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*"Respect Self, Respect Others,
Respect the Environment"*

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Dear Panther Families,

On behalf of all of us at Pali, we hope you are all staying healthy and well. Now that we are in an extended Distance Learning model for the rest of the year, I wanted to reach out and clarify a few things:

- **Grading** - The work students do, and have been doing, DOES COUNT! In fact, teachers are awarding MORE credit (and allowing even more flexibility) for completed assignments. Students still need to earn a 70% or better on their completed work to earn credit. Participating in online Google Hangout Meetings/classes counts for credit, as does submitting PE steps (45,000 steps = 1 credit), completing Capstone assignments, and submitting work to teachers in each and every subject. We will be keeping our letter grade system (A's, B's, and C's) to reflect grades and credits on transcripts.
- **Community Service** - The BUSD school board will vote on Thurs 4/16 to waive the 20 hour community service requirement for all graduating seniors in the Class of 2020. We expect that this will be approved and therefore PGHS students who complete graduation requirements by June 5, 2020 will NOT be required to complete community service hours. If a student has already completed their hours, those credits will be moved to "Electives".
- **Other Capstone Assignments for Seniors** - Stay in touch with your teachers about this! We have waived the Dream Room assignment and modified the Opposing Views Essay in Unit 3. The Job Shadow requirement looks different as well. (We can't exactly ask you to go shadow anyone in the field during the COVID crisis!)
- **Graduation** - Thank you to those of you who provided feedback on our graduation/senior activity survey! We seem to be unanimous that we want to hold a "real" ceremony when we can to honor the graduating class of 2020. We hope that we can do this in early August, if social distancing measures have been lifted. We will keep you posted on dates and plans for honoring the accomplishments of this special class. We also plan to do some sort of virtual celebration on June 5th, the official last day of 2019-2020. More details to follow!

Please keep checking the bishopschools.org website for updated information about local COVID-19 related resources, our extended school meal offerings (beginning Wed 4/15!), and other district wide announcements. We hope that the hot spots being provided by the Inyo County Office of Education will arrive in a couple more weeks, so if you haven't already let us know that you would benefit from getting one, please do! We miss you and look forward to being together again.

Panther Pride! - Mrs. Kolker