



# SCHOOL TALK

NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL PERALES

April 10, 2020

Dear Nolan Catholic Families,

These weeks have been quite a unique experience for us all. I am so grateful for the wonderful faculty and staff we have who have been doing such a great job with not only getting the distance learning going but with keeping students engaged day in and day out, week in and week out. This doesn't happen solely from our end, though. We know and see how our families are supporting, assisting, and taking a lead with guiding the learning that is happening in the home. Thank you to all of you—our faculty and staff and our parents and students—for your continued patience, understanding, cooperation, collaboration, and good spirits.

[North Texas Catholic has an article](#) featuring some of the ways we are handling distance learning. See [here](#).

During this Holy Week, these days have taken on another tone. With that, hopefully there has also been more time for family, more time to talk, more time to listen, and more time to just be still, perhaps even to be silent. Mother Teresa said, "We need to find God, and God cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence."

In the silence of Holy Week, I hope you have been able to have breaks from the studies and work and all the duties and tasks we have to complete in our homes. The Church's calendar kind of forces us to slow down and even stop, which is why we refrain from having classes and assigning work over the next few days to recall and enter into Christ's suffering, crucifixion, death, and then the glorious events of Easter Sunday: Resurrection!

But before we get to that glorious and joyful day, we invite your family to wonder and pray about the significance of not only this Friday we call Good but tomorrow as well, the great and mysterious day of Holy Saturday, which is the day we recall Christ's descent into hell (the abode of the dead). This day is traditionally marked by silence, a silence to remember how Christ has died and then is not visibly present to the world (as he has descended to the place of the dead) but also a silence to prepare for God's return on Easter Sunday, a silence to be still, take time to listen, and encounter Him. In the words of an ancient homily on Holy Saturday:

Something strange is happening—there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. God has died in the flesh and hell trembles with fear.

He has gone to search for ... (click [here to keep reading](#)—scroll down to "Second Reading"—or [here to listen with accompanying video images](#))



We wish you God's blessing during this Holy Triduum and pray Easter is a time of joy for you and your family.

Sincerely in Christ and Our Lady,  
Principal Perales

## Be sure to check out the resources below!

Many of our educators and administrators have also been working to offer supports and sample lessons to partner schools and other districts in an effort to share resources and instructional practices with fellow educators.

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### DISTANCE LEARNING



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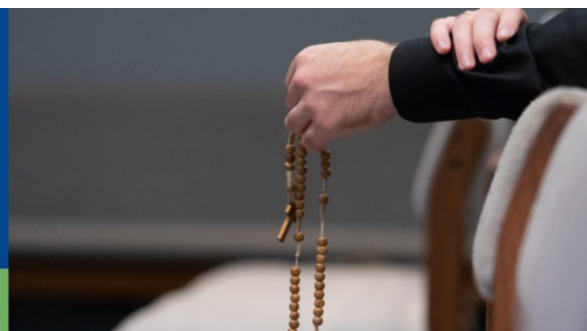
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Father Moon and the campus ministries department are working to continue our Thursday school-wide Mass days virtually with either Mass or prayer.

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### CAMPUS MINISTRY





Our hope is to continue embracing the Viking spirit generated on our virtual campus! We are working to keep all previously scheduled items on the calendar as we continue to move forward virtually.

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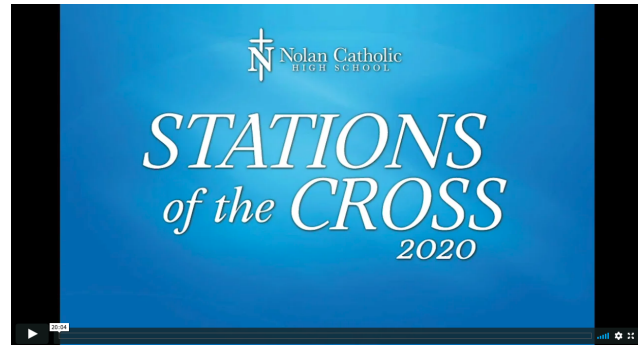
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# ATHLETICS

# ACADEMICS & DISTANCE LEARNING

## THE STEPHEN BREEN MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

The Stephen Breen Memorial Foundation ("Foundation") is pleased to offer a freshman year college scholarship to a graduating senior from Nolan Catholic High School. Stephen Breen was a sophomore at Nolan Catholic High School when he passed away from cancer in 2004.

The Foundation is committed to offering financial aid to local children who seek the strength and values of a Catholic education; and to those courageous children and their families whose lives are afflicted with cancer. Stephen greatly valued his education at both St. Andrew and Nolan Catholic. Before he died, Stephen's wish was to help less fortunate children have the same opportunity he had. One in eight children in Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Fort Worth currently receive financial aid, and many more are in need, if only the resources were available.

In order to be considered for the Stephen Breen Memorial Foundation Scholarship, students must submit a completed scholarship application by Wednesday, May 6.

The Scholarship will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- Demonstrated financial need
- Active participant in the Nolan Catholic Community in sports and or extracurricular activities
- Good conduct
- Graduation from Nolan Catholic High School
- Writing skills
- Demonstration of Nolan's mission and values
- Timely and accurate completion of application
- Recommendation letters received

[APPLY HERE](#)

## SENIOR SHOUT-OUT

We want to give a huge Shout-Out to 12th grader, Thomas Woodbery for getting full appointment to West Point for the fall.  
Awesome job Thomas!!!



## SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY

Congratulations to the following students on their induction to The Spanish Honor Society for the 2019-2020 School year. For induction students needed to have a 90 overall and a 90 in Spanish or in Spanish V AP. They also volunteered in the World Languages Fair, Spanish Club and SHS Teddy Bear Drive.

SHS Inductees:

Cristina Aleman  
Andrea Atienza  
Emily Austin  
Sydney Barragán  
Maddy Bauermeister  
Franco Brocco  
Makenna Broyles  
Jocelyn Bui  
Natali Carrera  
Kate Chiapetta  
Claire Franques  
Kaitlyn Gaitan  
Victoria Gomez  
Madeline Hayden  
Katie Hoang  
Isabella Hernández  
Ryan Jimenez  
Patricia Jimenez  
Kimberly Kopf

Justin Le  
Jake Limosnero  
Clarisse Linares  
Lida Linkka  
Anya Marquino  
Francheska Marquino  
Yaneth Muñoz  
Chi Nguyen  
Chloe Prowse  
Theodore Rankin  
Maggie Reilly  
Irene Richmond  
Riley Riethman  
Olivia Sganga  
Génesis Soto  
Gabriela Vela  
Abigail Yost  
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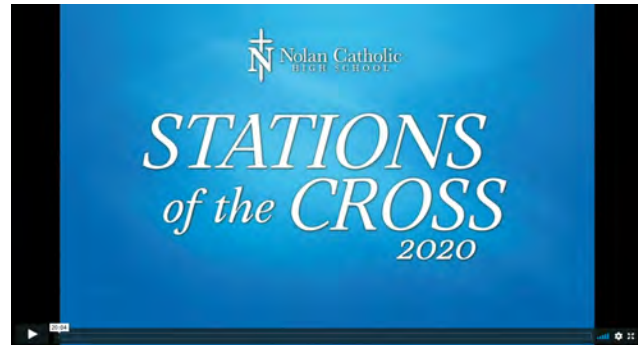
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