

# SCHOOL TALK

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy Advent!

Thank you for sharing your children with us each day. The beauty that each one of our students bring is embued with truth and goodness leaving us with such a connected community filled with Christ's love. I am very well aware that our community and culture on campus are not perfect, but the beauty is the process. Witnessing and serving as a guide for these incredible young minds as they continue to explore and grow in and out of the classroom is such a gift. This may look at times that our young souls are growing away from their roots and sometimes completely on point with their focus on their faith life, family life, and academic life. The transformation that our students experience from their first steps as freshman to where they are now with all the mistakes, frustrations, anxieties, and maybe even a little defiance under their belt, each one of our students (all 715) have also



experienced accomplishments, confidence, integrity, and compliance leading to finding truth in knowing, loving, and serving God in all that they encounter.

What a gift and honor it is to work with your children each day! I challenge each of us to take time to truly spend time with our families and especially these amazing young minds and souls that God has given us as the most beautiful blessings he could possibly entrust to us. Praise God!

I am beyond proud of our students for having the endurance and character to continue on their Christ journey while embracing challenges with confidence and perseverance. As our students pick themselves up and recover with such goodness, it offers so much hope to all that we see and hear in this world. I am confident that every student we have on and off our Nolan Catholic campus will continue sharing the transcendentals in ways we never thought imaginable. May God be the Glory for these beautiful blessings...our children!



Merry Christmas!

Leah Rios, M.Ed., CALT  
Principal

# STAY CONNECTED

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

## NEW APP IS NOW AVAILABLE!

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 new Nolan Catholic High School App has an up-to-date official calendar, recent issues of School Talk, and a wide array of useful links and portals. The "Classes," "Homework," and "Gradebook" options will interface directly with your Parent Portal account so you can easily stay informed on your student's classroom progress and schedule. The app also provides a convenient link to bell schedules, our NCHS social media accounts, guidance office updates, frequently used forms, and much more.

Thank you for using the brand-new Nolan Catholic High School App to stay connected!

## NOLAN BASEBALL TRY-OUTS

Viking baseball tryouts will be held on January 12 and 13 after school on the baseball field. Please contact Coach Weik if you are interested in playing.



## 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

## UNIFORM COMMITTEE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

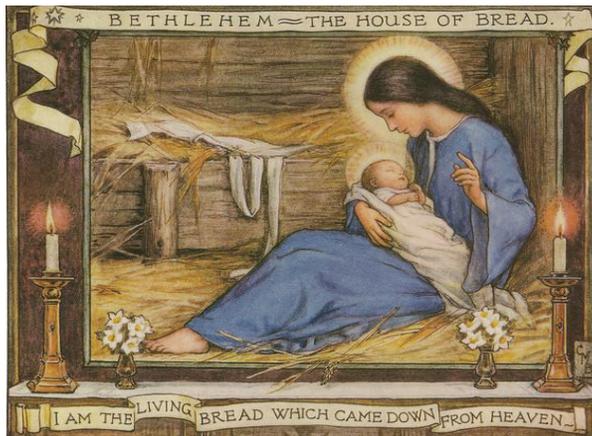
At the start of the new year, we will be taking an in depth look at our current selection of uniform pieces and uniform policies. We are looking for up to five (5) parents who can meet over the next several months and provide constructive input. If you are interested, meeting will begin after the Christmas Break. Location and frequency of meetings, TBD.

To join the committee, please sign up [here](#).

## 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 Bread of Life Art by Cicely Mary Barker

*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Imman'u-el. Is 7:14*

### CHOIRS OF ANGELS

Jesus was born in a humble stable, into a poor family. Simple shepherds were the first witnesses to this event. In this poverty heaven's glory was made manifest. The Church never tires of singing the glory of this night: "The Virgin today brings into the world the Eternal. And the earth offers a cave to the Inaccessible. The angels and shepherds praise him. And the Magi advance with the star. For you are born for us, Little Child,

God eternal!" - Catechism of the Catholic Church 525

And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a

Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Lk 2:11



*Fresco depicting angels appearing to the shepherds (Shepherds' Fields Church, Bethlehem)*

### EMMANUEL

In the fullness of time the Holy Spirit completes in Mary all the preparations for Christ's coming among the People of God. By the action of the Holy Spirit in her, the Father gives the world Emmanuel "God-with-us" (Mt 1:23). -

Catechism of the Catholic Church 744

## IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, December 17  
End of 2nd Quarter

December 20 - January 2  
Christmas Break  
School Offices CLOSED

Monday, January 3  
Faculty/Staff In-Service  
NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, January 4  
Classes Resume

Friday, January 7  
First Friday Mass  
DRESS GRAY REQUIRED



### X2VOL HELP SESSION

January 4, 2022

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

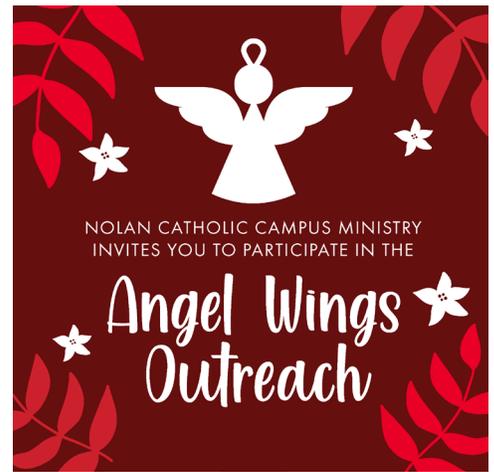
E10

Mrs. Watson will be available on Tuesday, January 4 from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. in E10. This help session is open to all students who need help logging into x2vol, or who need help logging their CM service hours. No need to sign up. Chrome books will be provided. All are welcome!

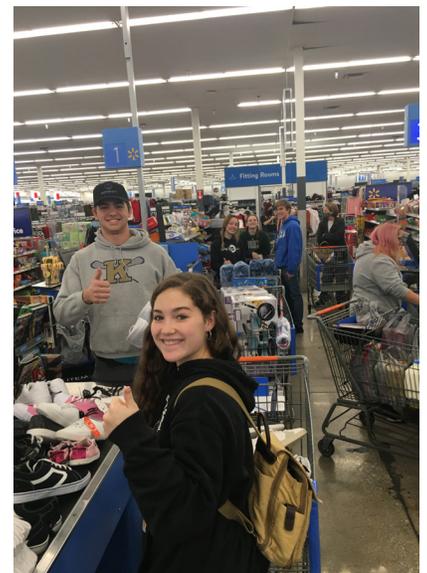
## ANGEL WINGS - COMMUNITY THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all of our families, faculty, and staff who purchased items from the Ángel Wings family wish lists this year. Nolan Catholic collected more than 650 items thanks to your generosity. Nolan students earned dozens of CM service hours by volunteering to sort and wrap your donated items. We would like to acknowledge the following groups who adopted families and helped support the Angel Wings outreach:

Nolan National Honor Society  
 Nolan Alumni and parents  
 Nolan Ambassadors  
 Nolan Art Club  
 Nolan Athletic teams  
 Nolan Band  
 Nolan Book Club  
 Nolan Cheer  
 Nolan Class of 2025  
 Nolan Theater  
 Nolan Robovikes  
 LIFE Team  
 Vikings RISE! service group



A special thanks to Nolan Administration, the Business Office, and Facilities who made resources available for this outreach. Angel Wings gifts were picked up by Youth Advocates of Fort Worth on Wednesday, December 15, 2021. Our Nolan community will help make Christmas very special for the families that were adopted. Thank you!



## VIKING FAITH LIFE

**MON**  
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**TUE**  
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**WED**  
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**THUR**  
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**FRI**  
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Fall CM Hours DUE

X2Vol Help Session  
 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 E10

Feast of the Ephiphany  
 ALL SCHOOL MASS  
 9:10 a.m. | Arena

Chalking of Doors by  
 LIFE Team

FIRST FRIDAY MASS  
 8:00 a.m. | Arena

Vocations Day with Ft.  
 Worth Seminarians  
 Sophomore Boys

# CAMPUS MINISTRY STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



## NOVEMBER KAITLYN UDOVITSCH

Charity and gratitude are important virtues of the Christian life, and Kaitlyn has lived out these virtues in a unique way. Kaitlyn participated in a program that invites Americans to express gratitude by writing letters of appreciation to members of the United States armed

forces, who have been awarded the Medal of Honor. Kaitlyn has also sent many letters to the elderly in a variety of nursing homes in Tarrant County. "During the COVID pandemic, many of our residents were uplifted by Kaitlyn's personalized letters. They were so beautiful. Our residents appreciated her love and time," says Chris Ricketts, Lifestyles Director of The Harrison at Heritage nursing home.



## DECEMBER RYAN JIMENEZ & MICA MAGDAY

Ryan Jimenez and Mica Magday were instrumental in supporting the Angel Wings outreach this year. Both students made themselves available after school and dedicated many hours to help with this annual outreach. Both students embodied true stewardship as they helped monitor online gift registries, process Amazon deliveries, and account for received donations. Ryan has also served many hours at Arlington Memorial hospital, St. Joseph Catholic Parish as an altar server, and Mission Arlington. Micah is an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist at Nolan and at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Parish, and is a member of the Nolan Catholic Tennis team.



# TWO WEEKS IN SPORTS

**MON**  
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**TUE**  
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**WED**  
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**THUR**  
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**FRI**  
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**SAT**  
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B BASKETBALL  
@ Aledo  
(F, JV, V) 1:00 p.m.

**MON**  
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**TUE**  
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@ Whataburger Inv  
V | Chishoom Trail  
High School

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@ Brownwood  
Tournament  
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G SOCCER @ Keller  
V 11:00 a.m.

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JV 11:00 a.m.

# CELEBRATING SUCCESS

## 2021-2022 TPSMEA ALL-STATE BAND

In early December several students in the band program submitted audition recordings for the 2021-22 TPSMEA All State Band audition process. Please join us in congratulating Sophomore Dominique Mendez for earning placement in the 2022 TPSMEA All State Band on flute. She will be attending and performing in the TPSMEA All - State Band in late January. This year the all state band will be taught and directed by Dr. Ken Dye, the Director of Bands at the University of Notre Dame.



*Pre-Show Nerves*  
Student Life 6A First Place - Preston Owens  
Nolan Catholic High School, Fort Worth, TX  
Anna Engelland, instructor

6A Student Life  
2nd Place: Isabel Lubrano  
3rd Place: Cherish Ellsworth

## NCHS FINE ARTS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



## 2021 TAPPS FALL PHOTO CONTEST

The results for the 2021 TAPPS Fall Photo Contest have been posted and our students truly shined among the competition.

NCHS students earned recognition in the following categories. The full results with the winning photos can be found in the [attached PDF](#).

6A Architecture:

1st Place: Isabel Lubrano  
3rd Place: Isabel Lubrano

6A Formal Portrait:

1st Place: Katie Hoang  
3rd Place: Isabel Lubrano

6A Informal Portrait:

1st Place: Katie Hoang  
2nd Place: Katie Hoang  
3rd Place: Angel Duong

6A Landscape/Scenic:

2nd Place: Katie Hoang

6A Sports:

2nd Place: Malachy O'Connor  
3rd Place: Leni Nguyen  
Honorable Mention: Katie Hoang  
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6A Still Life (CLEAN SWEEP!):

1st Place: Katie Hoang  
2nd Place: Teresa Bosquez  
3rd Place: Katie Hoang  
Honorable Mention: Annalise Lozano



## KJ WILLIAMS NAMED AS HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

We are proud to announce that Coach KJ Williams has accepted our offer to become the Head Coach for the Nolan Catholic Vikings football team. During the past three years, Coach Williams has been instrumental in our team’s continued success by serving as the Defensive Line Coach and Special Teams Coordinator. Coach Williams is a dynamic person on and off the field. Coach Williams is a man of deep faith and a committed Christian. He and his beautiful wife, Ericka, have three children ages 6, 3, and 3 months. Please join us in congratulating Coach Williams.

## HOLIDAY TRAVEL - CDC GUIDELINES

CDC has issued information on what you need to know when traveling to/from the United States over the holidays. Please review the information [here](#).



## 4-H HOLIDAY SHOWCASE

Our goats are getting a day at the spa in preparation for tomorrow’s first annual Nolan Catholic Holiday Showcase Goat Show! It begins at 8:45 in the IDEA Building.



## NOW ENROLLING 2022-2023 ADMISSIONS CORNER

Attention, future Vikings! The admission application for the 2022-2023 school year is now open!

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](mailto: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](mailto: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

SCAN HERE

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