### **Welcome Back, Viking Families!**

As the new school year approaches, we're thrilled to see so many familiar and new faces on campus. This week has been full of excitement, and we're just getting started!

In this issue, you'll find our comprehensive

Back-to-School Guide, a must-read as we gear up for the year ahead. We've made it easier than ever to navigate the start of the school year, so be sure to take a look. You can also review a summary of the 24-25 Uniform code here.

It was a joy to see our community come together for the Esto Dux Social these past two evenings.







Your energy and enthusiasm remind us why Nolan Catholic is such a special place.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming the Class of 2028 with a hike and swim party last week. Their enthusiasm and spirit are a great sign of what's to come for this incoming group of students.

We look forward to seeing you all tonight and throughout the coming weeks as we embark on another incredible year at Nolan Catholic.

Esto Dux!

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- Saturday, August 10 Fall Sports Media Day
- Monday, August 12 Senior Sunrise | 6:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, August 13 New Student Orientation
- Wednesday, August 14 First Day of School
- 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
   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, Class of 2028!

Recently, we had the pleasure of welcoming our newest Vikings to the Nolan Catholic community with their very first events as part of the Viking family! The Class of 2028 kicked off their journey with an adventurous hike at Cleburne State Park, followed by a fun-filled pool party in our very own natatorium.

We're excited to share that this is the first year we've hosted these special events for our incoming freshmen, marking the start of a brand new tradition at Nolan Catholic. The energy and Viking spirit shown by this group already have set a high bar for the years to come.

We can't wait to see all the incredible things you'll accomplish during your time here.



### **Faith Life on Campus**

At Nolan Catholic High School, faith is at the heart of our community, guiding everything we do. Our commitment to fostering a deep and personal relationship with Christ is reflected in our daily spiritual activities, including Daily Mass, All School Mass, Confession, and Adoration.

**Download Faith Life Schedule** 



## **LET'S GO! GET INVOLVED**



The Viking Club is excited to start the school year and prepare for a great year supporting our Viking sports teams and extra-curricular activities. Throughout the school year, we will have many opportunities for parents to come out and volunteer. As of today, we have 244 events when we will need your support.

#### Our first opportunity:

Saturday, August 10 | 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Cleaning and setting up the Concession Stands for our upcoming football and volleyball seasons. If your athlete is in a fall sport, they will be at Nolan that morning for Media Day. Please come out and help the Viking Club!



For other Viking Club Event & Service Opportunities, click <u>here</u>.

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 <a href="www.virtusonline.org">www.virtusonline.org</a> 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 <a href="www.fwdioc.org/training-sessions">www.fwdioc.org/training-sessions</a>.

## **ALUMNI EVENTS & NEWS**







# Two Nolan Catholic Seniors Meet Each Other's Challenges

Fort Worth Magazine | by John Henry

Nolan Catholic High School's Class of 2024 celebrated its graduation with a special rivalry between valedictorian Logan Collier and salutatorian Abigail Cawyer. Both are heading to top universities—Collier to TCU for neuroscience, and Cawyer to UT Austin for biology, each on a pre-med path. The seniors also reflected on their resilience during a challenging high school experience, which began during the pandemic. The Class of 2024 earned more than \$15 million in scholarships, showcasing their hard work and dedication.

Read the full article here.

# Robert Ratliff '09 Talks About the New Film Dedicated to His Late Father

An upcoming film that chronicles the 2002 Westside Little League All-Stars, pays homage to the man who was the inspiration to a team of underdogs.

Fort Worth Magazine | by Stephen Montoya

In "You Gotta Believe," Robert Ratliff reflects on the legacy of his father, Bobby, who coached the Westside Little League All-Stars during their inspiring 2002 run to the Little League World Series. The film, releasing August 30, highlights this journey, focusing on the team's unity and Bobby's battle with cancer, which inspired their motto, "You gotta believe." The movie stars Luke Wilson, portraying Bobby, and captures the emotional impact of a father's love, hope, and the power of believing against all odds.



Read the full article here.



# 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!

APPLICATIONS ARE STILL OPEN FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR! Contact us today to schedule a tour!

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