

December 16, 2024

Quarter 2 Edition No. 16

Dear Nolan Catholic Families,

We have finally arrived at the end of the Fall semester!

End-of-semester exams are an opportunity for our students to show-case their diligence, perseverance, and growth. It is a chance to revisit and reinforce the concepts, skills, and ideas we have encountered in the last several months. It can also be a time of stress and anxiety, so we ask that you keep all students in your prayers during this week.

This exam week can sometimes feel like a time of hasty preparation, but we remind ourselves and our students that Advent is a time of joyful preparation. While our exams are an opportunity to showcase the talents with which God has blessed our students, it is also a time to prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's return.

To help our students prepare, we encourage a focus not only on study and organization but also on rest, balance, and spiritual grounding. Please encourage your students to take moments of quiet reflection, to pray for guidance, and to remember the words of Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

As we look beyond midterms to the Christmas break, we give thanks for the many blessings of this year. It has been a joy to walk alongside your children, to witness their growth not only as scholars but as young men and women of faith. We pray that your holiday season is filled with laughter, rest, and the warmth of family.

Thank you for your continued partnership in nurturing the spiritual and academic lives of your children. May the blessings of this holy season be upon you, and may the coming of Christ bring you renewed joy and hope.

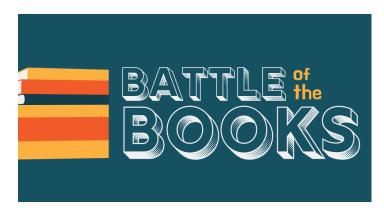
Kind regards, NCHS Administration

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Battle of the Books

Vikings! Do you have what it takes to compete in this year's Battle of the Books? Read award-winning books and be a part of your house team! The competition will be held in March, so you have Christmas break to get a head start on your reading. See Mrs. Ochs in the library for details.



Freshmen Social Event

Attention, Freshmen! Please look for an email from Mrs. Guhl, or click here to RSVP for the Freshman-only social event that will be held Saturday, Jan. 18, from 6 until 11 p.m. We will have dinner, a Nerf war, games, open gym time, and a movie. This is a great opportunity to make new Viking friends!

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.



FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Dec. 17

A Period -- 8:30 - 10 a.m.

B Period -- 10:15 - 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 18

C Period -- 8:30 - 10 a.m.

D Period -- 10:15 - 11:45 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 19

E Period -- 8:30 - 10 a.m.

F Period -- 10:15 - 11:45 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 20

G Period -- 8:30 - 10 a.m.

H Period -- 10:15 - 11:45 a.m.

Campus opens at 7 a.m. and closes at 12:15 p.m. on exam days.



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 the Howdy Trip 2024 webpage 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 take a look at this current list of scholarship opportunities 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.

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>.

Many hands make light work! To see all the upcoming concession volunteer opportunities, please check the sign-up genius link. We are always in need of additional help in the concession stands!

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.

