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## MEMORANDUM

To: PAC Families and Districts  
From: Dympna M. Thomas Ph.D., Executive Director  
Date: April 7, 2020  
Re: Informational: Good Friday, April Vacation & Grades

I sincerely hope that you are all healthy and balancing the social and emotional well-being of your family during these challenging times. Despite the complete disruption, the social distancing, and the swift and dramatic shift from a traditional classroom setting to remote learning, PAC has found many opportunities to meet the needs of our students.

Over the last few weeks we have been preparing lessons, learning tools that align with supporting students' academics, social and emotional needs and developing appropriate and equitable grading. With that in mind, we have adjusted Term 3 so that grades close on April 17, 2020 to allow students the opportunity to complete any work that is due and improve their Term 3 grade over the next two weeks.

I remain hopeful that we will return to school on May 4, 2020 however, even with comprehensive planning, we cannot foresee what the next few weeks and months will bring; therefore, Term 4 will commence on April 20, 2020 through the last day of school in June 2020. Term 4 will be assessed as credit/no credit as determined by level of participation, effort, work completion and formative assessments. Formative assessments are a meaningful way to provide students feedback and multiple opportunities to learn and master concepts. Students will receive credit if they are engaging in the class and attempting to complete assignments.

Additionally, on April 10, 2020 there will be no school due to the observance of Good Friday and like many of our sending districts, there will also be no school during April school vacation (April 20-24, 2020). PAC will resume its remote learning on April 27, 2020.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact your child's counselor, teachers or administration if you have any questions or concerns. I will continue to update you on any changes, so please continue to stay connected using the tools posted on our website: [www.pilgrimac.org](http://www.pilgrimac.org)

Wishing you and your family health and safety.