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Dear LifePrep Students and Families,

We miss you! As I have already shared, academic instruction for school-age LifePrep students will resume on Monday, March 23. Unfortunately, we will no longer be able to provide an alternative educational setting at Victor High School. Like all Nazareth and Victor Central School District students, LifePrep students will be engaging in distance learning. Unfortunately, our adult students from The ARC of Monroe will not be joining us. Please know that all three agencies are strongly committed to the LifePrep@Naz program and we look forward to resuming classes for all students on the Nazareth campus at a future date.

I do want to alert you that access to the Nazareth campus has changed. Please be aware of the following closures and/or postponements:

- All campus events, activities and on campus meetings are canceled until further notice.
- Admission events are canceled until further notice.
- Residence halls will be closed as of 6 p.m. Monday, March 23.
- Golisano Training Center, Shults pool, and the stadium training center is closed.
- The library and the Arts Center is closed.
- LifePrep Mentor Luncheon is canceled.
- An update in April will be sent regarding our LifePrep Completion Ceremony and Nazareth Commencement. Please monitor your email.

With all of these changes, LifePrep students might be wondering what their learning will look like in the future. Please know that Ms. Mantell has been working incredibly hard to create distance learning lessons for LifePrep students. The format

of that instruction will be a combination of distance learning experiences on Zoom and Echo 360, all through the Moodle domain. LifePrep students have access to Moodle, through the Nazareth website and have utilized this site daily in their LifePrep programming.

We understand that distance learning can never replace what happens in the classroom and we need your help and support. Our goal is to maintain the learning LifePrep students have already mastered this year. Ongoing distance learning lessons will require LifePrep students to have access to an electronic device they can use to view online content, as well as print documents. We recognize not all families will have the same resources in their homes (ex. high speed Internet access, electronic devices, printers, etc.). Ms. Mantell has spoken to every family about their technology needs. Please alert us as soon as possible if you have not been contacted.

Distance learning will take place between the hours of 9:00am-12:00pm, daily beginning Monday, March 23rd. Ms. Mantell will be sending out an instructional video, along with concrete instructions on how to utilize Zoom and Echo 360. This will be sent to LifePrep students and families so parents/guardians can provide support if necessary. Zoom is a live conversation, so we will not lose the social aspect of seeing friends and having rich discussions. LifePrep students should ensure that their technology device has a camera so they can fully participate. From there, Ms Mantell is asking that students view the lesson on Moodle for that day. There will be some aspects of the lesson that Ms. Mantell will be asking students to apply in their daily lives.

LifePrep students will no longer be auditing Nazareth classes. Instead, students will complete activities that pertain to overall wellness. Again, concrete step-by-step directions, along with a video tutorials from Ms. Mantell, will be sent out by the end of the week via email.

I am asking you to please assist your young adult in signing into Moodle before Friday in order to ensure that they have the correct username and passwords. If, for any reason, your student cannot login, please contact Nazareth IT before Friday to have those written down: 585-389-2111. This will allow the students to be prepared for our first class on Monday.

Be assured we will all remain connected through e-mail and Ms. Mantell will continue to communicate through her typical communication methods. We ask that you check your email at least daily to make sure you are receiving all current information from Ms. Mantell and the district. If you have not already signed up for the Superintendent's E-Newsletter, please click on this link:

<https://www.victorschools.org/community/sign-up-for-newsletters>, to create an account, select Profile>Subscriptions and manage the newsletters that you'd like to receive.

Please know this is the first time we have ever done anything like this. We are doing the absolute best we can and will make adjustments as needed. Thank you for your support and partnership. We are so grateful for you and will miss you while we are apart. Our community is strong and we know we will continue to support and take care of each other.

With Sincere Gratitude,

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