



NOLAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL TALK

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Welcome
Week!

August 17, 2024

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Dear Nolan Catholic Families,

We hope that the first few days of school have been filled with excitement and promise for the year ahead. It has been a joy to see our campus buzzing with energy as students and teachers reconnect and dive into a new academic year.

Already off to a strong start, the opening theme for this year is: Rules vs. Expectations. Our Head of School, Mr. Ortiz, emphasized to our students (at our first day assembly) that their transition from childhood to adulthood is marked by a transition from rules to expectations. It is our expectations that set the tone for a positive and productive school environment. It is therefore “expectations” that we focus on at Nolan Catholic. The teachers and staff are eager to continue emphasizing this message with our community. It will be something you hear us talk about often throughout the year.



Beginning Monday, August 19, we will kick off Welcome Week for our newest Vikings! We have a series of engaging activities planned to help our new students feel at home and fully integrated into our school community.

Additionally, we are excited to invite all parents back on campus for Parent Back-to-School Night this Wednesday, August 21 at 6:30 p.m., starting in the Arena. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your student’s teachers, learn more about what’s in store for the year, and connect with other parents.

For our senior parents, please remember that there is a mandatory meeting on Wednesday, August 21 at 5:45 p.m. in the Auditorium. This meeting will cover important information about the senior year, including graduation requirements and key dates.

We look forward to seeing you on campus and partnering with you to ensure a successful and fulfilling school year for all our students.

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Important Upcoming Dates:

- **Saturday, August 17**
XC Season Opener - The Buff
- **Monday, August 19**
Welcome Week Begins
- **Tuesday, August 20**
VB Home Opener | 6:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, August 21**
Senior Parent Meeting | 5:45 p.m.
Back to School Night | 6:30 p.m.
- **Friday, August 30**
FB Home Opener | 7:30 p.m.
- **Monday, September 2**
No School - Labor Day

SCHOOL NEWS & INFORMATION



Welcome Week Activities

Welcome Week kicks off next week at Nolan Catholic High School! This special week is dedicated to celebrating and introducing our newest Vikings to the Nolan Catholic family.

Our senior class has been paired with our freshmen to engage in a variety of fun activities designed to help our new students feel at home. Welcome Week is all about fostering friendships and building school spirit.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Locker Decorations	Goodie Bag Day	Twin Day Parent Back to School Night		Donut Social & New Adventures	Welcome Dance 8-11 p.m.

Welcome Week Dance Information

- When: Saturday August 24
- Where: Gym
- Cost: \$15 cash sales Thursday & Friday; \$20 at door on Saturday. [Purchase Tickets Online](#) for \$15
- Theme: Carnival
- Time: 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.
- Attire: Casual, but must be in compliance with school's out of uniform dress code.



All Sports Meeting

We will be holding an All Sports Meeting on Monday, August 19 at 3:20 p.m. in the arena for all students interested in participating in Viking Athletics. This is a great opportunity for students to learn more about our athletic programs.

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ALL SPORTS MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 19
3:20 PM | HARTNETT ARENA

* ALL STUDENTS INTERESTED IN PLAYING A SPORT SHOULD ATTEND.

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 AUGUST 21, 2024 Parent Back to School Night	
6:30 – 6:40	Welcome (Arena)
6:50 - 6:59	A
7:04 – 7:12	B
7:17 – 7:25	C
7:30 - 7:38	D
7:43 – 7:51	E
7:56 – 8:04	F
8:09 – 8:17	G
8:22 - 8:30	H

Senior Parent Meeting & Parent Back to School Night

Join us for Parent Back-to-School Night on Wednesday, August 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Arena to meet your student’s teachers and learn about the upcoming year. Senior parents, please attend a mandatory meeting at 5:45 p.m. in the Auditorium for important graduation information.

Schedule of Events

- 5:45 p.m. - ALL SENIOR parents meet in the auditorium
- 6:30 p.m. - ALL parents meet in the arena for welcome message
- 6:40 p.m. - Rotation of your student’s classes (see schedule)

NOLAN CATHOLIC FAITH LIFE ON CAMPUS

Daily Mass	Location: Chapel Mondays - 3:20 p.m. Wednesdays - 7:10 a.m.	All School Liturgy	Location: Hartnett Arena Thursdays & Holy Days of Obligation - 9:25 a.m.
Confession	Location: Chapel Confessional Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri. - Lunch Periods	Adoration	Location: Chapel Fridays Exposition - 7:30 a.m. Reposition - 3:10 p.m.

Christian Ministry Service Hour Program

Our service hour program encourages students to look outside of themselves to see how they can serve our school and neighboring community. Students are required to complete 75 approved service hours to graduate: 25 hours by the start of their sophomore year, 25 hours by the start of their junior year, and 25 hours by the start of their senior year. As a reminder, hours must be verified in order to be considered for approval.

2024-2025 School Year Information:

- **9th Grade**
In the first quarter, freshmen will go through CM Hour training where they will learn about our Christian Ministry program, create their x2VOL accounts, and learn how to log service hours. Please be on the lookout for a follow up email after they are trained. We know many of our freshmen and transfers may have served this summer. Students will be able to log these hours once they have completed their CM Hour training.
- **10th-12th Graders**
We hope many of our students were able to serve this summer! The due date for any hours completed over the summer is **Friday, August 23**. All hours from May 31 - August 13, 2024 must be logged and verified by August 23. Please take time to reach out to your service contacts to make sure that they verify the hours in which you have served. Any students who have not hit their yearly goal of approved hours by August 23 will be put on a recovery plan to make up the deficient hours.

- **All Students**

All hours completed during the 2024-2025 school year must be logged and verified by May 30, 2025.



Adoration Afternoon LIFE Night: Oremus

All students, faculty, and staff are invited to a special afternoon of faith and community at Nolan Catholic High School.

- When: Wednesday, August 21
- Time: 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- Where: Nolan Catholic Library

We'll have an inspiring talk from Fr. Metzler and watch one of Fr. Mike Schmitz's always-enlightening videos. Eucharistic Adoration of our Lord will follow. Plus, snacks will be provided!

LET'S GO! GET INVOLVED

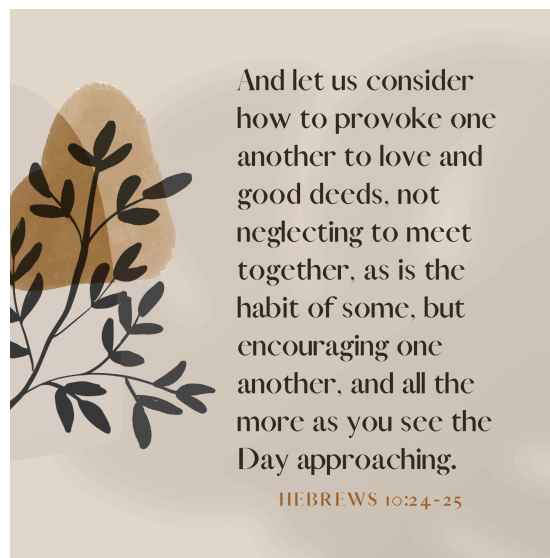


Parent Involvement on Campus - Catholic Culture Committee

In order to be able to celebrate these feast days to the best of our ability, we need your help! The Campus Ministry Office is renewing the scope and focus of the Catholic Culture Committee (formerly known as the Catholic Identity/Mission Committee) to help support and/or run celebratory events for our calendar project. This committee will work closely with Fr. Metzler and Mrs. Bunt in order to offer our students a richer experience of our Church's liturgical calendar.

A few of the ways our parents can be involved in this committee are: a) providing and serving feast day treats to students at lunch, b) decorating our campus to reflect our Church's feast days, or c) raising funds towards this goal. In tandem with this objective, this committee will pave the way for greater parent involvement in our school's faith life. For this reason, we would love for all of our parents to participate.

If you are interested in partnering with us, please contact [Mrs. Bunt](#) to be added to the committee. Meeting dates and times will be communicated to you via email.



Parent Community on Campus

Our Nolan Catholic Faculty and Staff would like to encourage all parents to develop their faith lives along with the school. Please join Fr. Metzler for the following opportunities:

	Description	Dates
Mothers' Mass 8:15-9:30 a.m.	All mothers are welcome (faculty and staff included)! We will begin with Mass at 8:15 a.m. followed by coffee/treats and Bible study.	Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15, Jan 24, Feb 21 RSVP Here (not required but appreciated)
Black Coffee Brotherhood 6:00-7:15 a.m.	All fathers are welcome (faculty and staff included)! We will begin at 6 a.m. with adoration in Nolan's Chapel, followed by prayer with scripture led by Fr. Metzler. <i>(Coffee allowed in the Chapel per the Chaplain's permission).</i>	Sept 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Jan 10, Feb 7, March 7, Apr 4 RSVP Here (not required but appreciated)

Friday Adoration: Volunteers Needed

Each Friday, Nolan Catholic holds Adoration for our students and their families. We need parent volunteers to sit in the chapel with the Most Holy Eucharist. Students and teachers will be visiting the chapel throughout the day, and parents will take hour slots to ensure that the exposed Jesus is never left alone. [Please sign up here!](#) (All volunteers must be VIRTUS trained).

Viking Club Opportunities

As our Viking athletics start to rev up, we invite you to continue supporting our Viking Club by getting involved at home athletic events. The Viking Club plays a crucial role in creating a positive and spirited atmosphere for our teams, and your participation makes a huge difference!

We have a variety of opportunities available, from helping with concessions to assisting with event setup. Volunteering is a great way to show your Viking pride, meet other families, and contribute to the success of our athletic programs.



If you're interested in joining us, please sign up using the link: [Viking Club Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

Thank you for your continued support of our Viking athletes and the entire Nolan Catholic community.

Together, we can make every game day an unforgettable experience!

Safe Environment Certification for Employees and Adult Volunteers is required 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. If you have any questions, contact Michelle Wessel, Nolan Catholic Safe Environment Coordinator at mwessel@nchstx.org; or search for a session www.fwdioc.org/training-sessions.

ALUMNI EVENTS & NEWS



Save the Date: Nolan Catholic Homecoming 2024 Friday, October 18 | 7 p.m.

Families, mark your calendars for Nolan Catholic High School's Homecoming on Friday, October 18! Join us as we cheer on the Vikings in an exciting matchup against Bishop Lynch. It's going to be an evening full of school spirit, community, and celebration. More details will be coming soon. Go Vikings!

Where are they now?

Class of 2024 COLLEGE CHECK-IN

We want to know how our NCHS Class of 2024 is adjusting to life in college!

Please send pictures and updates to wow@nchstx.org so we can feature our Viking Alumni.



**APPLICATIONS ARE STILL OPEN
FOR THE 2024-2025
SCHOOL YEAR!**

Contact us today to schedule a tour!
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