



NOLAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL TALK

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Dear Nolan Catholic community,

In this week's edition of School Talk, we delve into the topic of technology: it is important that we strike a balance between leveraging modern technology and maintaining the timeless values of Catholic education.

As you read through this week's edition, please pay special attention to the school's expectations regarding technology etiquette. Understanding and practicing proper technology use is vital for fostering a respectful and productive learning environment. Our guidelines will help students, parents, and educators alike navigate the digital realm with grace and responsibility.

We also look forward to starting a dialogue with you regarding the prevailing growth of Artificial Intelligence in school classrooms, as well as the possibility of the school adopting a 1:1 computer model. We hope you find this week's content both informative and inspiring. Together, let's continue to build a community that values innovation and tradition within the Catholic worldview, preparing our students for a bright and promising future.

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SCHOOL NEWS & INFORMATION



Balancing Tradition and Innovation: Embracing Technology in a Catholic High School

Nolan Catholic High School is excited to announce that we are already looking towards the 2025-2026 school year and what that means for technology on campus. This includes the possibility of the implementation of a one-to-one (1:1) technology model. As of today, the school possesses enough computers to make this a reality, ensuring that each student has access to a school laptop at all times, and as a result, providing a seamless integration of technology in the classroom.

However, the question that Mr. Ortiz would like us to explore as

Important Upcoming Dates:

- **Monday, July 29**
Class of 2028 Cleburne State Park Hike
- **Thursday, August 1**
Used Uniform Sale | 4 p.m.
- **Friday, August 2**
Used Uniform Sale | 4 p.m.
Class of 2028 Pool Party
- **Saturday, August 3**
Used Uniform Sale | 9 a.m.

a community is: Is an official 1:1 computer model the path for Nolan Catholic? Universal access to laptops is one thing, assigning a computer to each student is a much more ambitious model.

A transition as monumental as this one will require student and parent input. We believe that the perspectives of our community are crucial in shaping a model that best serves our students' needs and prepares them for future success. Although we will be seeking input via surveys and discussions throughout the upcoming school year, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Ortiz directly, who is eager to explore the option of a 1:1 computer model as well as a much broader conversation regarding AI.

An important detail to note: as part of this process, the school is preparing to remove from its Student and Parent Handbook the current BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) policy. This means that for the 2025-26 school year, students will no longer need to bring their personal devices to school, as each student will either have access to, or be provided with a school-issued device. This change aims to create a more uniform learning environment for all.

Stay tuned for more details and opportunities to share your input as we plan for the 2025-2026 school year. We look forward to working together as a community to ensure the success of this initiative.

Important Technology Policy Update

Nolan Catholic High School is implementing important changes to enhance our academic environment and ensure a focused and productive learning experience for all students.

Starting this school year, streaming movies or videos on personal or school devices will no longer be allowed on campus. This policy aims to minimize distractions during the academic schedule and maintain a school-focused atmosphere on campus at all times.

To support our educational goals, all videos used for academic purposes will be carefully curated and approved by teachers. We believe these changes will contribute to a more effective and engaging learning environment, helping students to stay focused and make the most of their time at school. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work together to uphold our commitment to academic excellence.

- **Wednesday, August 7**
Esto Dux Social | 6:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, August 8**
Esto Dux Social | 6:30 p.m.
- **Friday, August 9**
Meet the Vikings | 6 p.m.
- **Saturday, August 10**
Fall Media Day
Sports Physicals
- **Tuesday, August 13**
New Student Orientation
 - All 9th-grade students
 - New 10th-12th graders
- **Wednesday, August 14**
First Day of School
- **Wednesday, August 21**
Back to School Night | 6:30 p.m.
- **Friday, August 30**
FB Home Opener | 7:30 p.m.

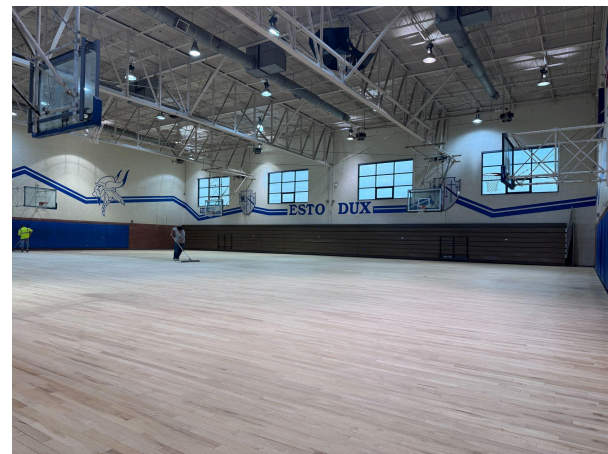


Parking Passes, Locker Assignments, and Esto Dux Social | August 7 and 8, 2024

All Nolan Catholic parents and students are invited to join us on either August 7 or August 8 for our annual Esto Dux Social at 6:30 p.m. on the Nolan Catholic campus. This event is designed to bring our Viking community together to kick off the 2024-2025 school year. The event schedule and details will follow.

- Meet new families
- Enjoy a refreshing summer treat
- Learn more about the upcoming school year
- Receive student locker assignments
- Receive student and parent parking stickers

**You only need to attend one night.*



At Nolan Catholic High School, we are dedicated to providing our students with top-notch facilities that enhance their educational and extracurricular experiences. Here's an update on our ongoing and upcoming projects:

Daskocil Stadium Turf Field and Track

Our state-of-the-art turf field at Daskocil Stadium is nearing completion. This new surface promises to offer a safer, more durable playing area for our athletes, accommodating a variety of sports and activities. Once the turf field is finished, we will immediately begin work on the track surrounding the field.

Hartnett Arena and Gym Floor

In Hartnett Arena, we encountered some unexpected delays and issues that have pushed back our plans. Unfortunately, we will not be able to proceed with the Arena renovations this summer as initially planned. Our goal is to address these challenges and reschedule the arena improvements for the summer of 2025.

However, the gym floor is ready for its fresh coat of paint. The new paint will rejuvenate the space, creating a more vibrant environment for our students and athletes. This update is part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining and enhancing our facilities.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through these updates.

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5th Annual Viking Club Classic Golf Tournament

Location: The Golf Club at Fossil Creek

Date: Friday, October 11, 2024

Time: Lunch & Driving Range is at 12:00 p.m. | Shotgun Start is 1:30 p.m.

Questions? Contact the Nolan Catholic Viking Club at vikingclub@nchstx.org.

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Preparing for Viking Adventures - Class of 2028

Please contact Donna O'Malley with any questions at admissions@nchstx.org.

Cleburne State Park Hike

Drop-off in the Circle Drive 7 - 7:15 am

Return to Nolan at 2:30 p.m.

Pick-up No Later than 3:30 p.m. from the Circle Drive

What to Bring:

- Sunscreen
- Water bottle(s) / Water
- Bug Spray

What to Wear:

- Comfortable closed-toed shoes or hiking shoes with socks
- Hiking clothes/Hat
- Small backpack for personal items

Pool Party

Drop-off at the Arena at 6:30 p.m.

Pick-up between 8:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

What to Wear/Bring:

- Swimsuit (girls: must wear a one-piece or tankini; no bare midriff)
- Coverup or T-shirt / for outside of the pool
- Shoes for pool deck (sandals/ slides)
- Towel(s)
- Pool toys or floats are allowed

JOIN THE SAILING CLUB

Open House Opportunities:

Friday, July 26 | 4 - 8 p.m.

Friday, August 16 | 4 - 8 p.m.

**Come to one or come to both!*

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

Fort Worth Boat Club | Eagle Mountain Lake

Contact: colleenvalenti@gmail.com

Are you a rising 7th or 8th grader, or a Nolan Catholic High School Student?

If so, YOU are invited to join the Nolan Catholic Sailing Club!

Is sailing for you?

Come try sailing this summer and see what all the excitement is about! We will be hosting Learn to Sail Open Houses this summer. Come to one or all.

By joining the sailing club, you can earn PE credit!

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

Contact us today to schedule a tour!

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ALUMNI EVENTS & NEWS



TCU defensive lineman NaNa Osafo-Mensah has been nominated for the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team, one of the most coveted community service awards in college football.

Osafo-Mensah has volunteered at Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth, as well as with the City's Community Crossroads program through First Presbyterian Church's mission outreach center. He served meals to and sat with the homeless at Broadway Baptist Church. He also is a role model with youth through the NCAA's Readers Become Leaders program within Fort Worth ISD.

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Zach Cawyer '21 Drafted to the Kansas City Royals

Zachary Cawyer was the first Horned Frog drafted on Day 3 of the MLB Draft, going to Kansas City with the second pick of the 11th round (317th overall).

Cawyer put together a strong junior campaign in his lone season on campus. He ranked second on the team with 24 appearances, 23 of which came out of the bullpen. He posted a 6-2 record with a 5.20 ERA. In 36 1/3 innings of work, he fanned 39. At the conclusion of the season, he was named honorable mention All-Big 12.

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