



SCHOOL TALK

† NOLAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

2023-2024

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April

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- **Wednesday, April 24:** [Tower Hill Forum](#)
- **Thursday, April 25:** House Challenge
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- **Friday, April 26:** *No-School -Inservice*
- **Friday, April 26:** Junior/Senior Prom
- **Saturday, April 27:** Teen Book Festival
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- **Tuesday, April 30:** Faith Night

May

- **Wednesday, May 1:** Ballet Folklorico Showcase
- **Thursday, May 2:** Junior College Planning
- **Thursday, May 2:** Band & Orchestra Concert
- **Friday, May 3:** Prospective Parent Coffee tour
- **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
- **Thursday, May 9:** Gallery Night
- **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 -15:** Senior Exams
- **Wednesday, May 15:** Senior Graduation Practice (11:00 a.m., Arena)
- **Thursday, May 16:** Senior Picnic
- **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!](#)

Click the image to register.

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

Spirit Games

STEPHEN BREEN
MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

CATHOLIC DIOCESE
of FORT WORTH

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

SCAN CODE TO REGISTER
OR REGISTER ONLINE
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

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



TAPPS Art Competition

Nolan art students earned third place in the 6A TAPPS art competition. Twenty-five works of art were submitted for judging and nine students competed in on-site drawing competitions. Many Nolan students earned individual awards. The following students earned medals.

Gold Medal Winners:

- Jenna Poquiz- Drawing
- Jack Saladino- Digital Drawing
- Michelle Estrella- Photography

Silver Medal Winners:

- Emma Papini- Relief
- Liz Lara- Drawing
- Liz Lara- Mixed Media



Bronze Medal Winners:

- Olivia Vasquez- Ceramics
- Liz Lara- On-site Drawing
- Emma Papini- On-site Seek and Sketch



Gallery Night

Mark your calendars for the highlight of the year: Gallery Night on May 9, 2024! Join us from 6-9 pm as we showcase the talent of Nolan'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. It's an evening buzzing with excitement for Nolan Art, where every student's masterpiece will shine, awards will be bestowed, and the culmination of the AP Art & Design students' year-long portfolios will be revealed. Don't miss out on this unforgettable celebration of creativity!

Award Winning Viking Sailing Club

Viking Sailing Club wins the SEISSA Sportsmanship Award. The Viking Sailing Club is part of the Southeastern High School Sailing Association (SEISA). It encompasses numerous schools from Colorado through Texas to Florida. Our Viking Sailing Club was nominated for and won this prestigious award. We were recognized for building and maintaining the sailing club over the past nine years. Our sailors were recognized for their willingness to help other teams on and off the water (without being asked). It was noted that despite the distance, Nolan Catholic is always willing to travel wherever there is a regatta: most recently to New Orleans with girls from Catholic schools all over the country. Nolan remains the only high school sailing team in North Texas. Remember the open house on May 11. Details will be posted again next week.



Click the image below to visit our Admission website.

A promotional banner for Nolan Catholic High School. The main image is a young woman in a purple graduation cap and gown, smiling. The text 'EXPLORE YOUR FUTURE WITH US' is overlaid on the left. In the top left corner is the school's logo and name. A central hexagonal box contains the text 'Applications open for the 2024-2025 school year'. The banner features several smaller inset images: a student working on a project, a student in a red coat, a student in a blue jacket, a student in a white shirt, a student in a blue jacket, and a student in a blue jacket. At the bottom, there is contact information and a QR code.

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, or call 817-395-0245.

NATURE NOTES



Greening the Campus: Troop 97's Compost Crusade



Last weekend scouts and parents from St. Andrew's Boy Scout troop 97 spent a gorgeous Saturday morning building a three-bin compost system for the garden. Junior Nicholas Ritchey spearheaded the project to satisfy one of the requirements for his Eagle rank. The scouts not only did a stellar job building the bins, they also transferred compost from our old single bin to the new system, and moved cinder blocks and concrete to make wheel-barrow accessible pathways to the bins.

Students have been talking with Mr. Garnett and Mrs. Breclaw for years about composting at the school. Until now, we've only been able to handle composting materials from the garden and scraps from floral design. Now we can include coffee grounds from around campus, and eventually scraps from the cafeteria and culinary program. In turn, we will use the compost to enhance the raised beds in the garden area and courtyard. This will help us grow stronger plants and save money by not having to purchase compost and soil amendments.

We are so grateful to the hard work and dedication of troop 97. Last year they built four raised beds in our community garden. We're using those to grow garlic, sweet potatoes and potatoes. Over the next month, we'll see more exciting changes in the garden with another scout project that will bring more landscape beds, seating, and a very special statue to the garden.

If you're working towards an Eagle Rank, Gold Award, or Stars and Stripes project, we would love to have your help in the outdoor spaces! Please email Mrs. Breclaw for a list of project possibilities, or submit your own idea to beautify the campus.



CAMPUS MINISTRY



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.

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!](#)

🎉🏆 **Calling all volunteers for the annual Spirit Games on April 28th from 11 AM - 3 PM at Nolan Catholic High School!** 🎉🏆

👏 **NOLAN CATHOLIC STUDENTS: [Sign up to volunteer](#)** and earn Christian Ministry service hours 🏠 and house points! ☀️ Help make this year's Spirit Games the best one yet - see you there! 🎉🏆



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



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 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](#)

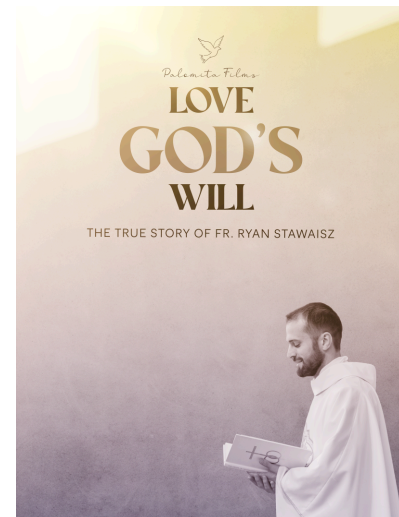
St. George Catholic School Saint Festival

Saint George Catholic School is having its Saint Festival this Sunday, and needs help from Nolan Catholic students to come early (before 3) to help with setting up, and other tasks. The event is from 3-9 at St George. If you are interested in helping please contact **Nhi Mai** at 25nmai@student.nchstx.org.



Faith Night: Movie Night!

Love God's Will is the true story of a young priest from Houston, Fr. Ryan Stawaisz. After graduating from Texas A&M as a petroleum engineer with a promising career ahead of him, he felt God was calling him to the priesthood. Weeks before his ordination, Ryan was diagnosed with cancer, and his desire became not only to DO God's will, but to LOVE God's will. Despite his battle with cancer, Fr. Ryan remained steadfast in his desire to serve others and to share the love of Christ with everyone who crossed his path. His public ministry lasted a brief three years; but, Fr. Ryan's witness continues to inspire people of all ages.



Join us for a movie night on **Tuesday, April 30th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Nolan Catholic Auditorium** for the viewing of this inspiring film, sponsored by Reckless Love, a new LIFE team initiative. This event is open to all Nolan Catholic students and is free of charge! Come grow in faith and fellowship!

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

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

St. Vincent de Paul Church
5819 Pleasant Ridge Rd
Arlington, Tx 76016

Get Excited! Only a few weeks away!!

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

ANNUAL SUMMER
Encounter
GIRLS RETREAT

YOU WILL SEEK ME AND FIND ME.

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

Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth
Office of Youth, Young Adult, Campus Ministry

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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. Please bring cash, check or money order.

SCHOOL RESOURCES



Parent Alert will have a new short code.

Starting April 8, text messages sent via Parent Alert will have a new short code.

Here's helpful information about this FACTS SIS system update:

- The new short code is **317065**.
- The text header will be our school's FACTS SIS District Code, which is **NL-TX**.
- If someone previously opted out of receiving Parent Alert text messages, they will need to **re-opt out** by texting **STOP**.
- The caller ID for Parent Alert phone calls will be **817-457-2920**.

Please contact office@nchstx.org if you have any questions regarding this FACTS SIS update.



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 April 26. Upon analyzing the survey data and gauging interest in the morning bus service, we will provide updates regarding the route location, pick-up times and the cost per student for riding the bus. You can expect to receive this information by the end of May.

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](#)





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



**NOLAN CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL**

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.

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.

Stephen Breen Foundation Scholarship Application

The Stephen Breen Memorial Foundation ("Foundation") is pleased to offer a scholarship towards their freshman-year to a graduating senior from Nolan Catholic High School. Stop by the Guidance Center for an application or check your emails!



DEADLINE TO APPLY: Friday, April 26, 2024.



Ballet Folklorico Showcase

Ballet Folklorico La Vikina would like to invite you to their Dinner and Dance on Wednesday, May 1st starting with dinner at 6 p.m. followed by a performance at 7:15 p.m. Funds will be used for choreography lessons and to purchase folklorico costumes. With your support we can continue to perform at NCHS and help with fundraising events at our feeder schools and churches. For ticket prices look for the flyer or contact Señora Maria Beltran at mbeltran@nchstx.org.

🍴 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.

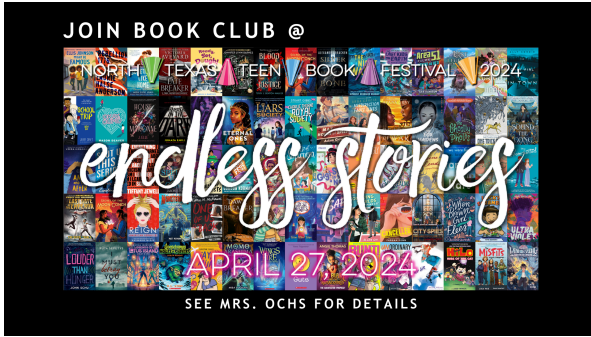


🌟 Supporting Our Cause:

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! 🌟



Book Club is attending the North Texas Teen Book Festival at the Irving Convention Center on Saturday, April 27. Join them in attending author panels, Speed Date with a Book, author signings, and get FREE pre-release books and swag from publishers! 78 author/illustrators will be in attendance, including Lois Lowry, R.L. Stine, Jennifer Lynn Barnes, Angie Thomas, and Jeff Kinney. See Mrs. Ochs for details.

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**.

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.**



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>

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:

SMGCS HAMMERHEADS
CLASSIC CAR SHOW
JOIN US SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, 10:00AM - 2:00PM
AWARDS FOR BEST PAINT, BEST INTERIOR, KIDS' CHOICE, BEST OF DECADES 2000 - 1950 & EARLIER, BEST IN SHOW
ALL MAKES AND MODELS WELCOME

FREE ADMISSION

DONATIONS WELCOME

TO REGISTER:

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

PROCEEDS BENEFITING SMG CATHOLIC SCHOOL
1009 BENGE DR. ARLINGTON, TX 76013

PER VEHICLE
\$20 PRE-REGISTRATION
\$25 DAY OF REGISTRATION

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FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL: SMGCSCARSHOW@GMAIL.COM
INSTAGRAM@SMGCSCARSHOW



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EDUCATION IN FAITH | FORMATION IN HOPE | PERSEVERANCE IN CHARITY

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