



SCHOOL TALK

✠ NOLAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Robo Vikes Reign Supreme: Nolan Catholic Celebrates World Championship Triumph!

Nolan Catholic is thrilled to announce the outstanding achievements of our robotics Team 4206, the Robo Vikes, at the FIRST World Championship Event that took place April 17-19 in Houston. The Robo Vikes emerged as the 2024 World Championship Archimedes Division Winner and secured the prestigious 3rd Alliance in the world, surpassing over 600 teams worldwide. Notably, they showcased exceptional performance with multiple high scores in Einstein's, the final matches in Worlds. Additionally, the team achieved the Highest Clean Score in the competition, demonstrating remarkable precision with the least amount of penalties, and came within 7 points of setting a new World Record. They also earned the distinction of the Highest Losing Score, reflecting their unmatched prowess even in defeat, and attained the Highest Telecommunication Operation Score, showcasing their mastery when the driver is in control of the robot.



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the donors, parents, mentors, coaches, and volunteers whose unwavering support with their resources, time, talent, advice, and expertise propelled the Robo Vikes to such extraordinary success.

Moreover, we commend the students for their resilience in times of failure, their grit, and determination to rebuild Carson (the robot) under extreme pressures, and their admirable sense of humor amidst challenges. Your dedication and spirit embody the essence of *Esto Dux* - leading the way to excellence. Congratulations once again to the Robo Vikes for this remarkable achievement!

Go Robo Vikes!
Esto Dux!



May

- **Friday, May 3:** Dance Spring Show
- **Monday, May 6 - 10:** Teacher Appreciation Week
- **Monday, May 6 - 17:** AP Exam Weeks
- **Monday, May 6:** [Senior Capstone Night](#)
- **Tuesday, May 7:** Incoming Class 2028 Pinning Ceremony and Blessing
- **Wednesday, May 8:** Last Mass for Senior Class
- **Thursday, May 9:** Art Gallery Night
- **Thursday, May 9:** Junior College Planning-Collegium
- **Friday, May 10:** NCHS library books are due
- **Friday, May 10:** School In Session (Snow Day Make-Up)
- **Friday, May 10:** [Culinary Arts Showcase](#)
- **Saturday, May 11:** Sailing Club Open House (Fort Worth Boat Club)
- **Saturday, May 11:** VSPYS
- **Monday, May 13:** TCC Dual Credit Registration
- **Monday, May 13 -15:** Senior Exams
- **Wednesday, May 15:** Senior Graduation Practice (11:00 a.m., Arena)
- **Wednesday, May 15:** Viking Cub Meeting
- **Thursday, May 16:** Senior Picnic
- **Friday, May 17:** Spring Service Hours due
- **Friday, May 17:** Early Dismissal -11:45 a.m.
- **Friday, May 17:** Senior Robing Ceremony
- **Saturday, May 18:** Baccalaureate Mass
- **Sunday, May 19:** Commencement & Senior Lock-in
- **Monday, May 20:** No School
- **Tuesday, May 21st -Friday, May 24th:** Semester Exams

See our full calendar [here!](#)

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



Junior Leadership Day

Photo by Mrs. Bosquez

Junior Leadership Day was created in keeping with the Nolan Catholic High School motto, *Esto Dux*. This day embraces the unity of the Junior class and begins the progression toward leadership as the Senior class of 2025.



On April 19, the Junior Class gathered for Junior Leadership Day at St. Joseph Catholic Parish in Arlington. The day included Mass with Fr. Metzler, lunch as a group and reminders of how to make their Senior year a great one!

Special congratulations to Betsy Weber and Brendan O'Connor, who received the Mary Ellen Byrnes Leadership Award.

The Mary Ellen Byrnes Foundation started an annual scholarship in 2013 for one male and one female student from Nolan Catholic High School's Junior Class chosen by the faculty. The award recognizes students who embody four key aspects of Mary Ellen Byrnes' life:

1. Service to the Nolan Catholic Community, focused on improving others' lives.
2. Active involvement in various organizations and activities within the community.
3. Being a positive representative of the Nolan Spirit within and beyond the school.
4. Demonstrating strong character, including moral commitment, dedication to others, and a willingness to do what is right.

Senior Community Day



On the same day, the Class of 2024 attended Senior Community Day at Good Shepherd Catholic Community.

The day focused on reflection and community building for the senior class and included teacher reflection talks, small group sharing, and other activities.



Pictures taken by Dr. Hubbard



Gallery Night

Mark your calendars for the highlight of the year: Gallery Night on May 9, 2024! Join us from 6 to 9 p.m. as we showcase the talent of Nolan Catholic's art students. The evening kicks off in the Auditorium with captivating presentations. Then, wander through the IDEA Building to explore stunning galleries and indulge in delicious refreshments. Don't miss out on this unforgettable celebration of creativity!

Save the Date: NCHS

Culinary Arts Showcase!

Date: May 10, 2024, NCHS Commons
 Tickets: \$5 each - click below to purchase
[Culinary Arts Showcase Tickets](#)

Highlights:

- Student-Crafted Appetizers: Culinary Arts II students will wow you with their unique appetizers, showcasing their culinary talents.
- Interact with Student Chefs: Meet the creators and vote for your favorites in various categories.
- Judges' Choice: Esteemed judges will select a winner for the Judges' Choice award.
- Culinary Arts I Showcase: See Culinary Arts I students in action, displaying their mastered techniques.



Supporting Our Cause:

Proceeds will help purchase kitchen equipment for our students' continued culinary education.

Don't miss out on this delicious event! Save the date and come hungry for a celebration of culinary talent at Nolan Catholic Culinary Arts.

Bon appétit! 

Nolan Catholic Book Club

The Nolan Catholic Book Club attended the North Texas Teen Book Festival over the weekend. The festival featured more than 70 authors and illustrators on discussion panels, writer workshops, free pre-release books, and author signings Mrs. Oches notes. Eight of these students were at prom until late the night before and still made the 7 a.m. bus call!





Sailing Club

Our Nolan Vikings placed 1st and 2nd (Flying Junior Class Boat) in the Fort Worth Boat Club's Annual Regatta and Cowtown Stampede this past weekend. Please add to your calendar our open house on Saturday, May 11 at the Fort Worth Boat Club from 10 am until 4 pm. This will be a great opportunity to cheer on our sailors and to learn more about our great program. Please contact Denice Boettcher at 817-805-422 or Colleen Valenti at 732-397-4000. Fort Worth Boat Club 10000 Boat Club Road Fort Worth, Tx. 76179

Math League National Championship

Nolan Catholic High School participated in the Catholic Math League's Mathfax Competition, which consists of a set of four multiple choice tests that are taken in honors math classes. In Algebra II, NCHS students competed with 26 other Catholic schools from across the nation. Under the supervision of Ms. Jermann-Rabito, our Algebra II Honors students placed first in our division for the eighth time! In addition, our Algebra II Honors students won the National Championship for the first time! Here are the top three Algebra II students this year:

- In 3rd place: Gabriel Harasimiuk,
- In 2nd place: Noah Pham,
- In 1st place: Luke Melnick



Pictured above from left to right: Gabriel Harasimiuk, Luke Melnick, and Noah Pham.

We especially commend Luke Melnick. He achieved the highest individual score of all Algebra II students in the nation and is the Individual National Champion! Congratulations to these students for their outstanding achievements!

Auditions for Ballet Folklorico

NCHS Ballet Folklorico La Vikina Will be holding auditions for the 2024-2025 Season until May 13. For more information contact Sra. Beltran at mbeltran@nchstx.org or click on the [link](#).



Click the image below to visit our Admission website.



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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, or call 817-395-0245.



CAMPUS MINISTRY



Vikings for Life Week!

Pro-Life Club is hosting a [Vikings for Life Week](#) to benefit local pregnancy resource centers. Friday, May 3 is a \$5 Jeans day with a pink or blue shirt. Proceeds go toward Whole Life Authentic Care.

Next week we will be holding a Baby Shower Drive for baby items to donate to Whole Life. See the [flyers](#) for the donation list and earn service hours and house points for bringing in items.

Activities include a Scavenger Hunt Activity on Monday, a bake sale during lunch on Tuesday, and Thursday we will pray the Rosary during Collegium. Please see the flyers for details and help Pro-Life Club support life!

VIKINGS FOR LIFE WEEK
Planned and run by the Nolan Catholic Pro-Life Club

6-10 MAY
Right before Mother's Day on the 12th! All proceeds and donations go to: **WHOLE LIFE AUTHENTIC CARE**

KICKOFF!
3 Friday **\$5 JEANS DAY AND BLUE/PINK OUT**
All proceeds will go towards our donation drive for Whole Life Authentic Care

6 Monday **HOUSE SCAVENGER HUNT ACTIVITY**
Begin collecting donations.

7 Tuesday **BAKE SALE**
Still taking donations.

8 Wednesday **MASS OFFERED FOR LIFE**
Still taking donations.

9 Thursday **ROSARY DURING COLLEGIUM**
Still taking donations.

10 Friday **LAST DAY FOR DONATIONS!**

BRING IN NEW OR GENTLY USED ITEMS FOR
The Pro-Life Club Baby Shower Drive!
ITEMS NEEDED (BUT NOT LIMITED TO)

- Diapers in all sizes Premie to size 4, but especially Newborn (3)
- Baby wipes, diaper cream (2)
- Newborn and preemie clothes: onesies, socks, coats, clothing, etc. (1-3)
- Healthcare/grooming kit: newborn nail clippers, "windi", snot sucker, etc. (1 ea.)
- Baby bath (3)
- Baby wash (1)
- Formula (3)
- Bottles (2)
- Burp cloths (1)
- Bibs (1)
- Baby food (2 for 6 bottles)
- Pacifiers (1)

Numbers next to items correspond to the amount of points/CM hours you will receive

All donations will go towards Whole Life Authentic Care and Catholic Charities!

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!](#)

Mission
Arlington Metroplex
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.

Trinity **Habitat for Humanity**

Opportunities include: build and repair homes, brush clean up, and ReStore support
[Click here to sign up!](#)

North Texas Food Bank

Opportunities include: sorting, boxing, packing, or distributing food
[Click here to sign up!](#)

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY SERVICE HOURS

All **9th-11th grade students** should be seeking ways to earn Spring 2024 CM service hours. Spring 2024 service hours are due to be logged in x2VOL by the end of the day on **May 17, 2024**. All CM service hours must be logged in x2VOL, verified, and approved in order to receive credit for graduation.

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. Vincent de Paul Craft Fair

Vendors and volunteers are needed for the St. Vincent de Paul Craft Fair. Contact the [coordinators](#) for more information. Student volunteers may assist with load in/set up and break down, plus other duties throughout the day as needed.

Student Retreat 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.



Fiat

Young women aged 16-25 are invited to join a [special retreat](#) organized by the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth. This retreat offers a unique opportunity to gather with the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary, the Dominicans of Mary Mother of the Eucharist, and other consecrated religious women for a time of prayer, reflection, and discernment. The \$20 registration fee covers lunch and dinner during the retreat.

NATURE NOTES



Welcome St. Francis!

By Mrs. Breclaw

Gardens help us make connections. They help us understand the value of the food we eat, the reality of our dependence on plants and pollinators, and the amazing mystery of a God who loves us so much that he created a marvelous world for us to explore. They also help us connect with other people and the stories of those who've traveled similar paths before us.



Last weekend Boy Scouts from Troop 32, led by Max Boettcher, created a wonderful focal point for our garden space. They installed flower beds, a garden bench, and a beautiful seated statue of St. Francis. Max chose plants to compliment the space (bright yellow daylilies, purple heart, liriopie and lantana), and added in soft lamb's ear plants to connect thematically to the statue.

But the most significant connections made in this garden involve the statue itself. Max, like so many of our Nolan Catholic students, is involved in a range of activities. Aside from scouting, he participates in Robovikes and the Sailing team. Through this connection, Coach Taylor and his wife Margaret gifted the statue in honor of Margaret's parents, Aurora and Raymond Burciaga.

Margaret is a Nolan Catholic graduate (class of 77). Her mother graduated from Our Lady of Victory high school. Seven of Margaret's siblings also graduated from Nolan, and the family legacy continues with six of the Burciaga grandchildren attending Nolan Catholic.

I invite you to come out and literally sit with St. Francis. Enjoy the spring weather, listen to the cardinals and chickadees singing nearby, and reflect on the many generations of love and prayers that have made Nolan Catholic such a special place.

We are so grateful to all of the students and families who help to beautify our campus through service projects. If you are looking for an Eagle, Gold Award, or Stars and Stripes project, please email me (ebreclaw@nchstx.org). We have a wishlist of projects for the outdoor spaces, and welcome new ideas as well.



SCHOOL RESOURCES



School Calendar Change

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. In addition, there will be no school on Monday, May 20, as we decided not to utilize it as a bad weather day. As always, please contact the [Attendance](#) Office with any notifications about your student's attendance.



**NOLAN CATHOLIC
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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.

Admissions: 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 Admissions 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

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.

ATTENTION!

Books due back in the Library by
May 10.

Textbooks due back
May 24.



2024-2025 Morning Bus Survey

Nolan Catholic High School operates a morning bus route to facilitate transportation for students. We are currently assessing interest levels to determine the location for the bus route. **Please note this service is exclusively for mornings; there is no afternoon bus service available.**

Please complete the [survey](#) by May 15.

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

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](#)



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**.

Nolan Catholic Summer Experience

Summer Camps

Our summer camps offer students the opportunity to explore their chosen interests in a fun-filled environment. Summer Camps are available for youth (rising 3rd through 8th grade) as well as enrolled or applied Nolan Catholic High School students.

Registration is now open for Summer 2024! Learn more about our youth [summer programs](#).



Enrichment Camps

- NCHS Sailing Camp (5-12 grade)
- Mommy and Me Camp (ages 7 and under)
- Future Viking Band Camp (5-8 grade)
- Theater Kids Kamp (1-5 grade)
- Middle School Theatre Camp (6-8 grade)
- Strategy Games Camp (7-11 grade)
- Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement (7-12 grade)
- Mastering the College Essay



Athletic Camps

- Strength and Conditioning (6-8 Grade)
- Softball Youth Camp (3-8 grade)
- Baseball Youth Camp (3-8 grade)
- Football Youth Camp (3-8 grade)
- Basketball Youth Camp (3-8 grade)
- Volleyball Youth Camp (3-8 grade)

For Credit Summer classes

Our Summer For Credit School registration window is now open. Nolan Catholic High School will be offering summer school courses for "Initial Credit". Finish some graduation requirement before school starts again. We will be providing a mix of both in-person and virtual, self-paced classes. Click on the [link](#) for more information.

Attention, Digital Artists!

Enroll today for the Intro to Digital Media summer session! This popular course is a fun and exciting opportunity to learn about digital art, express your creativity, and complete one of your two required CTE credits! Click on the [link](#) for more information.



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>

PROMOTING OUR COMMUNITY



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul's
3rd annual
Spring Craft &
Vendor Fair**

**MAY 11, 2024
9am to 3pm**

\$2 entry fee or 2 Canned Food items
**kids under 12 -free

Hourly Raffles begin @ 10:30am!
65+ Vendors-lot's of variety!

Booth info: FundraisingSVDPS@gmail.com
(817) 213-6642 Chris/Crissy

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5819 Pleasant Ridge Rd
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JUNE 24TH-28TH
for a FIN-TASTIC time!**

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Opportunities!**



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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