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## Dear Nolan Catholic Families,

As we continue through the season of Advent – a time of joyful anticipation and preparation – we are often reminded to pause and reflect on the great gift of our Savior's coming.

Engagement with the arts affords us that opportunity to pause and reflect, drawing us closer to the divine through moments of truth, beauty, and goodness. In the spirit of the season of Advent, we warmly invite our families and community to join us at the Christmas Fine Art Showcase, which will be held Thursday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Arena.

This showcase – which will feature performances from our band and choir, as well as from students enrolled in dance, art, and theater classes – offers us a chance to recognize the presence of Christ in each note of music, every stroke of the brush, and in the heartfelt expressions of all the arts.

Nolan Catholic has a proud history of excellence in the arts, which could only be made possible through the sacrifices of not only our students, but also their families. We sincerely thank you for the commitments you have made to allow your students to explore the arts. We are excited for our community to join us on Thursday, Dec. 12, to watch as they share their God-given talents.

We are also excited to invite our community to gather for the Viking Club Christmas social on Monday, Dec. 16, from 6:30 until 9:30 p.m. This is a festive opportunity for Nolan Catholic families to come together to celebrate the season. Please <u>click here to RSVP</u>, or <u>jump to page 3</u> of this edition of *School Talk* to learn more.

Thank you for your continued support of Nolan Catholic and for the role you play in nurturing our students' growth in faith, knowledge, and creativity. We are excited to welcome you to this celebration of Advent and the arts.

Kind regards, NCHS Administration

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## 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!

## Save the Date for the 44th Annual Gala

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





## **Education Savings Accounts Discussion**

The Diocese of Fort Worth invites you to join State Senator Kelly Hancock for a discussion on Education Savings Accounts (ESA) and their impact on Catholic education. The Texas Legislature will consider ESAs during the next session. Join us on Monday, Dec. 16, from 6 until 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium to learn about the ESA program, its benefits for your child's education, and engage in a Q&A session. Explore how ESAs can enhance education in a faith-based setting. Light refreshments will be served.



## Viking Club Christmas Social

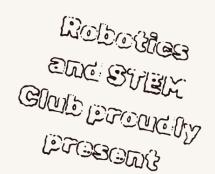
It's the time of year for festivities and cheer! Please join us in the beautiful home of our gracious hosts, Don and Sue Ann Van Winkle, grandparents of a '26 Viking, for the Viking Club Christmas Social on Monday, Dec. 16! In lieu of our December monthly meeting, we will gather and socialize with delicious food and cheer. Please RSVP by Wednesday, Dec. 11. We have a sign-up for appetizers, desserts and spirits in the link. This is an adults-only event. We hope to see you there! Please click here to RSVP.

Joyfully, Nolan Catholic Viking Club Executive Board



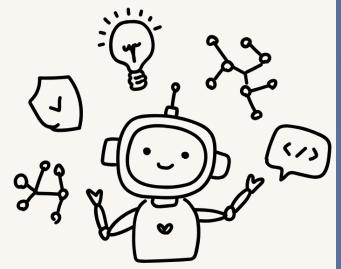


# COMPUTER PROJECT SHOWCASE



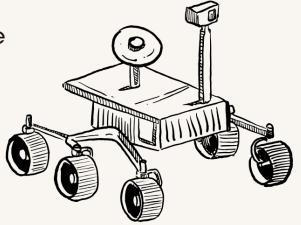
## DECEMBER 10 IDEA 103 & MAC DURING COLLEGIUM

Come play games and test programs that Computer Science students have built.



Get an insider look at the code that runs our World Champion robot, Carson.

Earn 5 House Points for attending.



## MARIO KART

**TOURNAMENT** 







**REGISTER NOW** 



**WHERE: MAC** 

WHEN: 3:20-4:30 PM

10 DECEMBER 2024

## **Angel Wings**

We have already completed our first round of sign-ups for Angel Wings this year, but the first deadline has passed and we are still in need of some gifts.

Please click here to search through available gifts.

This service opportunity is available to everyone, including students, parents, faculty, and staff.

All gifts are due no later than Tuesday, Dec. 10, and they can be dropped off at the Front Office with Mrs. Reimer during regular school hours.

## All gifts must include:

Gift (unwrapped)

Gift receipt (please tape the gift receipt to the unwrapped gift)

**Gift Label** (please include the recipient's first name, the item number, and the name of the organization. Please tape the gift label to the unwrapped gift, as well.)

Thank you!





## 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 20.

## **Scholarship Updates**

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



3-WEEK SUMMER ADVENTURE FOR HIGH SCHOOL RISING SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS

**JUNE 8TH-28TH 2025** 

FIND YOUR

VAY

Walk the Camino de Santiago in Spain!



## **Discover your Path!**

- Immerse yourself in Spanish language, culture and history
- Walk the first 6 stages of the world-famous pilgrimage
- Expose to inspirational Liberal Arts lectures
- > Experience college life firsthand
- > Explore Pamplona's historic downtown

## Live Life to the Fullest!

- > Make new friends from diverse backgrounds
- Challenge yourself, develop independence, and a sense of accomplishment
- > Create unforgettable memories
- Stand out in your college applications
   with this unique international experience

## Ready to Walk the Camino?

- > Applications open now! Spots are limited!
- Large families Special Price
- Reserve your place for Summer 2025 now!



www.unav.edu/WalkTheCamino

## 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 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. The next meeting will be held 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.

