



# SCHOOL TALK

† NOLAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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- **Thursday, May 16:** Senior Picnic
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See our full calendar [here!](#)

## Robo Vikes WIN at the FIRST in Texas District Event in Amarillo!

We are thrilled to announce the outstanding results from our recent participation in the FIRST in Texas District Amarillo Event Robotics Competition! Our dedicated Robo Vikes showcased their ingenuity, teamwork, and technical skills, achieving remarkable success. We are proud to declare that our Team 4206 emerged as the District Event Winner, securing First Place among tough competition. This remarkable achievement reflects the relentless effort, perseverance, and collaborative spirit of our robotics team members, mentors and coaches.

Moreover, we are excited to highlight that our team received the prestigious Autonomous Award, which underscores our proficiency in developing autonomous functionalities for our robot. This recognition demonstrates our commitment to innovation and excellence in the field of robotics.

As the Robo Vikes head out to the Texas State Championship in Houston this weekend, our team is currently ranking 10th place in the state! This accomplishment is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and skill of our robotics team members, coaches, and mentors. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to every member of the robotics team for their outstanding performance and dedication. Your achievements have brought immense pride to our school community. We also extend our gratitude to our mentors, coaches, and supporters whose guidance and encouragement have been instrumental in our success.

Let us all celebrate this remarkable achievement and continue to inspire each other to reach greater heights in robotics and beyond. Go Robo Vikes!



## Please support the Class of 2024's "Sweet Adventures"



The Senior Class of 2024 is raising money for their Project Graduation and we have something you will find exciting! We have an ONLINE SILENT AUCTION happening now that is open to everyone! It will close at the end of our *Sweet Adventures* Senior Show this Sunday, April 7th at 6:00 p.m..

Who wants their own private suite for the 2024 home football games? Then keep reading!! You do not need to be present to win. However, if you are interested in one of the new 20 donated Terry Costa HOMECOMING/SEMI-FORMAL DRESSES shown online; we will be modeling those in person while the online bidding is still open! You just might want to show up!

[Here is the link](#) for the silent auction. If you are not registered, see the attached link on how to self-register so you can start your bidding! Also, attached is detailed information on bidding. Make sure to have a look. I'm positive you'll find something you like!

We also have a **GOLDEN TICKET** option where you can choose any Live or Silent auction item! We will draw the golden ticket at the event. **You do not need to be present to win this.** The winner will be announced at the beginning of the show. If you are not in attendance and your name is chosen, be prepared to receive a phone call from Nolan's Special Events Coordinator, Lindsay Casey's cell phone, which is 904 area code. This is your chance to spend \$100 on an item worth well over that. We will only be selling 100 of these gems! Don't miss out! [Golden tickets are sold here!](#)

And, if you decide you want to be a part of the action, please come to the Senior Talent and Fashion show from 4 pm to 6 pm on Sunday, April 7th. Tickets are only \$25 and benefit the senior class. The students' section tickets are also on sale for \$10 each! These are for students only, please. All stadium seating is on [sale here](#) through the start of the show.

The reason for this fundraiser is to raise money for Project Graduation. This event isn't just about entertainment - it's our ONLY major fundraiser to support our seniors' day and picnic at Camp Thurman on May 16 and the lock-in at Alley Cats on May 19 (after Graduation).

## Solar Eclipse: April 8, 2024

[Waiver needed for each student](#)

Monday, April 8, our students will have the unique opportunity to experience the solar eclipse. To ensure the safety of all participants, we kindly requested a signed waiver granting permission for your student to take part in this event. The signed waivers should be turned in to your student's F period teacher. If a student does not have a signed waiver, students will attend an alternate activity during that time. Keep in mind that we will provide all students with the appropriate eyewear to view the event safely.

**Click the image below to visit our Admission website.**

**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](mailto:domalley@nchstx.org), or call 817-395-0245.

# CAMPUS MINISTRY



## Message from Fr. Metzler

It's still Easter! From Easter Sunday to the following Sunday we celebrate each day as if it were Easter Sunday. The word for this in the Church is called an Octave. This refers to the celebration lasting 8 days. Why 8? There are seven days in the week. Why 8 days? This is because the day of Jesus' Resurrection was not simply another day in time. When Jesus rose from the dead, he broke open the doors of time and eternity. He created the new day. The 8<sup>th</sup> day which doesn't simply look upon the Monday of another week of work and drudgery. While normal times, normal weeks, and normal sufferings continue, they have now been infused with a deep, tangible, and hopeful anticipation of a future glory of unending joy. Often when our Tradition refers to the end of time and the return of Christ, we do not say his coming will be at dusk or the end of the day. It always speaks of him returning like the dawn, the morning, the new day. At the end of the Chronicles of Narnia, when everyone has died and resides in Aslan's New Country (Aslan represents Jesus), what he says to those in his new paradise sums up quite beautifully what we not only await at death, but grasp hold of now in hope. He says to those who have made it through the battle, suffered well, loved him, and known him, *"The term is over: the holidays have begun. The dream is ended: this is the morning."* As we travel through this life often plagued by sorrow, let us remember that we are a people of the dawn, of the morning, a people who await a real and magnificent day where sorrow will not only fade, but will be redeemed. Tears of pain will for one eternal day become beautiful tears of joy.

Happy Easter! He is Risen! Alleluia!



## Divine Mercy Sunday

This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday!

Learn more about it with this [video](#)!

## 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!](#)



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.



Opportunities include: sorting, boxing, packing, or distributing food

[Click here to sign up!](#)

### 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's 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](#)

### Volunteer Opportunity Alert!

Get ready to dive into an exciting weekend right here in Fort Worth! From April 12th-14th, USA Triathlon is hosting a groundbreaking event in our area for the very first time. This nationally sanctioned bike race will feature college women, kids aged 6-15, and the dynamic youth and junior draft legal series (ages 13-19), drawing participants from coast to coast.

Race organizers are asking for YOUR help! Whether you're interested in providing on-course support, distributing refreshments, or awarding finish line medals, there's a volunteer opportunity waiting for you. This opportunity will certainly count towards your Christian Ministry volunteer requirement.



Join them for a fun and fast-paced race weekend in Fort Worth, Texas and help make this event a success together. Click here to sign up to volunteer: [Volunteer for Bike Race, April 12 - 14](#)

**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.

**When:**

Friday, Feb 9  
Friday, Feb 23  
Friday, April 12  
Friday, April 26  
6 am-7am

**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).

**MOTHERS' MASS**

CANCELED- FRIDAY, APRIL 5  
FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 8:15 AM

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

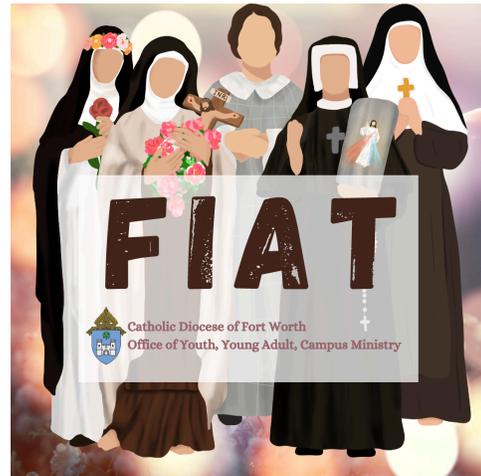
All mothers or grandmothers of students are invited and encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity for our mothers to come together, worship, and build relationships as a Nolan Catholic Community.

### 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. Please bring cash, check or money order.

## St. Jude the Apostle's Relics

St. Jude the Apostle's Relics have been traveling around the US and here are some future opportunities to venerate the relics and attend a Mass in his honor in the DFW area.



Website:

<https://apostleoftheimpossible.com/>

### **Tuesday, April 9, 2024**

St. Michael Catholic Church  
3713 Harwood Road  
Bedford, Texas 76021 (817) 283-8746

Public veneration of  
Saint Jude Relics begins: 2:00 PM  
Special Mass celebrated  
in Saint Jude's honor: 7:00 PM  
Public veneration ends: 10:00 PM

### **Wednesday, April 10, 2024**

Mater Dei Catholic Parish  
2030 E State Hwy 356  
Irving, Texas 75060 (972) 438-7600

Public veneration of  
Saint Jude Relics begins: 2:00 PM  
Special Mass celebrated  
in Saint Jude's honor: 6:00 PM  
Public veneration ends: 9:00 PM

## 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](mailto:office@nchstx.org) if you have any questions regarding this FACTS SIS update.

### Battle Of the Books!

At Nolan Catholic, we believe in fostering a love of literature. To that end, house teams competed in our first annual Battle of the Books! Teams read 5 classic books and competed in a series of trivia style competitions, culminating with our championship. House Shamrock placed first, Siena second, and Damiano third.





## 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, we have decided not to utilize Monday, May 20 as a bad weather day. Therefore, there will be no school on Monday, May 20.

As always, please contact the Attendance Office [attendance@nchstx.org](mailto:attendance@nchstx.org) with any notifications about your student's attendance.



## 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.

## Admission: 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 Admission 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](mailto: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.

## Athletic Training Program

If you are interested in applying to be in the athletic training program next year, please come to a meeting in the arena during collegium next Tuesday (April 9th).

## Calling all Juniors!

Overwhelmed by all the testing coming your way? Confused about what is happening when? See the [attached PDF](#) for all the info and links to help guide you.



### 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 6:00 pm followed by a performance at 7:15 pm. 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 Beltran at [mbeltran@nchstx.org](mailto: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! 



### Lunches by ECI

Need to add funds to your student's account for cafeteria purchases? You can do so by [clicking here](#).

## Big Band Dance!

Don't forget to [RSVP](#)

Join us for an evening of swingin' tunes and dance the night away at the Big Band Dance sponsored by the Nolan Catholic Band! *Grab your family and friends and get ready to boogie-woogie!*

Admission is free, and we'll have refreshments and drinks available for purchase (**cash only**). Experience the timeless sounds of The Doug Maguire Big Band and the smooth melodies of the NCHS Jazz Ensemble.

Mark your calendars, [RSVP](#) and look for more exciting information to come. See you on the dance floor!



## Free Dance Lessons and Bring Your Friends!

Students, lace up your dancing shoes! Swing Dance lessons will be held after school on **April 10 and 12**. Our instructors? None other than the talented members of the University of Dallas Swing Dance Club. They also will be joining us for the main event! House points and senior points will be available for dance lessons and Big Band Dance attendance!

## Royelles Spring Events

The team is hosting a dance clinic on April 6 from 1:00-4:00 pm to work on technique and prepare for auditions on April 22-24. Additionally, the team is hosting their Spring Show on April 11 at 7:00 pm to perform new and familiar routines from the year. Clinic registration, audition sign-ups, and Spring Show tickets can be accessed at this [link](#). Can't wait to see you there!



**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>**

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.**

**Click the image to register.**

**SUNDAY APRIL 28TH 2024**  
11AM MASS • 12-2PM FESTIVAL • 2PM 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 | 7-Eleven | Parent Social

SCAN CODE TO REGISTER OR REGISTER ONLINE  
stephenbreenmemorialfoundation.org/spirit-games/

**\$15 PER CHILD\*** | Wearing the 2024 Spirit Games T-shirt Is Your Child's Ticket to Participate  
\*\$75 MAXIMUM PER FAMILY

# 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: 



**MASS OF REPARATION FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE**  
Saturday, April 6th, 2024  
10:00 am

*You are invited to attend a Mass of reparation for Victims of Abuse to be celebrated by Bishop Michael Olson, STD, MA*



St. Patrick Cathedral  
1206 Throckmorton Street  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102



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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