

BOBCAT Bulletin



Palm Valley Academy

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Calendar Highlights

- 12/2 Art Show Café**
5:00pm-8:00pm
- 12/3 Middle Jingle Jam and Holiday Hangout**
3:30pm-5:30pm
PE Pavilion
- 12/6 PTO Meeting 6:00pm**
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- 12/14 Band Concert 6:30pm**
- 12/16 SAC Meeting 3:45pm**
Band Concert 6:30pm
- 12/21 Early Dismissal**
- 12/22- NO SCHOOL**
01/04 Winter Break
- 01/05 NO SCHOOL**
Teacher planning Day
- 01/06 Students Return**



Dear PVA Families,

I can hardly believe we are already at the winter holiday season. There are many opportunities to be involved and celebrate these next few weeks. Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way, whether through donations, or through giving time to assist with our many activities this month.

We had our Family Bingo night last month, and also our first Middle School social event this past Friday. Both events were great fun for everyone! We are especially grateful to our PTO for organizing such creative, fun events for our families and students.

A few reminders as we wrap up the calendar year and get ready for winter break. We have many items in our lost and found and will be putting them out for students to retrieve items all next week. If your child is missing a jacket or water bottle (these are our two most popular items) please have them take a look.

If your child is absent from school, please just follow up with a note from home or from the doctor when your child returns from school. This will help us with appropriate recordkeeping.

If you are planning to check students out early, please remember that early checkouts end at 2:15 (1:15 on Wednesdays), and that changes of dismissal forms should be submitted to your child's teacher.

Whether you are traveling, or staying close to home for the holidays, we wish you health, safety and a restful time with family and friends.

Take care!

Sincerely,

Joy Reichenberg

December Character Counts Winners

Kindergarten



2nd Grade



1st Grade



3rd Grade



4th Grade



5th Grade



6th Grade



7th Grade



8th Grade



PVA Holiday Happenings



A huge thank you to all the PVA families and community partners who have helped spread holiday cheer!!! In just one week, all bikes and gift cards for holiday meals have been purchased. Let's continue the season of giving and gratitude.

We still need help fulfilling the items on the children's wish list. Please consider purchasing one or more items on the Amazon Gift Registry. Go Bobcats!

<u>HOLIDAY MEALS</u> IMMEDIATELY NEEDED	<u>BIKES & SCOOTERS</u>	<u>HOLIDAY MAGIC via</u> <u>AMAZON</u>
<p>Done! Thank You!</p> <p>Multipix Gift Cards for the Holiday meals may be dropped off at the front office to the attention of the Karin Ngai-Crim, School Counselor, by Wednesday, November 17th.</p>	<p>Done! Thank You!</p> <p>Bicycles may be dropped off at the front office to the attention of Karin Ngai-Crim, School Counselor. We kindly request that all bicycles are fully assembled.</p>	<p>All gifts purchased through the registry will be mailed directly to the school to the attention of Karin Ngai-Crim, School Counselor.</p> <p>59 Items Left</p>
<p>Please have all items dropped off or delivered by Wednesday, December 8th to allow time to organize and distribute to the families at PVA and our sister schools. If you have any questions, please contact Karin Ngai-Crim, School Counselor, at (904)547-4217 or Karin.Ngai-Crim@stjohns.k12.fl.us.</p> <p><i>Thank you for bringing smiles and holiday cheer to children and families!</i></p>		



Middle School News

Middle School Parents,

As we get closer to registering our 8th graders for high school, there will be events and opportunities to learn more about Career Academies, the IB program, and other Programs of Choice. Please visit [here](#) to see a timeline of what you can expect from the school district over the next several months.



In addition, during the second quarter, PVA counselors will speak with 8th graders during classes about high school and credit requirements. Students will utilize an online program called Naviance and they can share their progress with you at home.

The online application Programs of Choice will be a lottery you can enter through HAC and instructions will be sent by the district. Please note that the Academies and Programs of Choice are all optional. Transportation is only provided to your zoned school. No lottery completion is required if you plan to attend Nease High School and do not wish to enter an Academy or the IB Program.

In early March, high school counselors will set up registration appointments at PVA with you and your child to review 9th grade classes.

For more information on the Academies, please visit: <https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/academies/>

What are Programs of Choice? <https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/programs/>

For more information on the IB Program at Nease High School, you can visit <https://www-nhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/ib/> The IB program requires Algebra 1 as a pre-requisite class.

This information may be helpful to parents of younger middle schoolers as well. If you or your child have any follow up questions, please reach out to the School Counselor.

Kindly,

Monica Ferguson, School Counselor Middle School last names M-Z

Dawn Anzualda, School Counselor Middle School last names A-L



Middle School Midterm Testing Schedule

Middle School District Midterms and Final Exams Fall 2021

Thursday, December 9th		Friday, December 10th		Monday, December 13th		Tuesday, December 14th		
8:40 - 8:45	Announcements (In 1st period)	8:40 - 8:45	Announcements (In 3rd period)	8:40 - 8:45	Announcements (In 6th period)	8:40 - 8:45	Announcements (In 5th period)	
8:45 - 10:15	1st Period Exam	8:45 - 10:15	3rd Period Exam	8:45 - 10:15	6th Period Exam	8:45 - 10:15	5th Period Exam	
10:15-10:20	Transition	10:15-10:20	Transition	10:15-10:20	Transition	10:15 - 10:19	Transition	
10:20 - 11:50	2nd Period Exam	10:20 - 11:50	4th Period Exam	10:20 - 11:50	7th Period Exam	10:19 - 11:03	3rd Period	
11:50 - 11:55	Transition	11:50 - 11:55	Transition	11:50 - 11:55	Transition	11:03 - 11:07	Transition	
11:55 - 1:15	5th Period and Lunch	11:55 - 1:15	5th Period and Lunch	11:55 - 1:15	5th Period and Lunch	11:07 - 11:52	4th Period	
1:19 - 2:04	3rd Period	1:19 - 2:04	6th Period	1:19 - 2:04	1st Period	11:52 - 11:56	Transition	
2:08 - 2:53	4th Period	2:08 - 2:53	7th Period	2:08 - 2:53	2nd Period	11:56 - 1:15	5th Period and Lunch	
No 6th or 7th period today		No 1st or 2nd period today		No 3rd or 4th period today		1:19 - 2:04	6th Period	
						2:08 - 2:53	7th Period	
Midterms : Algebra, Geometry, Physical Science, Spanish 1 Final Exams : All PE courses & Beginning Spanish							No 1st or 2nd Period today	
Make-up exams will be given through December 21st								

If you have any questions about testing, please contact our testing coordinator:

Audra Wilson
 904-547-4223
audra.wilson@stjohns.k12.fl.us



Yearbook Orders

Palm Valley Academy Yearbook

Our 2021-2022 Yearbook is available to order online! To place an order visit buytheyearbook.com and find our school or enter ID# 703207.

Prices will vary based on date of order:

Presale (until 11/30)	\$30.00
12/1 – 2/14	\$35.00
2/15 – 4/30	\$40.00

ONLINE ORDERS ONLY!



Have great pictures you would love to see in the yearbook? Share your photos by going to buytheyearbook.com from your phone, pc, or tablet and enter #703207.

A limited number of yearbooks have been ordered and therefore, it may not be available later in the year. So please reserve your copy today. Se ha pedido una cantidad limitada de anuarios y es posible que no esten disponibles mas Adelante, asi que reserve su copia hoy.



PALM VALLEY ACADEMY
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8th Grade Yearbook Memories

ATTENTION PARENTS: **Recognize Your 8th Grader in the** **PALM VALLEY ACADEMY** **2022 Yearbook!**

Don't miss out on this opportunity to showcase your 8th Grader's accomplishments and memories.

Go online today to purchase and design your ad to take part in this special tradition.

Visit Leonard's Pictavo Community at
BuyTheYearbook.com

Find your school or enter *School ID#* **703207**



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Ad Submission Deadline 2/15/2022

Leonard's Photography | Printing | Publishing

A Note from Nurse Fasula & Nurse Whitchurch

Health Clinic Updates

School Nurses – Alice Fasula and Kara Whitchurch

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

Breakfast: Essential for success at school

Students who do not eat breakfast are not prepared to tackle the activities of the day. They have poor performance in academics, inability to focus, lack of coordination during PE and recess.

Breakfast tips for a successful day



Make muffins or banana bread on the weekend with your child



Keep a stash of **breakfast bars** on the counter or in their backpack



Try **Yogurt or Ready-made shakes** they can drink on the go



Keep grab and go **fruit** handy like bananas and apples

Staying Afterschool?

If your child stays for an afterschool club or sport, please consider sending an extra snack and water for your student, especially in middle school.

ILLNESS GUIDELINES: To reduce the spread of illness, please keep your child home if he/she is not feeling well. Check out the PVA Health Clinic website for our illness guidelines and resources.

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

COVID-19:

- ❖ If your student tests positive for COVID-19, please keep them home and call the St Johns County Department of Health 904-506-6217.
- ❖ To report any quarantine related absences for illness or close contact, call the District COVID team at 904-547-8230
- ❖ See our website for more information

Thank you – Nurse Alice and Nurse Kara

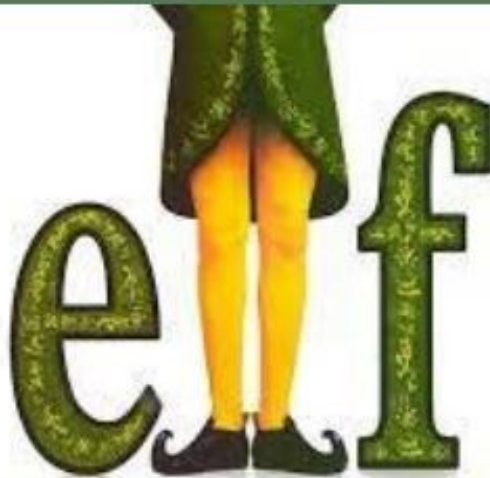
FALL JOKE TIME Q: HOW DO TREES GET ON THE INTERNET? A: THEY LOG IN!

Community Event

Flicks on the Field

Please join us December 10th at 5:30PM
On the Baseball field at Ponte Vedra High School

GRAB YOUR WARMEST BLANKET & LAWN CHAIR
COME OUT TO WATCH A CHRISTMAS CLASSIC UNDER
THE STARS



Presented by the Ponte Vedra High School Baseball Boosters

**SANTA IS SCHEDULE TO
MAKE AN APPEARANCE**



*Concession Stand will be
open serving:*

*Hot Dogs
Chips
Hot Chocolate
Coffee
Soda
Water*

Tickets are \$5.00 per person & includes popcorn, bottled water & a chance to win a Holiday Jackpot (minimum of \$100.00).

Additional tickets available for suggested donation of \$2 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$5.

Winning ticket to be pulled at the conclusion of the movie.

Must be present to win.

All Proceeds benefit Ponte Vedra High School Baseball Boosters

All funds provided by Ponte Vedra High School Baseball Boosters

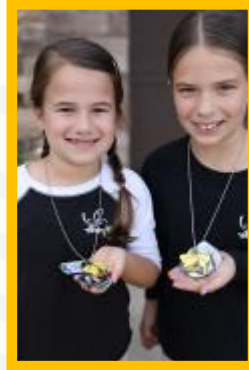
460 Davis Park Rd Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32081

Winning ticket to be pulled directly after movie showing no purchase necessary

Media Center News

In the **Media Center**, we have a pair of sisters who have read and reviewed all 15 of the **SSYRA** books (Yippee!). Welcome to the Window Wall of Fame:

3rd grader **Maya Armbruster!!!** and 5th grader **Ellie Armbruster!!!**



For our Middle School Bobcats, the highlight book for December is *still* **Jinxed** by Amy McCulloch. We have so enjoyed the animal bakus coming in, so we're keeping this book highlighted for December. Read the book and then come by the Media Center for the activity to earn a prize!

***The Golden Compass* meets the digital age! When a coding star enters an elite technology academy, she discovers a world of competition, intrigue, and family secrets—plus a robotic companion that isn't what it seems.**

Lacey Chu is a girl who codes. She has always dreamed of working as an engineer for MONCHA, the biggest tech firm in the world and the company behind the "baku"—a customizable "pet" with all the capabilities of a smartphone. But when Lacey is rejected by the elite academy that promises that future, she's crushed.

One night, Lacey comes across the broken form of a highly advanced baku. After she repairs it, the cat-shaped baku she calls Jinx opens its eyes and somehow gets her into her dream school. But Jinx is different than any other baku she's ever seen...He seems real.

As Lacey settles into life at school, competing with the best students in a battle of the bakus that tests her abilities, she learns that Jinx is part of a dangerous secret. Can Lacey hold on to Jinx and her dreams for the future?

Media Center Fun!

Animal Baku projects:



ATTENTION ATTENTION!

All of you who have been reading away on all the

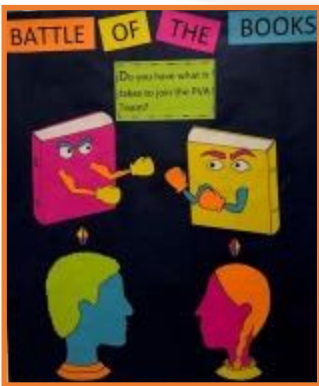


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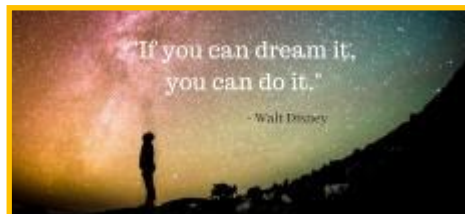
books, it's almost that time again! Let's ready to

RUMBLE!!!



This year, Battle of the Books is a whole new ballgame! In years past, students have battled it out for their schools by identifying quotes from the 15 SSYRA books for their level. Now there will be a new format. Instead of quotes, there will be questions pertaining to the content of the books.

Tryouts will begin in early **January**. That means you have the holidays if you need to get more SSYRA books read. In order to tryout, you must have read **8 or more** SSYRA books.





Thank You for Your Support

Holiday Online Store

Thank you for your support during the fall online PVA spirit wear store. We hope everyone enjoys their PVA gear. Stay tuned for more information on our next online store.

Science Fair

The Palm Valley Academy PTO would like to thank our STEM Fair sponsors for their generous contributions. They include Challenge Island, Code Ninjas, Kids Can Code, Mathnasium, Northrop Grumman, and Safari Ltd. Each of these Partners donated 8 prizes for our Middle and Elementary school winners, which included gift certificates, backpacks, circuit kits, t-shirts, toys, and more! The rewards had a big impact and provided the students many new opportunities to continue to foster a lifelong love of science. In addition, our students and families enjoyed meeting our Partners and spending time learning at each of their tables during the event. The sponsors were also thrilled to participate in the Fair as judges. A great time was had by all!

Book Fair

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make the Fall Book Fair successful. We also appreciate all of the book fair purchases and our bookfair sponsor Jet & Ivy. We raised more than \$12,000 in Scholastic Dollars to help us fund the purchase of Scholastic books for next year. Our Spring Book Fair will be held Wednesday, February 16 – Friday, February 22, 2022. Our hope is to raise funds to help purchase Scholastic magazines for the classrooms next year, along with requested book sets for classrooms.

Charleston Wrap



Thanks to your continued support this holiday season, the PTO raised \$12,195 from Charleston Wrap this year. We greatly appreciate it. We hope everyone is enjoying their Charleston Wrap items.

Family Bingo Night was a Success

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Friday, November 5th for Family Bingo Night. Families enjoyed some POPcorn, POProcks, ringPOPs, and you guessed it POPits as prizes.



Middle School Jingle Jam and Holiday Hangout

Middle schoolers attended a Jingle Jam and holiday-themed hangout on Friday, December 3 in the P.E. pavilion after school. There was a DJ, pizza, hot chocolate, cookies, and more. There were also yard games (e.g., volleyball, basketball, cornhole), and a snowball activity. Thank you to all who attended! Stay tuned for information on spring middle school dance.

We need volunteers!



Test Proctors are needed to help proctor middle school mid-terms beginning Thursday, December 9th. Test Proctors are crucial to ensure that these tests are given without disruption to schedules.

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4eaca928a7f58-test4>

PTO Updates

Elementary School Bobcat Bolt: We are looking for committee members to help us with the race. Please contact president@pvapto.org if you're interested. The event takes place, Thursday, February 10.

Middle School Bobcat Bolt Coordinator: Please consider joining our committee for the middle school Bobcat Bolt. We are looking for chair/co-chairs and committee members. Please contact president@pvapto.org. The event takes place Friday, February 11.

Amazon Smile

While shopping on Amazon, please consider supporting the PVA PTO through AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app. Visit https://smile.amazon.com/.../about/ref=smi_se_dshb_aas_saas to



learn more. We appreciate your support! All funds raised help support all that the PTO does for the students and staff. Any questions: please reach out to president@pvapto.org.

Mark Your Calendars

- ✓ December 3 at 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Middle School Jingle Jam and Holiday Hangout
- ✓ December 6 at 6 p.m. – PTO meeting via Zoom
- ✓ Monday, January 10 at 6 p.m. – PTO meeting via Zoom
- ✓ Thursday, February 10 – Elementary Bobcat Bolt
- ✓ Friday, February 11 – Middle School Bobcat Bolt
- ✓ Monday, February 14 at 6 p.m. - PTO meeting via Zoom
- ✓ Wednesday, February 16 through Friday, February 22 – Spring Book Fair
- ✓ Monday, March 7 at 6 p.m. – PTO meeting via TBD
- ✓ Monday, April 11 at 6 p.m. – PTO meeting via TBD
- ✓ Monday, May 16 at 6 p.m. – PTO meeting via TBD

Where Can You Find Us?

You can find our most recent information on our website at pvapto.org.

Check us out on Facebook or Instagram too! Here you can check out our Partner Spotlights and see what they have to say about why they partner with PVA.



@palmvalleyacademypto



@pva_pto



PVA Extended Day/ Enrichments



Important Information

Extended Day Coordinator:

Ms. Erin Rohde

(904) 547-4197

Erin.Rohde@stjohns.k12.fl.us



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



It is time to start signing up for spring enrichment sessions.

No enrichments the week of Nov. 22-26th.

Third-Party Enrichments

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. 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
- LEE Spanish – <https://bit.ly/LEEF2FFall2021>
- Training for Warriors (TFW) – www.tfwpontevdrabeach.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.tfwpontevdrabeach.com
- PVB Champs Tennis- 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>

Stem Fair Winners



4th Grade Winners

- 1st Place – Amelia Lubin
- 2nd Place – Lily Hutcherson
- 3rd – Carston Brown & Hudson Straw

5th Grade Winners

- 1st Place – Decker Bartell & Kate Healy
- 2nd Place – Rachel Samillian
- 3rd – Alicia Carbee



Middle School Winners

- 1st Place – Mitchell Spore
- 2nd Place – Ryan Ruc
- 3rd Place – Ethan Moy
- Honorable Mention – Michael Brown, Rasesh Gautam, Rohan Synder



PVA Celebrates Our Veterans

PVA's 1st grade honored our Veterans. They were delivered to our families and to local veterans in our community.



Around PVA



National Junior Honor Society would like to thank all of our Bobcat family for their generous donations for our Food Drive for Port in the Storm. We think it is significant that this food drive is students helping other teens and children in our area.



Ms. Taylor's 3rd grade class celebrating with a Thanksgiving parade.



2021-2022 Partners In Education



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