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Dear Viking Families,

Happy Homecoming 2024!

This week, Nolan Catholic students will have an opportunity to take part in several days of Homecoming-related events, games, and activities. And while we are excited to share this experience with our current students, Homecoming is traditionally a time to celebrate the past, our school's legacy, and our institution's unique place in the community.

Nolan Catholic has always been a special place for our students and alumni to call home. It is fitting, then, that so many of our faculty are also proud NCHS graduates. Nolan Catholic has a long and storied history, and we are honored to have shaped the lives of nearly 11,000 graduates in the past 63 years.

When alumni return to campus, they will inevitably share memories, catch up with friends, and admire the upgrades and improvements to our school. And while nearly every high school celebrates some form of Homecoming, Nolan Catholic does feel special. Our focus on character development, academic achievement, social growth, and – above all – Catholic formation plays a vital role in shaping not only the academic futures of our students, but also their spiritual journeys. We are deeply committed to forming young men and women who are not only lifelong learners but also lifelong lovers of Christ.

Homecoming is more than just a celebration of school spirit and fellowship; it is an opportunity for us to come together as a family, honoring the deep connections that bind us across generations of students, alumni, faculty, and families. This week, we will not only celebrate our students' achievements and our school's history, but we will also remind ourselves of the core mission that unites us: to inspire and cultivate in our students a love for knowledge, a love for each other, and most importantly, a love for Christ.

We can't wait to welcome all Vikings – past, present, and future – to this Friday's Homecoming Game. Information regarding Homecoming and alumni events can [be found here](#).

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Chess-n-Games Club

Are you ready to dive into the world of chess and tabletop games? Whether you're a seasoned player or a curious newbie, our Chess-n-Games Club is open to everyone! Meetings are every Tuesday in B17. Learn the art of chess, explore a variety of exciting tabletop games, and enjoy the mental challenges these games offer. Plus, it's a fantastic way to bond with friends or meet new ones! Whether you prefer to compete or cooperate, there's a place for you at our table. See you Tuesdays for a game-filled adventure!

Men's Volleyball Club

The new NCHS Men's Volleyball Club is hosting weekly meet ups on Mondays from 7:30 until 9 p.m. in the gym. Interested students are welcome to attend to play some volleyball! Our Spring team sign-up will be coming soon! Join the fun and Spike 'em, Vikes!



Visual Reporters for Lepanto Yearbook

Calling all doodlers! Do you love to doodle or sketch? The Yearbook Staff is on the hunt for some creative visual reporters! Help us capture the awesome moments of life at Nolan Catholic — one doodle at a time! Don't worry — we aren't looking for polished masterpieces. Quick, quirky, and fun is the vibe we're going for! Plus, for every sketch you submit, you'll score five PBIS points! And who knows? Your doodle just might land a special spot in this year's yearbook! Ready, set, sketch! Please contact [Mrs. Ochs](#) or [Mrs. Crittenden](#) for more information



Summer 2025 Trip Through Europe

London, Paris, Barcelona, & Rome

Summer 2025



Dear Parents & Guardians,

I am so excited to invite your student on this upcoming educational travel opportunity! Learn more about this exciting tour at an information session where we'll discuss:

- What we'll see and do
- Travel logistics
- How to earn high school or college credit
- Affordable payment options
- How to enroll on this trip (before it fills up!)

I look forward to seeing you there!
Faviola Ojeda





Nolan Literary Society and Newsletter

The Nolan Literary Society and Newsletter is accepting student submissions of art, poetry and creative writing to be published in the Fall edition of the Nolan Literary Magazine! Please see your English teacher for the link or take a picture of the QR code displayed on the flyers around campus after school. You do not have to be in the club to be eligible. All submissions are welcome!

NCHS Swim Team Competition

The Nolan Catholic Swim Team recently competed at the Yellowjacket Invitational to kick off their season! They placed 2nd overall and coaches said they were very happy with everybody’s performance and effort. At this meet, Trifon Walser broke the 500 freestyle NCHS record, which was originally set 14 years ago! The swimmers compete Tuesday, Oct. 15, in Dallas at the Bishop Lynch dual meet at Knights of Columbus. Good luck, Vikings!



Week of October 14th-18th (Homecoming Week)

Monday 10/14	Tuesday 10/15	Wednesday 10/16	Thursday 10/17	Friday 10/18
Tuesday Schedule (B, C, D, Collegium, A)	Tuesday Schedule with Edith Day Classes (E, F, G, Collegium, H)	No Classes: PSAT/Vikathon Campus closes at 12:30pm!	Thursday Schedule	Friday Pep Rally Schedule



CM Hours Opportunity

Need CM Hours? There are so many Fall festivals in full swing, and they need your help! Please prayerfully consider volunteering for an upcoming weekend in October. These events are posted on the CM opportunities bulletin board and on x2vol. These events cannot be successful without your service! [Email Mrs. Bunt](#) with any questions.

OCTOBER 26 — Good Shepherd Catholic Community Annual Oktoberfest

We need help with supervision or conducting games, monitoring schedules, food and dessert serving lines, or the drink station. [Sign up here!](#)

OCTOBER 26 — St. Vincent de Paul Fall Festival

This Fall Festival will be held from 1 until 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26. It is held for children sixth grade and younger. Helpers of all ages are needed to decorate at the church and to run the games, crafts and snack bar. Join us for family, fellowship and fun!

Decorating will begin on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 9 a.m. If you would like to contribute your time and talents, please contact Samadis Torres at 972-839-7535 or visit the website at fallfestivalsvdpcc.org.

Guest Speaker Imaculée Ilibagiza

Nolan Catholic was honored to welcome New York Times Bestselling-author and renowned speaker, Immaculée Ilibagiza. Ms. Ilibagiza is a survivor of the Rwandan genocide and has written seven books on her life, experiences, and faith. She spoke to our students about faith, hope, and forgiveness, and she encouraged Nolan Catholic students to find time to pray the rosary every day.



Bridge Street Brotherhood

The Bridge Street Brotherhood will meet Thursday, Oct. 24 at 7 a.m. in the Chapel. We will continue to meet on Thursday mornings every other week. Come on out! Pray! Learn! Build and work with your hands! Be a Catholic man!



Come and See **DISCERNMENT RETREAT**



St. Joseph Seminary College

NOVEMBER 8-10, 2024

Covington, LA

*For High School and College
Men ages 16 and over in the
Diocese of Fort Worth*



CHECK HERE

FOR MORE INFORMATION

**Holy Mass
Communal Prayer
Discernment Stories
Seminary Tour
Fellowship**

Vocations@fwdioc.org

OCTOBER COLLEGE VISITS

COLLEGE	DATE	START	LOCATION
Dartmouth College	10/14/24	8:15 a.m.	Guidance Center
Mississippi State University	10/15/24	8:45 a.m.	Guidance Center
University of Alabama	10/15/24	9:45 a.m.	Guidance Center
University of Arkansas	10/17/24	8:45 a.m.	Guidance Center
Savannah College of Art and Design	10/17/24	2 p.m.	Guidance Center
University of Pittsburgh - Pittsburgh	10/22/24	8:45 a.m.	Guidance Center
Baylor University	10/22/24	9:45 a.m.	Guidance Center
University of Iowa	10/22/24	11:45 a.m.	Guidance Center
Illinois Wesleyan University	10/23/24	8:45 a.m.	Guidance Center
Stony Brook University	10/23/24	9:45 a.m.	Guidance Center
Texas Christian University	10/29/24	8:45 a.m.	Guidance Center



2025 TAMU Campus Visit Howdy Trip

Are you a high school junior with big dreams of becoming a student at Texas A&M University? Do you want to take the first step toward your future at Aggieland? You are invited to explore an exclusive opportunity that could shape your academic journey! The visit will be held Monday, Feb. 17, 2025. Bus transportation, lunch, and dinner will be provided. Visit netcaggies.com for more information. Applications are due by December 1.

Communications policy: Our Nolan Catholic Administration prides itself in always responding within two business days. For pressing needs, please contact principal@nchstx.org.

2024 NOLAN CATHOLIC HOMECOMING INFORMATION



Nolan Catholic High School
HOMECOMING 2024
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

17 OCT ALUMNI AND ALL SCHOOL MASS
Celebrated by Fr. Eric Flores '14

18 OCT ALUMNI DINNER, FOOTBALL GAME,
HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

Homecoming Events:**Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024**9:25 a.m. | *Hartnett Arena*

- Alumni/All-school Mass
- Following Mass in the Chapel Courtyard, there will be a tree dedication for Brother Al

Friday, October 18, 20245 - 7 p.m. | *Hartnett Arena*

- Alumni BBQ Dinner
- Hall of Fame Introduction
- Campus Tours

7 p.m. | *Doskocil Stadium*

- Nolan Catholic Vikings vs Bishop Lynch Friars

Halftime | *Doskocil Stadium*

- Hall of Fame Induction

**Buy a Mum and Support the Viking Marching Band!**

A beloved Homecoming tradition is the Homecoming Mum, symbolizing pride, spirit, and the bonds that unite our community. Our award-winning Viking Marching Band will be selling Homecoming Mums, and the school administration is proud to support this important fundraiser! We encourage all parents and families to purchase their mums through them.

By choosing to buy your mum from the Viking Marching Band, you are helping to ensure that all funds directly benefit our students. These funds are vital in providing new equipment, uniforms, and opportunities for our band members.

Orders will be accepted through Oct. 14. Orders received after Oct. 8 will incur a rush fee.

[Order a Mum Here](#)

VOLUNTEER

SHOUTOUT!



NCHS VIKING CLUB

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 [at www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) and add Nolan Catholic as a volunteer site.

If you have any questions, [contact Michelle Wessel](mailto:Michelle.Wessel@nolan.org), Nolan Catholic Safe Environment Coordinator; or search for a session at www.fwdioc.org/training-sessions.

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
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