



SCHOOL TALK

✝ NOLAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Open House
'TIS THE SEASON TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES!

join us for cookies & cocoa
DECEMBER 3, 2023 | 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
4501 BRIDGE ST., FORT WORTH, TX



*Don't forget to buy your Early Bird Table and Tickets today!
Early bird pricing ends on Monday, December 4.*

*Individual tickets are \$100
A table of 10 is \$850*

After November 27, individual tickets will be \$125, and a table of 10 will be \$1,000.



We are still in awe of the generosity shown to Nolan Catholic High School during #iGiveCatholic on GivingTuesday -- the U.S. Catholic Church's annual day of giving. Because of donors like you, we were able to raise \$56,117 to further our mission of providing a college preparatory education and evangelizing students to be tomorrow's servant leaders. Each gift made will play a critical role in allowing us to serve our community and create a larger impact.

Your relationship with Nolan Catholic is important to us, and we want to share news and updates with you. We look forward to engaging with you throughout the year and offering ways for you to stay involved with our cause.

Thank you again for supporting Nolan Catholic High School.



- **Band Holiday Live Stream Event:** Friday, December 1
- **First Week of Advent:** Sunday, December 3
- **Open House:** December 3, 2023
- **BCB (Black Coffee Brotherhood):** Friday, December 8
- **Immaculate Conception:** Friday, December 8
- **ACT Exam:** Saturday, December 9
- **Second Week of Advent:** Sunday, December 10
- **Review week:** Monday, December 11- Friday, December 15
- **Fine Arts Christmas Concert:** Thursday, December 14
- **Mothers' Morning Mass:** Friday, December 15
- **Prospective Parent Morning Coffee:** Friday, December 15
- **Semester Exams:** Monday, December 18 - Thursday, December 21
- **Christmas Break:** Friday, December 22- Tuesday, January 9

See our full calendar [here!](#)

CAMPUS MINISTRY



Student Service Opportunities

- **Viking Pantry** - Click [this link](#) for more information on what you can bring. 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

Partner School Volunteering

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School

- Do you love to design and build? Help St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's STEAM Club as they work to build and code LEGO Mindstorm robots. Click [HERE](#) to volunteer. Contact [Ms. McGreal](#) if you have questions.

St Joseph Catholic School

- Volunteer to help St. Joseph's Robotics Club prepare for the FLL competition this spring. Click [HERE](#) to sign up. Contact [Ms. McGreal](#) if you have questions.

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: sorting, boxing, packing, or distributing food

[Click here to sign up!](#)



Opportunities include: build and repair homes, brush clean up, and ReStore support

[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.



MOTHERS' MASS

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.

DATES:
 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 7 AM
 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 7 AM
 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 7 AM

Mass will be in our Nolan chapel, followed by baked goods, fruit, and coffee.

Parent Point Opportunities

Viking Club Volunteering - HELP NEEDED!

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

Friday Adoration - 12/8

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

Immaculate Conception Dec 8



Parents are welcome to come to 7:00 A.M. Mass in the Chapel after the Black Coffee Brotherhood Dads' group on Friday, December 8 to fulfill the Holy Day of

Obligation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Additionally, there will be a school Mass at 10:20 A.M. on the same day, and parents are invited to attend. It's a thoughtful way to come together as a community and celebrate this important feast day.



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 High School Chapel

When:
 Friday, Oct 13
 Friday, Nov 10
 Friday, Dec 8
 6 am-7am

What:
 Adoration
 Brief talk
 Mass at 7 am for those who can attend.
 (Coffee is permitted in the chapel per Chaplain's permission).

SCHOOL RESOURCES



Poinsettia Sale

👩🏻 Spice up your home with these beautiful blooms while spreading the joy of music! 🌸🎵 Hurry and [place your orders now](#)—let's make this holiday season harmonious and bright! 🌲☀️
 #NCHSChoirPoinsettiaSale
 #DeckTheHallsWithHarmony
 #SupportTheArts 🌲🌸

NOLAN CATHOLIC CHOIR'S POINSETTIA SALE ADDS TO THE FESTIVE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS.

SUPPORT THE CHOIR AND ADD A TOUCH OF HOLIDAY SPIRIT TO YOUR HOME THIS SEASON.

Christmas with the Viking Marching Band

Carol-a-Thon

The 1st annual Nolan Catholic High School Viking Marching Band Carol-a-thon is on Friday, December 1, 2023 from 7:00-9:30 PM in the NCHS Arena. All are welcome! Carol-a-thon is an important fundraiser for Nolan's Band program. All contributions are tax-deductible. To make a gift, please [click here](#). Thank you for supporting the Viking Marching Band. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. We wish you a blessed and Merry Christmas!



All State Jazz Band

Gabe Villarreal and Sebastian Duane-Tessier both auditioned and made the TPSMEA All State Jazz Band. Gabe Villarreal made 1st Chair on drumset and Sebastian Duane-Tessier made 4th chair on trombone and 1st chair on the bass guitar.

Attention Students!

The STEM Club and the Engineering Department will be hosting a series of events during Computer Science Week (Dec. 4th - 8th) and we would be thrilled if y'all joined us!

Monday, Dec. 4th - Project Showcase

Interested in sharing your work with the Nolan community? If so, [fill out the Form](#) to be considered for the showcase. Come earn some House points and see what your friends have been up to! Everyone is welcome - gain 5 House points if you attend!

Thursday, Dec. 5th - Mario Kart 8 Tournament (Qualifiers)

Come "battle" for the finale match during our qualifying rounds. After school in the MAC from 2:45 - 3:30 pm. [Registration required](#). Spectators are welcome - earn 5 House points for attending!

Friday, Dec. 6th - Mario Kart 8 Tournament (Finale)

Who will reign as Viking Mario Kart Champion?? Come and see during Collegium (1:05-1:35 pm) in the MAC. (Must have attended the qualifying match on Thursday to play.) Spectators are welcome - earn 5 House points for attending!

Note: First place winner will have the chance to win a \$25 Amazon Gift Card and an extra 10 House points (in addition to 5 House points for attending); Second place winner will be able to win an extra 8 House points; and the Third place winner will win an extra 5 House points.

Questions? Email Ms. McGreal at jmcgreal@nchstx.org.

JOIN STEM CLUB!



Solve Problems in Your Community

STEM Club will give you the opportunity to meet mentors in the Engineering and Design fields along with giving you the time, skills and resources needed to explore your own projects to improve the DFW area (and put on your application for college!)



Mentorship and College Prep

Enjoy Guest Speaker presentations, connecting with engineers in the field, and hear FIRST about College scholarship opportunities in the engineering and computer science fields!



Engineer Using CAD design software

Using Autodesk Fusion 360, you'll learn how to design your own products, 3D print, and test your work.



Program a Roblox Game

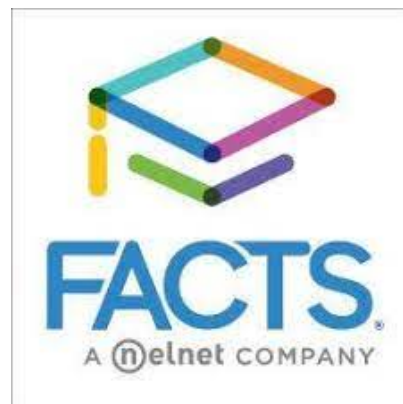
Learn how to create a Roblox game or other projects by learning game design, programming in Python and Java, and learning the basics of Unity software.

FACTS Grant & Aid Application

The FACTS Grant & Aid application opens December 1, 2023 for the 2024-2025 school year. All Returning families who are seeking need-based tuition assistance should complete the Grant & Aid application located on your FACTS account. The deadline to complete the application is February 29, 2024.

The required tax documents are as follows:

- 2022 1040 and all supporting schedules and forms
- 2022 W2
- 2023 W2



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



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ONLINE STORE NOW OPEN!

24 more shopping days until Christmas!

The online store will be open until December 3, at 12:00 p.m. Orders will be available for pickup at the Viking Victory Shop approximately 7-10 days after the store closes.

Order Now!



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](#)



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NATURE NOTES



A Christmas Cactus by any other name. . .

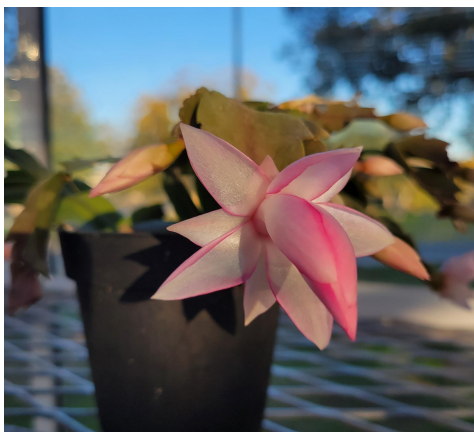
By Emily Breclaw

Last spring we received a wonderful gift of plants and plant cuttings from a Nolan Catholic parent. Among those treasures was a jar full of Christmas Cactus cuttings. We potted up the cuttings, and tended them in the greenhouse. This week, I was delighted to find one of them blooming! So I took some pictures, and did some research, and discovered I had this cactus all wrong.



Evidently, there are three different types of Christmas cactus, belonging to two different genera. True Christmas cacti have scalloped leaves, a drooping habit, and bloom around Christmas time. They're often confused with Thanksgiving cacti (same genus). Thanksgiving cacti are distinguished by toothy leaves, an arching growth habit, and blooms a little earlier in winter. So our greenhouse beauty is in truth, a Thanksgiving cactus! (The third type is an Easter cactus, which blooms in spring with flowers that look like daisies.) Growers and retailers add to the confusion by labeling Thanksgiving Cacti as Christmas Cacti. The Christmas variety is evidently a little more fragile and difficult to transport.

And to add to all the confusion, these plants are called "cacti" because they don't need a lot of water, not because they come from desert habitats. They actually come from Brazilian rainforests, and share more characteristics with orchids than cacti.



For more information and pictures about holiday cacti, click [here](#).

Next time you're at the grocery store or a home improvement store, take a closer look at the holiday cacti for sale. Are they truly Christmas cacti? If you decide to bring one home, they're super easy to care for, and safe for pets and small children. Just make sure you let them dry out between waterings, and give them ample periods of darkness in early fall to trigger blooming. (They start blooming as nights get longer than days). In the spring, you can pinch off sections of the leaves to propagate, and have plenty ready to give to friends and family next winter!

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS



Softball

Lady Viking Softball will be holding an Open Workout December 4 - 7 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., for anyone that may be interested in playing Softball this Spring for the Nolan Catholic softball program. If you have questions please contact Coach Nagid.

THE VIKING CLUB



Let's all be Merry & Bright! Viking Club will be hosting a Christmas Social in lieu of a monthly meeting in the month of December. That's right....no meeting, and no agenda!

We thank Donald and Sue Ann Van Winkle, grandparents to a sophomore Viking, who have offered their lovely home to host this beautiful gathering. Please join us for an evening of Christmas cheer, fellowship, and fun!

We ask all to RSVP by no later than Friday, December 1. We have a sign-up for appetizers, desserts and spirits in the RSVP link. Please know this is an **adults-only** event. We hope to see you then! Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

For our upcoming volunteer opportunities, we have a Girls' Basketball Game on Friday, December 8. Please consider signing up to work this event or check out other future events as well. All proceeds from concession sales go directly to the Viking Club, which in turn supports all NCHS-approved athletics and organizations. Your student can receive those needed service hours for volunteering as well! If your child is not participating in a game, this is a great time to come help out! Please click [HERE](#) to sign up.

PROMOTING OUR COMMUNITY



ST. MICHAEL ADVENT PARISH MISSION

FEATURING JACKIE FRANCOIS ANGEL

*Theme:
The Holy Eucharist
and The Family*



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, MONDAY, DECEMBER 4
AND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023**

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM | FREE EVENT

IN THE CHURCH, WITH HOSPITALITY FOLLOWING IN PALLOTTI HALL
CONTACT ROBIN HARRIS FOR DETAILS AT RHARRIS@SMCCHURCH.ORG



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St. Rita Home & School Association Food Sale Sunday, December 17, 2023 Starting After 9am Mass ending after 12pm Mass

Menu:

32 oz Menudo...\$12

32 oz Pozole...\$12

Flour Tortilla Barbacoa taco...\$3

Corn Tortilla Barbacoa taco...\$2

12 oz soda or water...\$1

12 oz Coffee or Hot Chocolate...\$1



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