



SCHOOL TALK

✝ NOLAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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See our full calendar [here!](#)

CAMPUS MINISTRY



Lenten Message from Fr. Metzler:

“Unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of Heaven.”

We understand the season of Lent to be about repentance, change, and growth in holiness, but what exactly does this look like? What does it mean in our own lives? According to our Lord, the answer has a lot to do with becoming like children. This kind of conversion is actually so important to Jesus that he says without it, heaven is unattainable. So what does this mean? What does it mean to become like a Child?

G.K. Chesterton writes that children rejoice in monotony. They love to see things happen again and again. They have an overabundance of life that rejoices in the ordinary around them. He says that perhaps this same vital, excited energy flows through God’s divine life as he makes the sun rise and fall day after day, without fail. “It is possible that God says every morning, “Do it again” to the sun, and every evening, “Do it again” to the moon.”¹ C.S. Lewis also picks up on this theme of childlike joy. He says that on earth, things are often upside down from the way they are in heaven. On earth, work, anxiety, and stress consume most of our time and attention, where joy is at best a sidelined occasional experience. This is not so in heaven. Anxiety is gone. Suffering has ended. Playful noise fills the streets as “Joy is the serious business of Heaven.”² Finally, in the spirit of joyful repetition, Peter Kreeft, in an essay describing the ocean and its almost “divine-like” grandeur, says that if each wave could talk on behalf of God, they would repeat with each crash on the beach the simple, but profound declaration of God to mankind “I love you, I love you, I love you, I love you.”³

To be childlike then requires a couple of things. It requires a different lens through which we

engage the ordinary and monotonous. It requires joyful hope, humor, and a deep sense that the love of God pumping through our veins and reflected in the oceans weighs heavier than the passing sufferings of this life. Finally, it requires a deep conviction that even the most failed and sinful life can be redeemed. All of this is only possible if the fundamental disposition of one’s life is dependence. Dependence on a good God and on his powerful providence.

Oftentimes, we engage in Lent through a different lens. We engage in Lent through the lens of a need for self-perfection, a sense of needing to “get better”, to overcome vice and become perfect. To be clear, virtue and overcoming sin are necessary to repentance. But what drives this process? Is it my own need to be perfect and faultless? Or am I drawn to this by a deep conviction that God actually delights in me and that my conversion is less of me working hard and more of me letting God? The goal of Lent is not primarily about “getting better.” The goal of Lent is to grow more deeply in love with Jesus Christ and to become ever more aware of His love for you.

As we enter into Lent, let us do so with repentant hearts. Hearts desirous of conversion, not simply because of a hurt pride at having sinned, but because of a deep love for Jesus Christ against whom we have sinned. For when we recognize God’s goodness, His childlike joy, His intimate and particular concern for our lives, and most especially His desire to forgive and restore us, it is then that Lent and repentance change tone. This Lent is not merely about me “getting better.” It is about me drawing more deeply into the Lord who delights in me. For as Proverbs tells us, “Before the mountains had been shaped ... I was beside him, like a master workman; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited word, and delighting in the sons of men.”

¹ Orthodoxy.

² C.S. Lewis, Letters to Malcolm: Chiefly on Prayer (San Diego: Harvest, 1964), 92-93.

³ Peter Kreeft, The Sea.

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!



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.

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 - 2/16, 2/23, 3/1

- 5 Points towards your student's house for each day you volunteer
- [Sign up here](#)

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

MOTHERS' MASS

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 8:15 AM
FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 8:15 AM
FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 8:15 AM

Mass in the Nolan chapel, followed by baked goods, fruit, and coffee.

All mothers or grandmothers of students are invited and encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity for our mothers to come together, worship, and build relationships as a Nolan Catholic Community.

High School Girls Summer Retreat

The Dominican Sisters of Mary Immaculate Province (www.houstondominicans.org - 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.



Vote for our School to Win!

Nolan Catholic High School has been nominated to receive free Tiny Saints charms of our patron for all the students and free custom T-shirts for all the staff! Please take a moment to vote and try to help us win! The more votes we get the better our chances of winning. Voting closes the evening of February 22.

Visit TinySaints.com to vote for my school!

NATURE NOTES

By Emily Breclaw

We still have another month of winter before the start of spring, but the plants in our greenhouse evidently don't rely on calendars. Many of our succulents are blooming profusely right now, along with a lovely bougainvillea we received last year. Pictures tell the story far better than I can, so let me invite you on a little virtual tour of our current blooming beauties.

A wonderful family gave us lots of plants and cuttings last spring, including this potted bougainvillea.





It struggled all summer, so I brought it into the greenhouse for the winter. We purchase and propagate lots of succulents for plant sales and class projects. The leftovers end up in the greenhouse. Several of them are currently displaying delicate white flowers that contrast amazingly with their thick leaves.

And last but certainly not least- our prolific 'pink butterflies' kalanchoe plants have exploded with these amazing, umbrella-like clusters of flowers. I've been taking lots of photos and notes of this plant as it grows.

Nearly every article I've read about pink butterflies has contained information contrary to what I've seen this plant do. Sometimes our own observations are more accurate than what you read online, which is why keeping a nature or gardening journal can be so helpful. I hope you have a chance to get outside and make your own nature discoveries this weekend!



SCHOOL RESOURCES



NOLAN CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL

Re-enrollment is open for the 2023-2024 school year!

Click [here](#) to view Mr. Ortiz's re-enrollment letter outlining 2024-2025 tuition fees.

FACTS Grant & Aid Application

All current family FACTS need-based Grant and Aid Financial applications are due by midnight on February 29, 2024. Click [HERE](#) 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

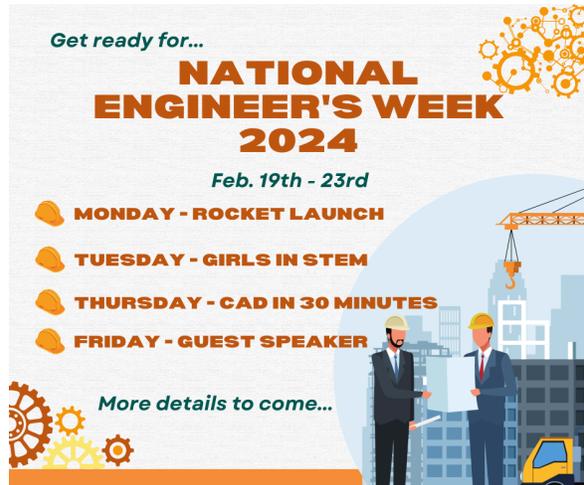
If you have any questions or need assistance completing the 2024-2025 Grant & Aid application, please contact [Kimberlee Glover](#).

National Engineer Week

Hello, Future Engineers!

Get ready to blast off into Engineer's Week 2024! From February 19 to 23, we have an exciting lineup of events planned just for you, featuring a thrilling rocket launch, hands-on 3D printing, and an inspiring guest speaker. Stay tuned for more details and mark your calendars for an unforgettable week of engineering fun and activities!

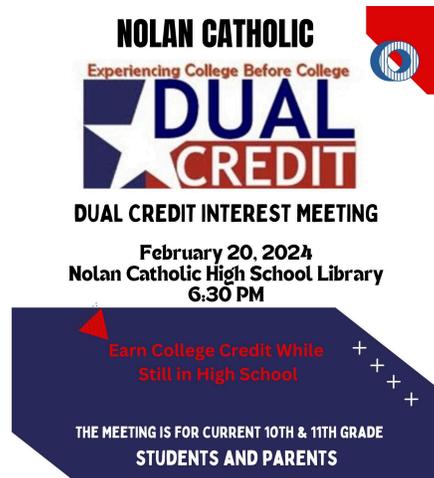
Have questions? Reach out to Ms. McGreal.



TPSMEA All Region Band

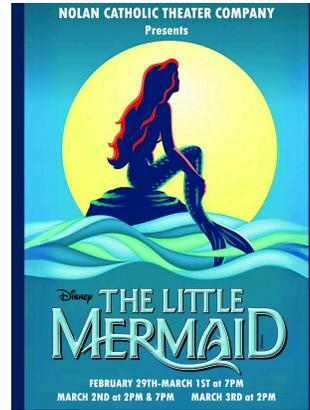
Congratulations to Dominique Mendez and Isaiah Sanchez. They have both made the TPSMEA All Region Band will perform this weekend in Addison.

Guidance Information



Get Your Tickets!

Come out to see [The Little Mermaid](#) on February 29 - March 3 at 7:00 pm in the theater. [Tickets](#) are on the Nolan Website! Be sure to get yours today before they are sold out!



Culinary Arts Showcase

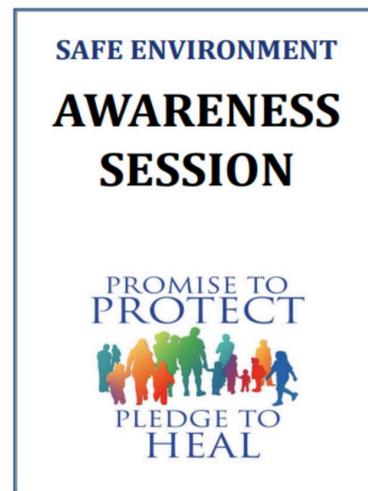
Nolan Catholic Culinary Arts is pleased to announce its first ever NCHS Culinary Arts Showcase on Friday, May 10 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Come taste Culinary Arts II students' signature dishes and vote on category winners. There will also be food from Culinary Arts I students. Entrance fee is \$5 per person, which comes with five voting tickets. We hope to make this an annual event.

Safe Environment Awareness

Safe Environment Awareness sessions will be offered at Nolan Catholic High School on **Saturday, Feb. 17**. 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 register for the initial session, Protecting God's Children, or the renewal, A Plan to Protect here.

Sessions:

- Protecting God's Children:
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- A Plan to Protect: 1-3 p.m.



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



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's menu](#).

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

Amazing Job at State!

On Monday, Feb. 12, the Nolan Catholic Swim Team competed in San Antonio at the Division 1 TAPPS State Championship. Overall, the girls finished 11th and the boys brought back a medal and plaque for 4th place! Top 3 swimmers in their event get medals at this meet. Charlie White finished 1st in his 200 Freestyle and 3rd in his 100 Butterfly. Trifon Walsler finished 1st in his 200 IM and 2nd in his 100 Backstroke.



Ethan Alford finished 3rd in his 500 Freestyle. Finally, the boys 200 FR and 400 FR relays finished 2nd in both; consisting of Jackson Draude, Nicholas Harding, Ethan Alford, Trifon Walsler, and Charlie White! An honorable mention is Olivia Leuschner finishing 4th in her 500 Freestyle. Amazing job, Vikings!!

THE VIKING CLUB

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Please consider signing up to work this event 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.

Upcoming **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- FEB 26** SOFTBALL
Pressbox Concessions
- FEB 27** SOFTBALL & BASEBALL
Pressbox Concessions

Benefits to serving.....

- Students (HS & MS) can earn service hours
- You & your student can earn points towards their house
- Free admission to the event
- Meet other parents / families
- Help raise funds for the Viking Club
- It's fun!



Join us for
VIKING CLUB MEETING



SUPPORTING ALL NCHS APPROVED ATHLETICS AND ORGANIZATIONS

February 21st @ 6pm
FLIPS PATIO GRILL
 6613 Fossil Bluff Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76137

Please join us for our monthly Viking Club meeting! Come for the fellowship and learn how we can all contribute in supporting our Vikings in their extra-curricular activities.



UPCOMING MEETING

Save the date for our next Viking Club meeting on Feb 21 @ 6pm at Flips Patio Grill.

PROMOTING OUR COMMUNITY



COME AND SEE
SPRING 2024

St. Joseph Seminary College
 Covington, LA

MARCH 22 - 24, 2024

VOCATIONS WEEKEND
 RETREAT FOR MEN
 IN HIGH SCHOOL
 AND COLLEGE
 AGES 16 AND OLDER

Mass | Discernment Stories
 Communal Prayer | Seminary Tour

NO COST
 Transportation provided to and from seminary.

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 before March 18, 2024.

Please register no later than March 18, 2024.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE VOCATIONS OFFICE

DIocese of Fort Worth



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 Vocations@fwdioc.org

www.fwdioc.org/discernment-events

VEN A VER
VERANO 2024

Colegio del Seminario St. Joseph
 Covington, LA

22 AL 24 DE MARZO DE 2024

RETIRO DE FIN DE SEMANA DE VOCACIONES PARA HOMBRES EN LA ESCUELA SECUNDARIA Y UNIVERSITARIOS MAYORES DE 16 AÑOS

Misa | Historias de discernimiento
 Oración comunitaria | Visita al seminario

NINGÚN COSTO
 Transporte proporcionado hacia y desde seminario.

Para aquellos que tienen o tendrán 18 años de edad en el tiempo del evento, se les pedirá que se registren y completen el entrenamiento de **Ambiente Seguro** antes del 18 de marzo de 2024.

Regístrese a más tardar el 18 de marzo de 2024.

PARA OBTENER MÁS INFORMACIÓN, ENVÍE UN CORREO ELECTRÓNICO A LA OFICINA DE VOCACIONES

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Join us for the 2024 FIGHT FOR LIFE Men's Faith Event featuring headline speaker, Jim Caviezel! Encounter Jesus Christ and be empowered to respond to His great commission in your family, parish, and community

FIGHT FOR LIFE
February 24, 2024
7:30AM - 3:30PM
Hosted By St. Jude Catholic Church
Located at 1515 N Greenville Ave,
Allen, TX 75002

St Elizabeth Ann Seton Activities

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: 

High School
Discipleship Retreat

Saturday, February 24th, 2024
9am - Ending w/ 4pm Mass
@ the Parish Activity Center

WHO: Open to all high school students, especially those in Confirmation Prep, Young Disciples, and RCIC.

WHAT: A day retreat on discipleship incorporating elements such as prayer, reflection, adoration, and Mass. students will learn how to live as a disciple and how to be a disciple of christ in today's society.

Register Here: 

For more info, please contact Austin Bullard abullard@seascc.org



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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