



# The Corral

**January 31, 2024**

**R. Dan Nolan Middle School**  
**Your Source for All The News That is Nolan**

## Happy New Year Nolan Community,

Happy New Year and I hope you are all off to a great 2024. So far this has been a great school year here at Nolan and I fully expect this to continue through the second semester. This year your children have been working extremely hard in their classes and it is showing as we are having more than half our students earn Honor Roll distinctions. Our staff also have been working very hard to ensure your students are prepared for the state assessments and it is showing by our continued strong scores on the two progress monitoring tests given during the first semester.

Our career and technology organizations have been competing and representing Nolan with strong performances. Congratulations to all our students who have competed in regional tournaments. We have seen many successes in our various clubs and wish them the best of luck their upcoming state competitions. We know they will all make Nolan proud and bring home lots of trophies. Our music department has done an amazing job with great performances, and students recognized in All State music performances. Music performance assessments will be starting in February, and I know our music students will earn high marks by the judges.



*Mr. Scott Cooper, Principal*

First semester, we had our students competing in cross country and soccer.

All our teams competed and represented Nolan in a very professional manner, with both our girls' and boys' soccer teams winning the county championships. We are looking forward to our basketball, volleyball and flag football seasons that will be taking place in the second semester. Best of luck to these athletes as they work to bring in county championships to our school.

The second semester will go by quickly and believe it or not we are already preparing for the next school year. We will begin the registration process for next year's courses in March. Students who will be at Nolan next year will select their course requests online through the Focus platform.

We are all here to work with you to ensure the success of your child, so please reach out to your child's teachers and/or guidance counselor if you have concerns about their grades. Thank you for your continued support of Nolan Middle School.

***Mr. Scott Cooper***  
***Nolan Middle School Principal***





## Nolan Middle School-Girls and Boys Basketball

Come and join us for some great basketball. Girls play at 5:30 PM and Boys play at 6:30 PM

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
1/30	Mona Jain	5:30/6:30	Mona Jain
2/1	Lincoln	5:30/6:30	Nolan
2/7	Buffalo Creek	5:30/6:30	Nolan
2/8	Haile	5:30/6:30	Haile
2/13	Palm View	5:30/6:30	Palm View
2/20-2/2	Tournament Games	TBA	TBA
2/29	Championship Game	TBD	TBD

## Girls Soccer 2023-2024 Championship Team

Our Nolan Girls and Boys Soccer Teams won the 2023 Championship for the Manatee County Middle School Soccer season on Thursday, Dec 14th, 2023.

In the Championship Finals, both teams were victorious over their opponent Braden River Middle. Girls 1-0 and Boys 2-1 in an exciting overtime Penalty Kick finish!

This was the first Championship for the Nolan Boys and the 10th consecutive for the Girls. Each team finished their perspective seasons undefeated. Girls had 18 goals for and zero against a "shut out" season! Boys were 27 goals for and 4 against.

We are very proud of our student athletes.  
GO COLTS!







## Congratulations to Nolan FBLA students!

Congratulations to the following Nolan FBLA students for their top 5 finishes in the District Competitive Events listed.

These students will be representing our school at the 2024 FBLA State Conference:

Emilia Kulikowski, Multimedia and Website Design, 1st place  
 Skyler Skillman, Digital Citizenship, 1st place  
 Seth Knorr and Jack Scrocco, Critical Thinking, 1st place  
 Sophia Lowrance, Elevator Speech, 1st place  
 Isabel Figueredo-Alvarez, Leadership, 1st place  
 Jude Skillman, Learning Strategies, 1st place  
 Ella Stephen, Business Etiquette, 1st place  
 Aramis Carbonell, Critical Thinking, 2nd place  
 Bianca Fernandez, Elevator Speech, 2nd place  
 Juliana Swentner, Melissa MacAvoy, Eleanor Thomas, Multimedia and Website Development, 3rd place  
 Austie Harbaugh, Business Etiquette, 4th place  
 Addison Gentz, Leadership, 4th place  
 Kinsey Weiskopf, Elevator Speech, 5th place  
 Misty Morrey, Financial Literacy, 5th place  
 Carissa McCoy, Business Etiquette, 5th place

FBLA students have also begun working on a community service project, working with the Human Society of Manatee County. Students visit the shelter once a month and meet a very special pup who is looking for their forever home. These students use their technical skills to create a commercial to show to Nolan students and staff in hopes he or she can find their forever home! We are excited to say that “Emma” indeed found her new home, and this month we will be helping “Hickory” to find his new people (btw, super sweet, cute and laid-back pup)!

FBLA students are also gearing up for FBLA Week, and will celebrate with a school-wide activity, pizza night and a visit to McNeal Elementary’s 5th grade students for a live game of Leadership “Monopoly”!





## Congratulations to Nolan FBLA Students! *(continued)*





## HOSA/Pre-Medical Program



The HOSA and Pre-Medical Programs have been very busy with guest speakers, fundraising, the Florida HOSA Leadership Development Academy, CTE field trips to Manatee Technical College East Campus, and Clearwater Marine Aquarium (with FFA), Choice Open House, the Florida HOSA Competitive Event Conference, and writing Valentine cards to health science professionals in our local hospitals. Our Spring calendar includes a tour of Manatee Memorial Hospital, our Florida HOSA State

Leadership Conference, more guest speakers and more CTE field trips. Our Anatomage table has a new update that students are familiarizing themselves with which includes a birthing simulation. We have been dissecting twinkies - yes, they eat them - and perfecting presentations on PowerPoint for various health science topics. Medical Reading included Small Steps by Peg Kehret with physical therapy activities and Gifted Hands by Dr. Ben Carson with a viewing of the movie. We will begin Code Blue in our 7th grade classes which helps students prepare for the medical field by creating their own medical office, "passing their boards," and teaching their fellow classmates about their specialty area. They create models with air clay as part of their instruction.

We look forward to our upcoming Awards ceremony for our HOSA Gulf Coast Region Competitive Event Conference!



## HOSA/Pre-Medical Program *(continued)*

I'm very excited for our HOSA Chapter! Please congratulate the following students:

Foundations of Medical Terminology

1st Place - Anna Faenger (8th grade)

Foundations of Nutrition

2nd Place - Ella Fuschetto (6th grade)

Foundations of Veterinary Science

1st Place - Brendan Rowe (6th grade)

5th Place - Reese Gilman (6th grade)

Life Threatening Situations

3rd Place - Samuel Clementi (8th grade)

4th Place - Tristin McGlaughlin (7th grade)

Extemporaneous Health Poster

1st Place - Grace Bishop (8th grade)

3rd Place - Karly Maximo-Beltran (7th grade)

Health Career Preparation

2nd Place - Peter Hotaling (6th grade)

3rd Place - Madelyn Mitchell (6th grade)

Dynamic Decisions

2nd Place - Maci Dodrill, Colin Hogan, Catherine Puentes-Valencia (7th grade)

Exploring Medical Innovation

1st Place - Evelyn Burge, Elizabeth Sabodash, Layla Shipley (7th grade)

Health Career Display

3rd Place - Daniel Melo, Katelyn Wanat (6th grade)

4th Place - Luke Hanson, Braeden Moran (8th grade)

Prepared Speaking

1st Place - Sara Talamas (6th grade)

2nd Place - Benjamin Shore (6th grade)

3rd Place - Chase Christie (6th grade)

Public Health

1st Place - Emily Alicea, Arian Attari, Sacha Locke, Ethan Schefft (8th grade)





## HOSA/Pre-Medical Program *(continued)*



## Congratulations to Nolan's Art Students

Two students from Ms. McKinnon's class have won honorable mention for their art which was submitted to this years Art in the Capitol competition. They made the top ten and the work will be hung in the School Board building next to the School Board chambers. Students will also receive a gift card after winter break from the Manatee Arts Education Council.

*Carson Dryfhout, 8th Grade*  
*Anna Faengar, 8th Grade*

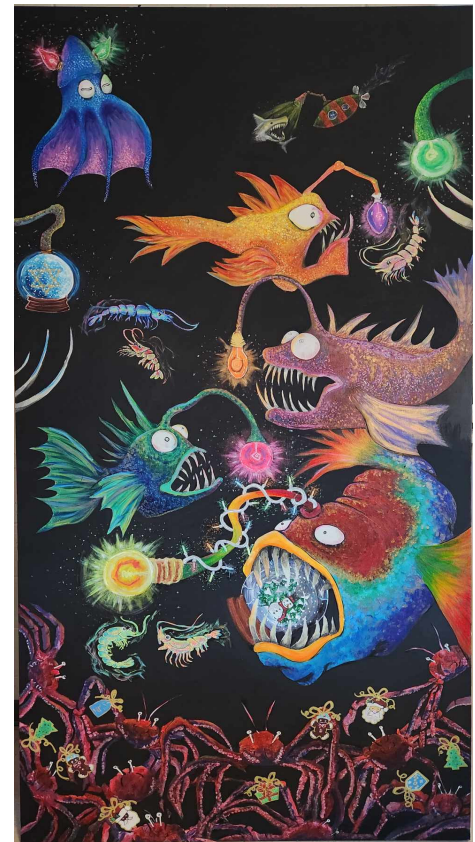
Nolan's 8th Grade Artists won  
 2nd Place for UTC Holiday Card

## Report of Out-of-Field Teachers 1/31/24

Dear Parents,

The Florida State Department of Education requires that schools report to parents for the October FTE reporting any teachers who are out-of-field. Below are the Nolan Middle School teachers who are out of field for the 2023-2024 school year:

Teacher	Area Out of Field
Dominique Hipolito	MS ELA, Math, Social Studies, Reading, ESOL



## Nolan TSA Takes on First Challenge: Competing with Technology at Manatee Regional Conference

*Emma Bogucki and Rhiannon Wilford*

On December 9, 2023, Nolan TSA attended the Manatee Regionals Conference held at Southeast Highschool. Each year, before the state competition takes place, a couple counties in Florida TSA offer district-level competitions to students. Students compete in seventeen different events ranging from tech bowl to essays on tech, to problem solving, as well as VEX. This one-day event will be smaller than the state conference but can serve as great learning opportunities for both middle and high schoolers.

While once limited to schools located in the host school district, these competitions are now open to all schools in the surrounding area as well. This regional competition is very beneficial to students involved in TSA, seeing as it offers the students the chance to get feedback on some of their competitive events.

Each year, Nolan attends this competition to gain practice and experience. This year, twenty-three students from Nolan went. While everyone did really well, Nolan was able to bag medals in three different events at this competition. Nolan got first place in Leadership Strategies. On the team was Rhiannon Wilford, Katherine Kuhlman, and Colton McGill. As well as third place in Essays on Technology by Katherine Kuhlman, and third place in Challenging Technology Issues.





## Important Dates Mark Your Calendar

February 6th (Tuesday)	<b>Writing Assessment 6th-8th Grades (Modified Bell Schedule)</b>
February 19th (Monday)	<b>President's Day (No School)</b>
March 6th (Wednesday)	<b>Early Release Students Finish at 2:40 PM</b>
March 14th (Thursday)	<b>End of 3rd Quarter</b>
March 15th (Friday)	<b>Record Day (No School for Students)</b>
March 25th-29th	<b>SPRING BREAK (No School) includes Good Friday</b>
May 17th-24th	<b>High School Course Exams</b>
May 22nd-24th	<b>Early Release Students Finish at 2:40</b>
May 24th (Friday)	<b>Last Day for Students</b>



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