

# BOBCAT



**Palm Valley Academy**

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## Calendar Highlights

- 9/6 NO SCHOOL**  
Labor Day
- 9/7 Virtual Curriculum**  
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- 9/7-9/8 Girls Volleyball**  
Tryouts 3:30-5:30
- 9/9 Boys Volleyball**  
Tryouts 3:30-5:30
- 9/13 PTO Meeting Zoom**  
6:00pm Page 12
- 9/14 Interims Issued**
- 9/21 Volleyball HOME**  
vs. VRA 5:30pm
- 9/23 Volleyball AWAY**  
@ MCA 5:30pm
- 9/28 Volleyball HOME**  
vs. LPA 5:30pm
- 9/30 Volleyball AWAY**  
@ FCA 5:30pm



Dear PVA Families,

Our year has gotten off to a great start! Students and teachers have been working together on routines and relationships, and are starting to find a good daily rhythm. Our iReady diagnostic assessments have begun and will provide the beginning of year benchmark data to help our teachers drive their instruction.

We continue to work through our COVID protocols on a daily basis and thank you for your continued support and understanding as we do our best to navigate these waters while continuing to provide a high quality learning environment. Please refer to the home health screening checklist on page 7 of this newsletter for guidance on students staying home when they are not feeling well.

We will have our annual Curriculum Chats provided to you virtually this year. Teachers are working on their presentations and we will facilitate sending them out to you during the week of September 7<sup>th</sup>.

A reminder that our school hours are 8:40-3:00 this year, and also that every Wednesday is early release at 2:00. If you need to make a change to dismissal, please fill out a dismissal change form. All early checkouts should be done by 2:15 (1:15 on Wednesdays).

As we venture into the month of September, we look forward to a wonderful year of learning and growing together. I am truly grateful for the warm welcome that has been extended to me by all of our families, students and staff, and am honored to partner with you in your child's education.

Sincerely,

Joy L. Reichenberg

Principal

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER



## When to contact us?

If you believe your child is experiencing difficulty at home or at school regarding academic achievement, family changes, social skills, or adjusting to transitions it may be helpful to contact your School Counselor via phone or email.

## Email the Counselors:

[Karin Ngai-Crim](#)

[Monica Ferguson](#)

[Dawn Anzualda](#)

## Meet the Counselors



**Karin Ngai-Crim**

Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades

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(904)547-4217

As the K-3 school counselor this year, my mission remains focused on the whole child with the goal of providing children with the tools for success in all areas of life. One of my responsibilities is teaching lessons in Social Emotional Learning (SEL) for Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grades. Lessons include learning about coping strategies, recognizing feelings, using kind words, and having good character. I like to connect lessons with hands-on activities for the children. To make this happen, I need your help with materials. Below are the supply lists by grade level.

[Kindergarten SEL Supply List](#)

[1st Grade SEL Supply List](#)

[2nd Grade SEL Supply List](#)

[3rd Grade SEL Supply List](#)

With much gratitude for your continued support,  
Karin Ngai-Crim



**Monica Ferguson**

4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Middle School Last Names M-Z

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Welcome back to school, Bobcat families! This is my second year with Palm Valley Academy. I am excited to continue as one of the middle school counselors and begin working with our fourth grade. I will be teaching guidance lessons in fourth grade focusing on coping strategies, gratitude, managing emotions, and including others and diversity.

In middle school, I will be visiting classrooms to discuss high school preparation, mental health support, and healthy relationships. I look forward to seeing your children grow and have a successful year!



**Dawn Anzualda**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Middle School Last Names A-L

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Super excited to be starting my 3<sup>rd</sup> year at PVA and my 22<sup>nd</sup> year in education! Working with you, your children and my fellow educators is my happy place!

School counselors are here to help children grow emotionally, academically, and socially. I reach out to your students through classroom guidance lessons, small groups and individually, as needed. But, I want to encourage them to come see me, as well – celebrations, friendship problems, family concerns, academic and organization help, and any emotional or social struggle. I practice Limited Confidentiality in order to build strong relationships. Know that if your student is hurting themselves, someone is hurting them, or they are afraid of something – I will reach out to you.

Thank you for your continued support!

Kindness Matters



# Character Counts

## FAMILY CONNECTIONS

### Guide to Teaching the Pillar of Fairness at Home

Play by the rules • Take turns and share • Be open-minded • Listen to others •  
Don't take advantage of others • Don't blame others carelessly

Dear Parents and Families,

This month we are focusing on the Character Counts Pillar of Fairness. Our district believes that every child has the potential to be fair and open-minded. We will do all that we can to promote this pillar, but we need your help! Below is a list of ideas to work through with your family!

#### What can YOU DO at home?

- The Key to Fairness: Pre-established rules, consistently applied.
- When you hear, "It's not fair!" ask your child to define what is unfair about the situation. Usually when you hear this, it means your child didn't receive something he/she thinks was deserved or an expectation hasn't been met-whether real or imagined.
- Discuss the question "Does fair mean equal?" with your child. Talk about situations in school, home or the community where the answers may sometimes be "yes" and sometimes "no".
- Set family goals. Have each member of the family complete the following sentence and post it where it will serve as a reminder: I will show fairness by \_\_\_\_\_.
- Create a democratic family environment by providing opportunities for each family member to provide input on appropriate family topics and decisions.
- Embrace the uniqueness of each family member without making comparisons of specific areas of competence.
- Consistently apply pre-determined rules. Make expectations clear and predictable.
- Advocate and help others who are impacted by adversity.
- Involve children in developing rules they are to follow.
- Focus Area: Music, whether on the radio or CDs, can be a wonderful source of entertainment and education. As a parent, you need to be clear about your rules and expectations regarding what is appropriate music for your child. With upper elementary through high school youth, you need to listen to what they are listening to, review the lyrics and discuss the character of the artists. Music videos can be highly suggestive and sometimes inappropriate for young viewers. Your role as a parent is to monitor what your child is viewing and listening to, and then determine if the lessons being taught through music are the ones that match the values you want your child to have. For resources on children's music, visit [www.childrensmusicweb.com](http://www.childrensmusicweb.com).



# Middle School News



## NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

National Junior Honor Society will have their first meeting of the year on Thursday, September 9 at 4:30PM. It will be a virtual meeting and all pertinent information will be located on the NJHS Schoology Group page.

If you are a current member of NJHS and do not belong to the Schoology group, please contact Mrs. Anzualda in Room 923. If you are new to PVA and were already in National Junior Honor Society at your previous school, a letter or a membership card from your previous school will suffice for your membership to be transferred to our PVA chapter.

Our regular meetings will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. Regular participation in chapter meetings is required for membership in NJHS. The Bylaws for our chapter can be found on our school website under the NJHS tab. Rising 7<sup>th</sup> graders and current 8<sup>th</sup> graders are considered for membership after the first semester.

**Middle school parents, this year has been off to a wonderful start! Here are few reminders to keep your child's year running smoothly:**

1. Review your child's organization system. Every 6-8 student received a planner this year. If you can, spend a little time showing them how to use it and when (every class, every day). Have your child show you how their teacher sets up Schoology. There are calendars in there which teachers post to; students can record this info into their planners.
2. Please make sure you review all communications from teachers. Grades are not updated in HAC by all teachers daily, but you will be reminded when interim and report grades will be posted.
3. Encourage your children to meet and welcome a new student (or just someone they haven't met before). Our community is a unique mixture of students from across the country. This year, we have many new students in every grade level.

Don't forget- your counselors, Ms. Anzualda and Ms. Ferguson are here for your children! Let us know how we can help.



# Middle School PE Uniforms

## Middle School Bobcat Families,

As the start of the 2021/2022 school year has arrived, I would like to share some updates on what our Physical Education plan is for the start of the year.

-PE classes started on the first day of school following your students specific schedule as with all other classes

-The first couple of weeks was spent going over expectations, routines and getting acclimated to daily PE procedures

-Pre-ordered uniforms have come in for everyone who placed an order by the July deadline and will be distributed to all students in the first couple weeks of school

-Due to district guidelines, we are not going to dress out or change in the locker rooms until after the first month of school

-For the first few weeks of school, all students must come to school in comfortable clothes and wear athletic shoes that they can participate in all physical education activities that take place

-The PE Department is opening the uniform store back up for any family that did not order PE uniforms;

<https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/PE-Shorts-/SbLrjHX>

<https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/PE-Tee-Shirt-/SbzSq5J>

<https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Tee-Shirt-dry-fit-/SbOVNXI>

-New uniform orders will be distributed in PE classes as the inventory comes in

-Creating a school pay account will allow you to purchase these items in a convenient manner.

Thank you in advance for your partnership and continued support of our Middle School students and Palm Valley Academy.

Sincerely,  
Coach Torr & Coach Mann



## Front Office Hours & Procedures



Front Office Hours: 7:45am - 3:45pm

School Hours: 8:40am - 3:00pm

Wednesdays: 8:40am - 2:00pm

Early Release Pickup Cutoff Times:

2:15pm and 1:15pm on Wednesdays

## Curriculum Chat Presentations

Virtual Curriculum Chat

Presentations will be sent out the week of September 7th. *Note this will be virtual and received as an email attachment.*



## Electronic Contact Information Release Form



This year, the electronic contact information release form will be completed online (if you didn't complete hard copy at Meet the Teacher).

This form is for parents to complete. By completing this form, you release your name and email address to be used for communication from your designated room parents (for elementary school students). For middle school students, this information will come from the Volunteer Coordinator. This is how you will receive information regarding classroom happenings, upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and any other communication that is filtered through the volunteer coordinator and room parents. You only need to complete this form one time. Thank you! If there are any questions, please contact [volunteers@pvapto.org](mailto:volunteers@pvapto.org).

<https://forms.gle/H7c2j6MG8uPKrCVZ6>

# Fall Testing Schedules

2021

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			Grades 3- 5 ELA & Math CFQ			
			Grade 8 Science CSA			
			Grades 2-4 iReady Math	Grades K, 1 & 5 iReady Math		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	LABOR DAY	Grade 8 Science CSA	Grades 6-8 iReady Math			
		Grades K, 1 & 5 iReady Math		Kindergarten FLKRS		
				Grade 6 Math CSA		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Grades 2-4 iReady Reading			Grades K, 1 & 5 iReady Reading		
		Pre-Algebra CSA				
	Grade 6 Math CSA					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Grades K, 1 & 5 iReady Reading	Grades 6-8 iReady Reading				
	Pre-Algebra CSA			Civics CSA		
	Grade 6 Math CSA					
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
	Civics CSA					
	Algebra, Geometry & Civics EOC					
3	4	NOTES: CSAs and CFQs may be given at any time during the window.				



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# A Note from Nurse Fasula & Nurse Whitchurch

## Health Clinic - Welcome Back to School! School Nurses – Alice Fasula and Kara Whitchurch

<https://www-pva.stjohns.k12.fl.us/clinic/>

### **Checklist for students with medical needs:**

**New medical diagnosis, needs or alerts?** It is important that the school have up to date medical information. If you need to add anything to your student's health record, please send in a written note ("*Attention: School Nurse*") to be placed with your student's file.

### **Need to leave medication at school?**

1. Download any forms from the PVA "Health Clinic" department webpage
2. Bring the forms in to your pediatrician. A parent *and* doctor must sign the forms for them to be valid.
3. Medications must be in their original container with a readable pharmacy/consumer label, **unopened and unexpired**. Please see our Medication Policy on the website for any further questions.

**Dropping off supplies and medication?** Bring your orders and supplies to the school during office hours to briefly meet with a nurse.

**Reminder:** It is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct for children to be carrying any medication (prescription or over the counter) with them at school without proper documentation. All medication must have a doctor's order on file in the clinic. Middle schoolers may carry over the counter medication *only with a signed form by the parent on file in the clinic*. Any violations will be brought up to Administration. Medication forms and more information can be found on the PVA Clinic Website.

### **Change of Clothing for Elementary Students:**

Accidents happen! Food spills, mud puddles, and more.

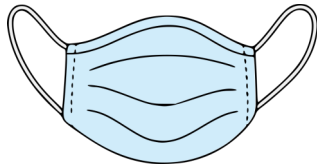
Elementary Parents: PLEASE keep a spare set of clothing in a Ziploc in your child's backpack. This will save them the trip to the clinic or a phone call home to find new clothes and change.

### **Health Screenings K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades:**

Palm Valley Academy is happy to offer Health Screenings for grades K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> in early October. Health Screening Information and opt-out forms will be sent home with students in September. If you need a new form, please check the PVA Health Clinic website.

**Thank you – Nurse Alice and Nurse Kara**

# Student Home Health Screening



## Student Health Screening Entry Form

Parents: Please assess your child daily for the following symptoms and answer the contact questions.

If any answers are “yes”, we ask that you keep you student home.

- Fever of 100.4 or higher
- Uncontrolled cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Muscle aches
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Is your child currently awaiting COVID-19 test results?
- Does your child live in the same household with someone positive for COVID-19?
- Has your child had close contact with someone who in the past 14 days tested positive for COVID-19?



Please see the St John's County COVID Dashboard on the district website for more information.

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*A good day of rest at the beginning of illness  
can set your child up for a faster, healthier recovery.*

# Rainy Day Dismissal

## RAINY DAY DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

2021 - 2022

### RAINY DAY HOLD vs. RELEASE

#### What you need to know...

Rainy day dismissals require an all-hands on deck approach, in which we will all need to work diligently to ensure students get home safe and sound. This is not an ideal dismissal scenario, but by working together, all students will get home as safely and quickly as possible. We appreciate your patience and support as we work to accomplish this feat.

There are TWO different types of Rainy Day Dismissals that we will use at PVA. One for passing weather and another for severe, sustained weather. Depending on local skies, administration will make the call to do one or the other by 2:40 p.m. if necessary. A school messenger will be sent out announcing the dismissal changes (BE SURE YOU ARE SIGNED UP AND RECIEVEING TEXT ALERTS VIA SCHOOL MESSENGER). Please read and become familiar with BOTH types of Rainy Day Dismissals and prepare as necessary.

#### **RAINY DAY HOLD:**

A **Rainy Day HOLD** will be called when inclement weather is in the area but looks to be quickly passing. If this is called, all bridge goers will be held within the building. Once the weather lightens and it is safe for student travel, the hold will be lifted and students will be able to dismiss as normal. In a HOLD, students will go home as planned, they will just be **delayed**. A school messenger will be communicated to parents both when the Rainy Day HOLD is placed and when it is lifted. No check-outs will occur at this time.

#### **RAINY DAY RELEASE:**

A **Rainy Day RELEASE** will be called when inclement weather is in the area and looks to be long lasting. If this is announced, all BIKER/WALKER/GOLF CART students will be held within the building and **EVERYONE** will become a car rider. The bridge gates will remain locked and closed, as NO walk-up check-outs will be allowed. A school messenger will be communicated to parents when a Rainy Day RELEASE is announced (no later than 2:40 p.m.) so arrangements can be made for student pick-up. AGAIN, THERE WILL BE NO BRIDGE ACCESS WHEN A RAINY DAY RELEASE IS CALLED AND ALL STUDENTS WILL BE CAR RIDERS. Please make sure you have your students name and grade level on your dashboard, along with your ID.

***\*In the event of Rainy Day Hold or Release, please be attentive to all School Messenger alerts and messages\****

IF THE WEATHER LOOKS TO BE PASSING, AT 3:10PM, THE HOLD WILL BE LIFTED AND ALL BRIDGE

TRAFFIC WILL BEGIN DISMISSAL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

## Birthday Treats



At this time, for safety reasons, please note the following: All birthday treats brought to the front office must be store bought and individually wrapped by the manufacture. (example: Hostess and Little Debbie Cakes) Also please coordinate your drop off with your teacher so they can plan accordingly.



## Cafeteria News

**The USDA has extended waivers allowing students a free Lunch and Breakfast for the 2021-2022 school year.** A lunch or breakfast consists of a main entrée with a milk, fruit and vegetable on the tray for the free meals. A la carte items are not included as part of the no cost meals but will be available for purchase. Also if you would like to put a restriction on your child's account at anytime please e-mail.

All students need their café card student ID to get Lunch, Breakfast, or snacks. If they may bring it home by mistake please make sure they keep it in school at all times. The cafeteria is extremely busy and this ensures that it is the correct account etc. If you have any café questions you can e-mail [Christopher.parker@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Christopher.parker@stjohns.k12.fl.us)



# PTO Updates



***“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” – Helen Keller***

Thank you to everyone who has helped the PVA PTO succeed over the last several years. We couldn't do what we do for the students, teachers, and school without your support. Because of you, the parents, volunteers, partners, teachers and staff, board members, and vendors, we can help make PVA the special place that it is. We look forward to working with you this school year!!

## **Thank You to Our Partners in Education**

We greatly appreciate the support we have received thus far from our 2021-2022 Partners in Education. Each of our sponsors generously gives financial and in-kind donations that provide necessary resources to our students and faculty. We hope as you are out and about in Nocatee and the surrounding areas, you'll consider visiting these businesses. Their logos are included at the end of the newsletter. Through the Partners in Education program, we are all connected in the mission of enhancing the PVA school experience. Indeed, our Partners are an extremely important piece of the P.I.E.!

## **Where Can You Find Us?**

You can find our most recent information on our website at [pvapto.org](http://pvapto.org).

Check us out on Facebook or Instagram too!



@palmvalleyacademypto



@pva\_pto

## **PTO Meeting: Monday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m.**

The zoom link will be sent the day of the meeting. Thank you for your support!



## **Thank You for Your Support**

Thank you to everyone who has supported the PVA PTO thus far with your [sponsorship](#), [PTO membership](#), [Pride Rock donations](#), [Amazon Smile donations](#), Shop with Scrip purchases (gift card subscription), Box Tops, and willingness to volunteer. We greatly appreciate your support, time, and talent. If you would like more information regarding any of these programs, please visit our website at [pvapto.org](http://pvapto.org) or email [president@pvapto.org](mailto:president@pvapto.org).

*The PTO supports many activities, including some of the following: back to school (e.g., car tags, first day folders), middle school dances, fall family night, book fairs, resource grants for teachers, technology subscriptions, staff appreciation week, end of year celebrations, and more. We are so thankful for your donations!*

# PTO Updates

## Back to School Celebrations

The PTO welcomed back teachers the week of August 9 with a breakfast on Monday and lunch on Wednesday. Kookaburra Coffee, Panera, and Publix helped us with breakfast. Clara's Tidbits Catering helped us with lunch. The PTO also welcomed Kindergartners on Friday, August 16 with a welcome parade and balloons by Party Time Designs.



PTO members welcomed back teachers today with a breakfast with items from Kookaburra, Panera, & Publix.



## Mark Your Calendars

We have some exciting events coming up:

- **October 7 – October 15:** Book Fair
- **Friday, October 8:** New this year, Book-or-Treat (in lieu of Fall Festival). Stay tuned for additional details of what's expected to be a really fun evening.



## 2021-2022 PTO Board

1-year President: Anne Chance  
2-year President: Katie Berseth  
VP of Upper School: Samantha Baker  
VP of Lower School: Jessi Carbee  
1-year Treasurer: Aimee Moore  
2-year Treasurer: Alex Seda  
Correspondence Secretary: Stephanie Tyrance  
Recording Secretary: Heather George

# PVA Extended Day/ Enrichments



## Important Information

### Extended Day Coordinator:

Ms. Erin Rohde

(904) 547-4197

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**2021-2022 Information – [Click HERE!](#)**

## Third-Party Enrichments

We are excited to announce that we will be welcoming back enrichment vendors this year!

Enrichments are open to all PVA families on a first come, first serve basis - There is no placement guarantee.

If you enroll your child(ren) in an enrichment, but are not registered for Extended Day, you must complete the Non-Extended Day Student Info Form and remit an administrative fee of \$25 per family. Forms can be returned to Palm Valley Academy or emailed to [Erin.Rohde@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Erin.Rohde@stjohns.k12.fl.us). Payment can be made by check, cash or Schoolpay, <https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Enrichment-Program--NonExtended-Day-/S9Y6eN?p=yes>

Please see below for registration links under the day of the week that the enrichment is offered. Please contact Enrichment Vendor directly with any questions about their program.

### Monday:

- Soccer Shots – <https://northflorida.soccershots.com/pd/1410/palm-valley-academy-2021-22?txt=palm%20valley&returncom=productlist&source=search>
- Kidz Art- <https://campscui.active.com/orgs/ArtworksofJacksonvilleInc?orglink=camps-registration#/selectSessions/3024141>
- Kids Can Code- <https://kidscancodejax.jumbula.com/2122/PVA>
- S4 Sports- <https://s4-sports-academy.jumbula.com/Fall2021/S4AfterSchoolPalmValleyAcademy>
- The Knight School Chess Club- <https://theknightschooljacksonville.asapconnected.com/#EventID=1946354>

### Tuesday:

- Drama Kids – <https://dramakids.com/jacksonville-south-fl/class-schedule/classes/>
- PVB Champs Tennis- [www.pvbchampions.com](http://www.pvbchampions.com)
- LEE Spanish – <https://bit.ly/LEEF2FFall2021>
- Training for Warriors (TFW) – [www.tfwpontevedrabeach.com](http://www.tfwpontevedrabeach.com)

### Wednesday:

- Gift of Dance - <https://giftofdance.net/extended-day-program-dance-classes/>
- Club Scientific (1st Class, 3:15-4:15pm)- <https://campscui.active.com/orgs/ArtworksofJacksonvilleInc?orglink=camps-registration#/selectSessions/3024446>
- Club Scientific (2nd Class 4:20-5:20pm)- <https://campscui.active.com/orgs/ArtworksofJacksonvilleInc?orglink=camps-registration#/selectSessions/3024446>

### Thursday:

- Drama Kids – <https://dramakids.com/jacksonville-south-fl/class-schedule/classes/>
- Training for Warriors (TFW) – [www.tfwpontevedrabeach.com](http://www.tfwpontevedrabeach.com)
- PVB Champs Tennis- [www.pvbchampions.com](http://www.pvbchampions.com)
- Engineering for Kids – <https://www.engineeringforkids.com/jacksonville/>

### Friday:

- Florida Elite Soccer – <https://www.floridaelitesa.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1022238>
- Robotics- <https://campscui.active.com/orgs/ArtworksofJacksonvilleInc?orglink=camps-registration#/selectSessions/3025545>
- Ponte Vedra Cultural Center Art – <https://app.etapestry.com/cart/CulturalCenterAtPonteVedraBea/default/item.php?ref=4138.0.1264524319>

# Back To School Bobcats



Our Kindergarten Bobcats' first official day with a welcome parade.

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# 2021-2022 Partners In Education



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