting to grow again with the warmer temperatures. We continue to water, weed and watch the plants. If all goes well, the garlic will be ready to harvest in May or early June. I'm finding it difficult to stay patient.

I'm excited to harvest our first real "crop" in these gardens, and excited to discover whether home-grown garlic really tastes better than store bought. It's especially challenging when the garlic isn't "doing" much of anything.

Growing garlic is perhaps a little like Lent. Sometimes it feels as if we're just going through the motions, and our little sacrifices and offerings don't seem to be "doing" anything for us. It takes trust to keep going doing tasks without the validation of seeing progress. On the other hand, there is a simple joy in taking time each day to go outside and check on the garlic, and indulging in the hope that something good is coming. Maybe those little moments of the journey are every bit as rewarding as the destination.

### SCHOOL RESOURCES





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

Click <u>here</u> to view Mr. Ortiz's re-enrollment letter outlining 2024-2025 tuition fees.

#### **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 <u>click here</u> 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 or 817-395-0245.

#### FACTS Grant & Aid Application

All current family FACTS need-based Grant and Aid Financial applications are open. Click <u>HERE</u> to log into your current FACTS account and complete the FACTS need-based Grant and Aid application.

**Necessary Documents:** 

- 2022 Tax Returns and 2022 W2s/1099
- 2023 W2 2023 W2s/1099

If you have any questions or need assistance completing the 2024-2025 Grant & Aid application, please contact <u>Kimberlee Glover</u>.

#### Help Keep our Students Safe

Hiring off duty police officers' costs \$1.7 million annually throughout the Diocese. We are evaluating this solution as well as other cost effective means to provide security at each Diocesean school. Please prayerfully consider donating to the school security initiative so that we can continue to protect our most valuable asset, our kids.



<u>Click here</u> to learn more about Catholic School Security

#### Q4 Period Rotation: 2023-24

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3/18-3/22	Anselm Day	Felix Day	Crispin Liturgy Day	Gertrude Day	No School:
	A, B, C, D, E pds.	F, G, H, A, B pds.	C, D, E, F pds.	G, H, A, B, C pds.	Diocesan Inservice
3/25-3/29	Dominic Day	Anselm Day	Felix Liturgy Day	Bede Day	No School:
	D, E, F, G, H pds.	A, B, C, D, E pds.	F, G, H, A pds.	B, C, D, E, F pds.	Good Friday
4/1-4/5	No School:	Gertrude Day	Dominic Liturgy Day	Helena Day	Edith Day
	Easter Monday	G, H, A, B, C pds.	D, E, F, G pds.	H, A, B, C, D pds.	E, F, G, H, A pds.
4/8-4/12	Bede Day	Gertrude Day	Dominic Liturgy Day	Helena Day	Edith Day
	B, C, D, E, F pds.	G, H, A, B, C pds.	D, E, F, G pds.	H, A, B, C, D pds.	E, F, G, H, A pds.
4/15-4/19	Bede Day B, C, D, E, F pds.	Gertrude Day G, H, A, B, C pds.	Dominic Liturgy Day D, E, F, G pds.	Helena Day H, A, B, C, D pds.	Edith Day E, F, G, H, A pds. Sr. Community Day/Jr. Leadership Day
4/22-4/26	Bede Day	Gertrude Day	Dominic Liturgy Day	Helena Day	No School:
	B, C, D, E, F pds.	G, H, A, B, C pds.	D, E, F, G pds.	H, A, B, C, D pds.	Teacher Inservice
4/29 - 5/3	Edith Day	Bede Day	Gertrude Liturgy Day	Crispin Day	Helena Day
	E, F, G, H, A pds.	B, C, D, E, F pds.	G, H, A, B pds.	C, D, E, F, G pds.	H, A, B, C, D pds.
5/6-5/10	Edith Day	Bede Day	Gertrude Liturgy Day	Crispin Day	Helena Day
	E, F, G, H, A pds.	B, C, D, E, F pds.	G, H, A, B pds.	C, D, E, F, G pds.	H, A, B, C, D pds.
5/13-5/17	Edith Day E, F, G, H, A pds. Senior Exams/ Review Day	Bede Day B, C, D, E, F pds. Senior Exams/ Review Day	Gertrude Day G, H, A, B, C pds. Review Day	Dominie Day D, E, F, G, H pds. Review Day	Half Day: Special Schedule (Mass and Awards) 6:00pm- Senior Awards and Robing
5/20-5/25	No School:	A pd. Exam: 8:30	C pd. Exam: 8:30	E pd. Exam: 8:30	G pd. Exam: 8:30
	Snow Day	B pd. Exam: 10:15	D pd. Exam: 10:15	F pd. Exam: 10:15	H pd. Exam: 10:15

Saturday, May 18th: Senior Baccalaureate Mass (7:30pm, St. Joseph Catholic Church)
Sunday, May 19th: Senior Commencement Ceremony (1:00pm, College Park Center at UTA)

#### 4th Quarter Class Rotation

As we conclude the 3rd Quarter the administration would like to provide you with the 4th Quarter Class Rotation. If you have any questions please contact at us at <a href="mailto:principal@nchstx.org">principal@nchstx.org</a>

#### **Guidance Information**

NOLAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

College Counseling

Class of 2024

**Senior Year** February 2024

NOLAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

College Counseling

Class of 2025

**Junior Year**February 2024

Nolan Catholic High School

SPRING COLLEGE FAIR

Wednesday March 6, 2024 6:30 - 8:00 PM Nolan Catholic, Hartnett Arena

All students & parents are invited!



#### **Calling all Juniors!**

Overwhelmed by all the testing coming your way? Confused about what is happening when? See the <u>attached PDF</u> for all the info and links to help guide you.

#### **Teen Court Volunteer Program**

Discover Teen Court, a voluntary program offering a unique approach to accountability for teens. Volunteer jurors for Teen Court require no training, offering a simple way to understand court processes and connect with others.

Call the Teen Court office at 817-392-8681 or <u>click here</u> for more information.

#### **TAPPS Solo and Ensemble Competition**



Twenty-nine band, choir, and orchestra students performed at the TAPPS Solo and Ensemble Competition on February 24th. All of the students did very well and the following students received a Division I Superior Rating: Katie Aucoin, Miriam Olivas, An Nguyen, Daniel Neis, Davlon Gomez, Ethan Collier, Phillip Socha, Logan Collier, Brigid Connors, Dominique Mendez, Lila Duane-Tessier, Isaiah Sanchez, Will McBrayer, Elisa Alegria, Sebastian Duane-Tessier, Josh Freeman, Bobby Johnson, Jack Saladino, Isaac Schwebel, Myu Lataw, Josh Aguirre, and Luke Melnick.

#### **Big Band Dance**

Join us for an evening of swingin' tunes and groovy moves at the big band dance sponsored by the Nolan Catholic Viking Marching Band Booster! Grab your family and friends and get ready to boogie-woogie the night away! 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 and look for more exciting information to come. See you on the dance floor!





#### **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. 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 menu





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

# 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

<u>mwessel@nchstx.org</u> to check your status.

### **SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS**



#### Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Congratulations to the recipients of our highest academic honors for the Class of 2024: Mr. Logan Collier, Valedictorian, and Ms. Abby Cawyer, Salutatorian.

Logan and Abby have demonstrated exemplary academic achievement, exceptional leadership qualities, and a commitment to service throughout their time at NCHS. Their dedication to their studies, involvement in extracurricular activities,



and positive impact on our community have truly set them apart. We can't wait to hear them address their peers and the NCHS community at the Commencement ceremony on May 19!

#### **Special Olympic of Texas**

This week Nolan Catholic basketball players participated with the Special Olympics for basketball players in a 3-on-3 tournament. Such interactions not only showcase the spirit of inclusivity and sportsmanship, but also create memorable experiences for all involved.













# **Tarrant County Livestock Show Grand Champion**

Congratulations to Junior Sarah Hornick on winning the Senior Cattleman Showmanship Grand Champion at the Tarrant County Livestock Show! This achievement reflects her dedication, hard work, and expertise in showing cattle. It's a significant accomplishment and a testament to her skills as a showman. Well done, Sarah!

#### **Order in the court, Old Sport!**

Literature met the legal system recently in Mr. McNichols's Dual Credit English III class as they recently held a mock trial to wrap up their analysis of F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*. The Mock Trial addressed the novel's most contested moral issues and featured special guests serving in judicial roles.





# Welcome, International Students!

Last Sunday, four foreign exchange students arrived from Nîmes, France. They stayed with Nolan Catholic families and attended classes this past Monday and Wednesday. They received a warm Viking welcome!

### THE VIKING CLUB



Hello, Viking Families!

It is hard to believe we will be closing out the school year in just a few months. Before the end of the school year, however, we have plenty of fun activities and some important business to take care of, too. Officer nominations will be taking place at our next meeting on Wednesday, March 20, at 6:00 p.m. at Mama's Pizza, located at 5800 Camp Bowie Blvd, Fort Worth. Please join us!!!

Our current board has enjoyed serving, and together, we have accomplished so much for our Vikings! In order to prepare for the continued success of future years, it is good to have new board members step into the roles. The elected executive board will continue to fulfill the vision of Viking Club.

The Viking Club follows a Constitution and By-Laws, and it is governed by an Executive Board currently composed of the following:

- President Stephen Blair
- First Vice President Chris Cannon
- Vice-President of Membership Cherrie Cannon
- Vice-President of Communications Robyn Coffey
- Vice-Presidents of Revenue Julie Spotts and Amy Chiabotta
- Secretary Tycie Raven
- Treasurer Molly Bayer



Officers are elected for a period of one year. If you are interested in running for a 2024-2025 Executive Board role, please submit your nomination no later than Monday, March 18. You may self-nominate, or nominate someone you know who would accept the nomination. Please be specific with the position you or the person you are nominating would like to fill. Feel free to reach out to any of us if you have questions.

The Executive Board is responsible for administering the affairs of the Viking Club and voting on the approval of fund requests received from the school-approved athletic teams, clubs, and organizations. The General Membership will elect the board members at the April meeting via secret ballot to take office effective July 2024.

We look forward to receiving nominations and seeing everyone at the March meeting. Please also continue to check for volunteer opportunities coming up. You can view them and sign up by clicking <u>HERE</u>.

Peace In Christ,

Robyn Larson Coffey '95

### PROMOTING OUR COMMUNITY













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 | FORMATION IN HOPE | PERSEVERANCE IN CHARITY

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