

November 11, 2024

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### Dear Nolan Catholic Families,

I write to you today with a matter close to all our hearts, as parents, educators, and caregivers who hold our children's safety as our deepest responsibility. We invite you to an evening dedicated to a serious, but necessary, conversation about the rising issue of human trafficking within Texas and even in Fort Worth.

Our purpose for this meeting is simple yet profound: to inform, to educate, and to equip. We aim to provide you with the knowledge and tools needed to protect the young lives in our care. Local and state experts will guide us in recognizing warning signs, understanding the risks that can make our young ones vulnerable, and, importantly, knowing how to respond and report when something doesn't seem right.

This evening will also give us a look into the upcoming training sessions that Unbound Now will offer to our high school students beginning in January. We want to ensure that our young people are prepared and aware, just as we, their caretakers, are.

Representatives from organizations such as the 5 Stones Tarrant County Task Force and Unbound Now will be present with resources, ready to support you in this mission to protect our children. We hope you'll bring your questions; there will be time for open discussion, to listen, share, and learn.

Your presence at this event matters greatly. Together, we can create a safer world for our children, one where they can grow and thrive with the support of a vigilant and loving community. We look forward to welcoming you and standing together in this effort.

For details on time and location, please click here.

Kind regards, NCHS Administration

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TO CELEBRATE

Grandparents' Day

NOVEMBER 22 2024 22

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

HARTNETT ARENA 4501 BRIDGE STREET, FORT WORTH, TX 76103

PARENTS MUST RSVP FOR GRANDPARENTS BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

SCAN QR CODE







### How to Report Human Trafficking

In an Emergency:

• Call 911

### Non-Emergency Reporting:

 Local police: non-emergency number Fort Worth: Call 817-392-4533 or email humantrafficking@fortworthtexas.gov. National Human Trafficking Hotline: Call 888-373-7888 or text "Help" to 233722.

#### Information to Provide With the Report:

 Details: names, locations, circumstances. Observations: descriptions, indicators. If safe, take photos or note license plates.



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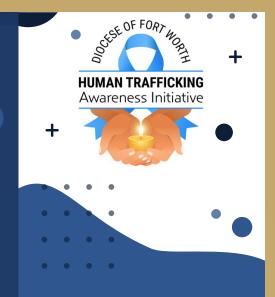
Human Trafficking Awareness Initiative

Town Hall Informational Meeting

Monday, November 18th, 2024

at 6:30 pm

Nolan Catholic High School, Arena 4501 Bridge Street Fort Worth 76103



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# **Human** Trafficking

Awareness Initiative



### What is Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is a severe violation of human dignity. It strips individuals of their freedom and treats them as commodities for exploitation. Everyone is created in the image of God and deserves to live with respect, safety, and dignity. Human trafficking robs people of these basic rights, making it an issue that affects us all.

# Our Purpose

Under the direction of Bishop Michael Olson the Diocesan Human Trafficking Awareness Initiative seeks to educate and empower our communities to recognize, prevent, and respond to human trafficking. By offering tools and knowledge, we aim to protect our most vulnerable—children, teens, and young adults—from this grave injustice.

- Educating parents, educators, and adults about the signs and risks of trafficking.
- Empowering teens and young people to stay safe and informed.
- Creating a culture of awareness and justice in our community.

**01.** 79,000 Youth in TX

Research from 2017 The University of Texas at Austin reveals that at least 79,000 youth in Texas have been victims of sex trafficking

TX ranked 2nd in US

02.

Data from the National Human Trafficking Hotline in 2019 stated that <u>Texas ranked</u> <u>second</u> in reported cases of child trafficking.





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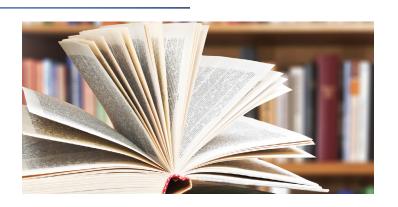
You are a giff from God, and we are so proud. We delight in your spirit of kindness, love, & Joyfulness. You have had a strong sense of what is right & good since the beginning. Our hope is that you have courage in all you do, keeping your heart tender to the world while standing strong. This world needs your light. We love you most, Mom & Dad

### Senior Yearbook Ads

Seniors! Talk to your parents about a Senior Tribute ad in the yearbook. The deadline is December 15 to create your ad at <u>yearbookforever.com</u>. The ad must be paid for and finalized prior to the December 15 deadline. Search your email for 'tribute ad' for further details.

### Library Amazon Wish List

Want to support the Nolan Catholic library? You can purchase a book from the NCHS Library wish list! There are a number of book requests that have come directly from students and faculty. Please **follow this link** to browse the items on our list. We appreciate your support of the Nolan Catholic library!



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### **Christmas Card Competition**

The 2nd Annual Christmas Card Competition is officially ON! This is your chance to design this year's school Christmas card, which is sent to all of our Nolan Catholic families and friends. Plus, there are awesome prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers. The deadline is Friday, Nov. 15. Get creative, get festive, and let your talent shine! For details, reach out to Mrs. Crittenden. Let's make this year's card unforgettable.

### Crochet Club Meetings

Attention, crochet lovers! The Crochet Club will meet on the first Thursday of every month after school in A14. Please bring any supplies you have. We are creating projects to donate to Good Shepherd Baby Looms Ministry, which benefits area mothers in need. All are welcome!





### Save the Date for the 44th Annual Gala

The 44th Annual Gala will be held Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025, at the Hurst Conference Center in Hurst. <u>Visit the Annual Gala website</u> for more information. This year's theme is Kentucky Derby.

### Annual Art Competition and Gallery Night

Calling all artists! The Fort Worth Diocese's 1st Annual Art Competition & Gallery Night is your chance to let your creativity soar. This event brings together talented 6th - 12th grade students from Catholic schools across the diocese for an incredible celebration of art and imagination. This competition is more than just a showcase — it's a community effort to promote the importance of fine arts while fostering deeper connections between our schools. Prizes will be awarded to the students with the top artwork in each age category. This year's theme is "Deep in the Heart of Texas." Artwork is due no later than Friday, Jan. 31, 2025. The Diocesan Gallery Night will be held Friday, March 7, 2025. Interested students should contact Mrs. Crittenden for more information.





### Sailing Club Travels to Austin

Earlier this month, the Viking Sailing Club traveled to the Austin Yacht Club on Lake Travis to compete in the Texas Fall State Sailing Championships. Our Vikings competed against 23 of the best teams in the state, from Austin, Houston, and Corpus Christi. While coming up short, our Vikings sailed hard and proud! Next up is the Jr. Old Man of The Sea Regatta on November 16 and 17 at the Fort Worth Boat Club on Eagle Mountain Lake.

UPCOMING COLLEGE VISITS			
COLLEGE	DATE	START	LOCATION
Truman State University	11/12/24	8:45 a.m.	Guidance Center
Sacred Heart University	11/13/24	9:45 a.m.	Guidance Center
Texas A&M University	11/14/24	12:40 p.m.	Guidance Center
College of St. Joseph the Worker	12/4/24	9:45 a.m.	Guidance Center
Texas A&M University	12/5/24	8:45 a.m.	Guidance Center

### **Scholarship Updates**

Seniors! Scholarship information will be sent to you this week. Please keep an eye on your emails. Also, please take a look at this current list of scholarship opportunities available to you.





### **MSU Application Drive**

To celebrate the launch, Midwestern State University is hosting an Application Drive! From October 26 through November 15, any domestic freshman or transfer student applying for Fall 2025 admission will have their application fee waived. To apply, visit the application webpage at MSU Texas Admissions. Once there, students can select the Mustangs Advantage Application link to create an account and complete the brief application



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# NOLAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

### FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP



PRESENTED BY: MATTHEW SLUSSER REGIONAL ADMISSION COUNSELOR

THE UNIVERSITY OF TULSA

**NOVEMBER 12, 2024** 

TIME: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

**PLACE: AUDITORIUM** 

## Safe Environment Certification for Employees and Adult Volunteers

This is a requirement prior to serving in ministry and must be renewed every two years. Volunteers must create a profile <u>at www.virtusonline.org</u> and add Nolan Catholic as a volunteer site.

Many hands make light work! To see all the upcoming concession volunteer opportunities, please check the sign-up genius link.

If you have any questions, <u>contact Michelle Wessel</u>, Nolan Catholic Safe Environment Coordinator; or search for a session at <u>www.fwdioc.org/training-sessions</u>.

To learn more about the parent-led Viking Club and how all funds raised go back to our students' school-approved clubs, organizations and athletic teams, please visit our website or reach out to Board President Mr. Chris Cannon. Thank you!

### **ADMISSIONS EVENTS**



### Coffee Talk with Head of School

Meet with Mr. Oscar Ortiz, Head of School, and hear student testimonials. Meetings will be held Friday, Nov. 15, Friday, Dec. 6, and Friday, Feb. 7. The event will run from 9:15 until 11:30 a.m. Student testimonials will begin at 9:15 a.m. A tour of the campus will begin at 10 a.m. Parents and students are welcome. The informal gathering will meet in the lobby of the IDEA Building.



APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR ARE NOW OPEN!

Contact us today to schedule a tour

Donna O'Malley | Director of Admissions and Enrollment 817-395-0245 | admissions@nchstx.org



Click here to register for the Open House on Wednesday, Nov. 13.