

Important Fall Sports 2026 Kickoff News/Updates:

A reminder to note that each year now, (once the school year is over) we ask that all student athletes be enrolled (or re-enrolled) at Nouvel (contact admissions@nouvelcatholic.org or Kelly Breasbois at (989) 399-2230 if you have any questions on this, and also must have their MHSAA sports physical dated April 15th or after of that year, on file in the athletic office (or given to your head coach), before participating.

Next week, fall sports practices/tryouts officially begin and **student athletes MUST be re-enrolled/registered and have their completed physical dated 4/15/26 or after on file in the athletic office or turned in to their coach**, in order to tryout/practice. If not, they cannot participate.

Follow this link for a copy of the blank MHSAA physical form:

<chrome-extension://efaidnbnmnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://files.ecatholic.com/20082/documents/2023/8/MHSAA%20Sports%20Physical%20Form.pdf?t=1691239227000>. There are urgent care and medical express locations locally that accept walk-ins or by appointment for sports physicals, costing \$25-\$40), if your child's annual doctor's appointment is not aligned with these dates.

High School (9th-12th grade) fall sports tryout/practice info for next week are listed below:

High School Girls Volleyball: Head Varsity Coach, Jessica Fugate, (989) 392-6868, or jessicalphotography@outlook.com. High school tryouts are next week Monday-Wednesday, 6-8pm at the high school gym. (Teams will be determined by the end of the day on Wednesday.) Check eventlink for any updates and tentative future practices. *Be sure to register, if you haven't already:* <https://www.nouvelcatholic.org/volleyballregistration>

Varsity Boys Soccer: Head Varsity Coach, Mark McLean, (989) 233-9515, or mcleanmark@outlook.com. High school practices start next week Monday, 6-8:30pm, Tuesday, 6:30-8:30pm, Wednesday & Thursday, 7-8:30pm, at the high school soccer field. Check eventlink for any updates and for tentative future practices. *Be sure to register, if you haven't already:* <https://www.nouvelcatholic.org/boysoccerregistration>

Co-ed Cross Country: Head Varsity Coach, Pete Bartels, pbartels@nouvelcatholic.org. Coach Bartels would like you to email him if you plan to do cross country meets in the fall season. (Please include any other sports/commitments so that he can make the schedule for weekly practices and meets, to account for athletic/other conflicts.) Everyone is welcome to try cross country, regardless of your past experience or current sport. *Be sure to register so Coach can share important info:* <https://www.nouvelcatholic.org/crosscountry>

Varsity Girls Golf: Head Varsity Coach, Mary O'Grady, blueyes3825@yahoo.com. *Please note: there is an important meeting on Monday, 8/10, 6-7pm, in the high school library, for all girls planning on golfing this fall and their parents.* (Matches start the following week, so if you're unable to make it to the meeting but your daughter would like to golf, please contact Coach O'Grady asap. Link for Girls Golf Signup, if you haven't signed up already: <https://www.nouvelcatholic.org/golfgirlsregistration>

Varsity Boys Tennis: Head Varsity Coach Jason Payne, jpayne@nouvelcatholic.org. ***The team is looking to add one more player, so reach out if you might possibly be interested!*** Be sure that you are registered so Coach Payne can share tryout/challenge match info and/or check eventlink: <https://www.nouvelcatholic.org/boystennisregistration>

Football: Head Varsity Coach, Drew Weigl, aweigl@nouvelcatholic.org. If you are signed up, you should already be getting email communication about football workouts. Please note that we are hoping to have enough players to field a JV team, and football is offered at all grades starting with 5th grade so be sure to sign your son up if he would like more info and has not already signed up. First official practice is Monday at 3:30. Signup link for football: <https://nouvelcatholic.org/football>

Pom: There was not enough interest in Pom for the 2026-2027 school year, but we will continue to monitor interest from a year-to-year basis. next year.

Athletics is excited to share that we've partnered with **FinalForms** for athletic registrations! We are rolling it out in the next couple weeks so watch for details! No need to register for winter/spring sports yet at this time, as we will get everyone going on this new process in the next few weeks so that it will be fully in place before our winter sports season. This way, you register one time for the whole year and will be able to see which sports your son/daughter are signed up for. The partnership between FinalForms and Eventlink are seamless and we look forward to the ease and efficiency of this collaboration. You can upload your child's physical and have access to it any time (or continue to bring it to athletics and we will upload it), register for all season's sports at the beginning of the year, and much more that you'll enjoy the convenience and efficiency of! Stay tuned!

High School Winter & Spring Sports offered: Winter: Boys & Girls Basketball, Co-ed Bowling, Co-op Ice Hockey; Spring: Boys Baseball, Boys Golf, Girls Soccer, Girls Tennis, and Co-ed Track.

Important dates coming up:

Thursday, August 13th: Banner Pictures (High School Gym)

- **Pricing:** Volleyball banners are \$37 (18" x 54"). All other sports are \$36 (2ft x 3ft).
- **Payment:** Checks payable to *Hicks Studio* or exact cash only (photographers cannot make change). Place payment in an envelope labeled with the athlete's name, grade, sport, and jersey number.
- **Tentative Schedule:**
 - 2:00 PM Football;
 - 2:20 PM Cross Country, Boys Tennis, Boys Soccer, Girls Golf;
 - 2:45 PM Volleyball.

Tuesday, August 18th: Parents Meet the Coach Night

- **Tentative Schedule:**
 - 6:00 PM Cross Country (Coach Bartel's Classroom);
 - 6:30 PM Boys Soccer (Library)
 - 6:45 PM Volleyball (Cafeteria);
 - 7:00 PM Boys Tennis (Coach Payne's Classroom).

- *Note: Football will host their meeting during their separate helmet blessing/picnic on Tuesday, August 12th and Girls Golf athlete/parent meeting will be Monday, August 10th, 6-7pm in the library, as mentioned previously.*

SAVE THE DATE FOR TEAM/INDIVIDUAL FALL SPORTS:

High School: Tuesday, September 8th (Times tba)

Jr. High: Wednesday, September 16th (Times tba)

Jr. High Sports offered: <https://nouvelcatholic.org/nccjhathletics>

Sports offered at the Jr. High level:

JH Fall Sports: 7th & 8th grade football (*practices start August 17*); 6th-8th grade cross country (*practices start August 11th at the Stroebel Road Rail Trail*); and 7th & 8th grade girls basketball (*practices start August 24th approx*); **JH Winter:** 7th & 8th grade girls volleyball (*practices start 10/19 approx*); and 7th & 8th grade boys basketball (*practices start the end of December approx*); for the **JH spring:** Co-ed track (*practices start the end of March*).

Be sure to have your son/daughter signed up for fall sports asap, especially if you're not already getting communication from the coach/team parent. You will be able to sign up for winter/spring sports in the next few weeks, after FinalForms/Eventlink is in place.

Transportation Waivers - Please note that we are continuing the transportation policy that we had last year. Each student athlete is expected to ride the bus there AND BACK, whenever the bus is scheduled for a game/athletic event. We understand that there are exceptions so if one is needed, please contact the coach for pre-approval prior to game/event day to approve the exception, and a Transportation Waiver is required to be on file in the athletic office beforehand. The new waiver will replace the former waiver, and shouldn't need to be replaced throughout the rest of high school. We've updated the waiver with this new policy and are requiring everyone to have one on file, just in case. The Transportation Waiver will be included in the new registration process.

If interested in possibly **purchasing a sports pass**, please contact the athletic office for details. There are different types of passes offered for purchase, in case you are interested. (If you are still making annual payments on your lifetime passes, please make sure that you've made this year's payment. Also, please note that the cost for the TVC Senior Pass is last year's cost and is not guaranteed to be the same this year.)

<https://files.ecatholic.com/20082/documents/2026/7/NCC%20Passes%20for%20Purchase%202026-2027-3.pdf?t=1784057649000>

Eventlink:

If you have a son/daughter playing sports, you will want to create your eventlink account, which will give you up to date access to tentative schedules and once the season is underway, alerts when any changes or cancellations of games are made. Here's the link with instructions to get started!

<https://files.ecatholic.com/20082/documents/2026/3/Eventlink%20Community%20Create%20an%20Account.pdf?t=1772730639000>

Volunteer Opportunities:

Each season, all sports programs need extra help, such as announcing, working the clock/scoreboard, stats keeper, tending the gate for entry, or just cheering on our teams! We are blessed here at Nouvel Catholic Central to offer a robust athletic program to our students at no cost. Several of our neighboring schools have moved to a pay to play model. It would help us a great deal if we can count on each family to invest some time during their student athletes season. Ideally we would appreciate it if each family volunteered at least two times per student athlete per season. If you are unable to commit to volunteering yourself, parents, siblings, extended family members, and/or family friends can take your place. Contact the athletic office if you'd like more information!

Please note that we rely on a few events to help raise money for athletics, too, and need our families to help out at these events. Watch for details on volunteer opportunities such as the Greek Festival (the week/weekend of Father's Day), annual athletic golf outing (June 25, 2027), and other events/opportunities that will be shared. These are fun events to not only help, but get out in the community to represent Nouvel!

NCC Spirit Wear:

<https://www.nouvelsportsstore.com/> is the link to our NCC Spirit Wear Store! We are building it to continually have options to order spiritwear for your sport during any season! Watch for additional choices to be offered, as we gradually grow the store to include all your favorite NCC sports!

This is a lot of important information, so a pdf containing this info will be attached to the website for future reference, as well. Thank you for taking the time to go over this info and for being part of our NCC Panther family! If you have any questions, please reach out to Michele Kuligowski, Athletic Administrative Assistant, at (989) 399-2236 or mkuligowski@nouvelcatholic.org, or our Athletic Director, Matt Solek, at (989) 399-2237 or msolek@nouvelcatholic.org.

We are looking forward to a great 2026/2027 school year!

Let's Go, Panthers!