



## NAZARETH AREA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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NAIS Families,

I hope this email finds our NAIS School Community well. Over the past two weeks, a team of district administrators, building administrators, and Nazareth Area School District teachers have been working on an academic contingency plan for extended school closure. **Beginning March 30, the NASD will begin to deliver its Contingency Education Plan.** The transition to online learning is a new experience for many of us. As you encounter questions unique to your educational situation, please reach out to me, Mrs. Clowser, or your child's teachers through email. We will be available to support you and direct your question(s) to the right person if we cannot answer your question(s) directly.

The district is providing access to educational opportunities online through our learning management system, **Schoology**. Student attendance will be tracked through student access to Schoology. For the first two weeks of this Educational Learning Plan (March 30, 2020, through April 8, 2020), students in grades 4-6 have access to multiple learning activities in the core areas of reading, writing, math, science, social studies, and special areas through a "**Choice Board**" posted in Schoology. Our staff recognizes that students may not have access to textbooks, notes or printed materials, so the instruction was designed to use only materials that will be accessible to all students or available online. Students will be asked to complete at least one daily activity within each of the core areas. In grades 4-6, the planned learning activities through the "Choice Board" are designed to engage students in independent academic work for approximately 20 minutes per content area per day (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies and Special Areas) for a total of 120 minutes of independent work per day.

Students will communicate daily through Schoology the activities they completed on their "Choice Board." Students will upload any artifacts created in order to complete the choice board. Artifacts can be uploaded by taking a picture, scanning, or completing the assignment electronically. However, assignments completed during the extended school closure period will not be assigned a grade. Teachers will be available two hours per day for student questions. The recommended time for these "office hours" are from 10 AM to 12 PM. However, the staff has the flexibility to adjust "office hours" based on teacher, student, and parent needs and will communicate those hours directly to students and parents.

For Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, the "Choice Board" will be posted to your child teachers' Schoology page(s) between 8 – 10 am. At that time, students can begin to complete the activities on the "Choice Board." We know many of you may have questions with the Contingency Education Plan. Please contact your child's teachers first about the activities on the "Choice Board" and we will try to answer them as efficiently as we can. The phone number for parents to call regarding hardware and/or technology-related issues is 716-427-2615. The NAIS staff is especially grateful in having the privilege to work with such a supportive school community and together we will get through this extended closure due to COVID-19.

Mr. Yanek, Principal