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Bulletin



Palm Valley Academy

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- 2/22** Basketball HOME
Girls- 5:30pm vs FCA
Boys- 6:30pm vs FCA

February

Greetings Families,

I hope everyone is doing well. There are so many great things happening at PVA this month, and we want to communicate as much as we can. Our biggest event this month is our Bobcat Bolt. This is our PTO's largest fundraiser of the year, and looks to be a huge success. With over \$59,000 raised so far, we are well underway to funding several large-scale projects around campus that will benefit all of our students! Just a few of those include a permanent shade structure at our golf cart and biker/walker area, as well as some much needed landscaping projects on our physical education and recess field areas. Students will participate in the fun run activities this Thursday for elementary and this Friday for middle school.

Our Girls and Boys Basketball teams have gotten their season well underway and are doing a great job showing their talent and sportsmanship on the court! Most home games are on Tuesday evenings. Be on the lookout for ticket links in your email if you are interested in coming out to watch our teams.

A couple of business items for your attention – one is the Parent Consent for Health Services form that is currently required for clinic visits. I urge you to read the FAQs that are posted on the next page of this newsletter and read about what the form entails. Because it is based on legislation (F.S.1014.06), and we employ nurses at every school in our district, this has become a new requirement moving forward. If you have not done so already, please make your informed decision and complete the survey at <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/news/parent-consent-faq/>. Thank you for your attention to this important endeavor.

The last item for your consideration is our annual School Advisory Council (SAC) survey. Please take a few moments to give your feedback to the district at the following link:

<https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=74L3mo55> While this feedback will be more district-focused, our SAC is also working on a more PVA specific survey to share with you later in the year. We appreciate your input in helping us continuously improve.

Thank you for taking the time to be informed and for your continued support of your child's education. We are looking forward to another great month together.

Sincerely,

Joy Reichenberg

A Note from Nurse Fasula & Nurse Whitchurch

Parental Consent for Health Services now required at school:

The state of Florida is now requiring written parental consent for all school nurses (including St. Johns County Schools nurses) to continue doing the job we currently do. With this consent, nothing about our role as your Palm Valley Academy school nurses is changing.

1. What services does the requested parental consent cover?
 - The services traditionally provided by St. Johns County school nurses, including
 - first aid, nursing assessment
 - health appraisal
 - meeting emergency health needs
 - nutrition assessment
 - referral of students to appropriate health treatment
 - health counseling
 - emergency treatment.
2. What services are not covered by the requested consent?
 - Invasive screening or procedure (COVID-19 testing, blood draw, vaccinations, etc.)
 - Preventative health care
 - Medication administration
 - Mental health counseling
 - Therapy (physical therapy, occupational therapy, etc.)
 - Other services that have traditionally required specific direction and consent (administration of medication, medical procedures, medical management of chronic health conditions, etc.)
3. Why require a consent for the school nurse and school clinic now?
 - The district is requesting the consent at this time to comply with the Parents' Bill of Rights as interpreted by the Florida Department of Health.
4. Will students receive emergency treatment if parents decline to sign the release?
 - Yes. In the event of a medical emergency, school nurses and staff will respond appropriately as necessary to protect the student's health and safety given the circumstances of the emergency. The school will contact the parents, or in their absence, the student's emergency contacts on file with the school so that they can make the necessary care and treatment decisions.

Consent forms will need to be on file for students beginning January 18th.

For links to the Consent Survey and more information,
please visit the SJCS Health Services Web Page

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/news/parent-consent-faq/>

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](#)



Middle school parents, you're invited to attend an upcoming Zoom event on March 2nd. Presented by Phyllis Fagell, the author who wrote Middle School Matters, the event will be sharing tips for helping middle school students succeed. This will be of interest to rising and current middle school student caregivers.

If you are interested, you can sign up through this link.

<https://sjcpls.org/events/zoom-event-middle-school-matters-a-presentation-by-author-phyllis-fagell-for-rising-and-current-middle-school-caregivers/>



Character Counts Winners

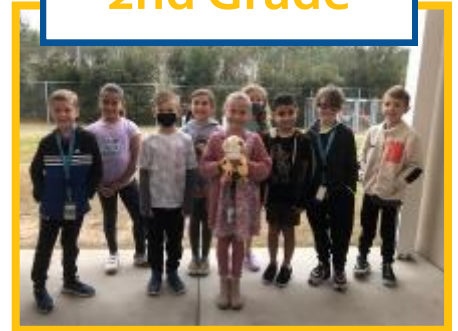
Kindergarten



1st Grade



2nd Grade



3rd Grade



4th Grade



5th Grade



Treat others with respect;
follow the Golden Rule •
Be tolerant and accepting
of differences • Use good
manners, not bad lan-
guage • Be considerate
of the feelings of others •
Don't threaten, hit or hurt
anyone • Deal peacefully
with anger, insults, and
disagreements

RESPECT

CHARACTER COUNTS!

6th Grade



7th Grade



8th Grade



Yearbook Orders



Valentine Gram Order Form

Help spread the LOVE through PVA!
February 3—February 9



PVA Student Council is selling Valentine Grams—which is a heart shaped lollipop and gram!
All Proceeds will benefit Palm Valley Student Council

Valentine Grams will be delivered on **Friday, February 11!**

COST: One gram = \$1/ CLASS SET (22-24 grams) = \$15

Please fill out the following information COMPLETELY & LEGIBLY

SENDER INFORMATION

Is this a class set of Valentine Grams? CHECK ONE ____ Yes ____ No
(Class sets will receive individual Lollipops and a single class card)

How many grams are you purchasing? ____
(If you are purchasing several individual grams, you must attach separate completed messages.)

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE THE GRAM TO SAY?

The Home-
room teach-
er is your
FRIEND'S class,
NOT yours! Put
the name AND
grade level,
please!

To: _____
Homeroom: _____
From: _____
Message: _____

Write your
message ex-
actly as you
want it to ap-
pear. This card
will be cut out
and sent to
your friend, or
your class!

PAYMENT INFORMATION

****Please attach payment to this form and return to your Homeroom teacher by Wednesday, February 9!****

PAYMENT TYPE (Check one): **PREFERRED → ☐ CHECK (make payable to Palm Valley Academy)

Amount _____ Check # _____

☐ **CASH** (No Coins Please) Amount _____

A Note from Nurse Fasula & Nurse Whitchurch

Health Clinic Updates

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

School Nurses – Alice Fasula and Kara Whitchurch

BOBCAT BOLT DAY CHECKLIST

FEBRUARY 10TH AND 11TH

- ✓ **WATER BOTTLE**
- ✓ **EAT A GOOD BREAKFAST**
- ✓ **SPARE CLOTHES AND SOCKS**
- ✓ **DRESS IN LAYERS, WEAR SNEAKERS**
- ✓ **IF YOUR STUDENT IS APPROVED TO SELF-CARRY AN INHALER, PLEASE CHECK THAT THEY HAVE IT THAT DAY**



Illness in the School Setting

- ❖ In an effort to reduce the spread of illness, please keep your child home if he/she is not feeling well. A gentle reminder of the school district's policy regarding

<u>Fever above 100F</u>	Must remain home for at least 24 hours fever free without the use of medications.
<u>Strep Throat</u>	Students must remain home 24 hours <i>after</i> antibiotics are started <i>and</i> fever free as above.
<u>COVID-19</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please call the District COVID Support Team at 904-547-8230 to report absences and test results.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Students can return to school after 10 days from the onset of symptoms. The COVID Support Team can help excuse absences during this time.○ Students can return early with a negative Rapid or PCR test brought to the school. Schools are not allowed to accept home tests to clear students for return to school.
<u>Vomiting in the past 24 hours</u>	Remain home until symptoms resolved <i>and</i> student has eaten 2 normal meals with your family.

- ❖ Please send in a parent or doctors note into school within 48hours to excuse your student's absence

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

Who is the District COVID Support Team?

A school district team of nurses and support staff to answer questions about COVID, report test results, discuss quarantine dates and excuses absences for positive cases or close contacts. By having a centralized team, it is a one stop phone call so you can address all of your children's needs across all district schools.

COVID Support Team Call Center **904-547-8230**

Kids Heart Challenge



Our Elementary Physical Education class is about to start our Kids Heart Challenge event. Each year we team up with American Heart Association. The American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge event kicks off on Monday, March 21st! To get ready for our heart healthy program, help your child sign up at <http://www2.heart.org/goto/palmvalleyacademy> or search "Kids Heart Challenge" in your app store to download the app and register.

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.



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

Summer Marine Science Program

SUMMER MARINE SCIENCE PROGRAM

DO NOT MISS OUT ONLY 2 SESSIONS

Parents/Guardians,



Application directions for the summer Marine Science Program will be passed out by science teachers at all schools during the second week of February. Parents/guardians must complete part 1 of the application at our website. Application student essays, part 2, will be due back to science teachers by March 4th. Student essay forms can also be downloaded at any time from the website. Please visit us at <http://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/> and click on the Marine Science link. The link also will have a complete day by day curriculum for each grade level, parent information, and a video from last year's program.

This summer program is available to all students currently in grades five through seven and has been sponsored by the school district since 1982. Hurry do not miss out, only two eight-day sessions are held at Gamble Rogers Middle School with bus transportation provided. The dates for the sessions this summer will be June 6th through June 16th and June 20th through June 30th (Monday-Thursday). Small classes of 12-15 students are separated by grade level. All instructors in the program are St. Johns County School District teachers.

The Marine Science Program is a carefully designed experience for responsible students who are interested in learning about our local marine environments. Learning is "hands on" in the field with students kayaking, canoeing, boating, hiking, snorkeling, sailing, windsurfing, surfing, SUP, (stand up paddleboarding), etc.

More information about the program can be had by emailing Kristina Bransford at marinescienceprogram@stjohns.k12.fl.us .

SJMSAA FOOTBALL!!

**Tryouts
Early April**

**Practice
Mid-April**

**Spring Game
Late May**

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!**

2022

**FOOTBALL
REGISTRATION
OPENS FEB. 1**

**Register on
SJMSAA.COM**



Saint Johns Middle School Athletic Association





A Message from the PTO President

Dear PVA Parents,

Thank you for your support thus far of the Bobcat Bolt. As of February 1, we have raised nearly \$48,000. The funds raised help to support construction of a shaded area for the golf cart drop-off/pick-up area where students and staff members stand during arrival and dismissal and large-scale landscaping projects, including sod and seeding around playground areas. The golf cart area shade structure improvements alone cost approximately \$45,000. Our goal is to raise \$75,000 so additional funds can go towards these landscaping projects around campus.

Our Elementary Bobcat Bolt is on Thursday, February 10 and the Middle School Bobcat Bolt is on Friday, February 11 during an extended 7th period.

We also have the book fair coming up February 17 – February 25. Like the Fall book fair, parents are unable to attend the book fair with their students. Please refer to class/teacher communication to see what day your student will attend. Our hope is to raise enough Scholastic dollars to fund all Scholastic book sets for next year and some Scholastic magazine sets.

PTO Board Elections will be held in April for the 2022-2023 school year. **We need your help!** We do not have a **President or President Elect** for next year. We also need a **Partners in Education** chair. If these roles are not filled, the PTO will have to scale back. There are also many volunteer needs at the committee chair level. The volunteers at this level initiate and manage many of the PTO activities that we are used to. These will not continue if there is no one in these roles. We will send a survey in the coming weeks asking for your input as to what is important to you that the PTO does for the school and community.

If you have questions regarding this information, please contact president@pvapto.org.

“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.” ~ Oscar Wilde

Take care,

Anne Chance

PVA PTO Co-President

Highlighted below is a summary of how the PTO supports the school and PVA community, along with approximate budget numbers. This is not a complete listing of all that the PTO does for PVA and the community.

- ☑ Technology subscriptions (~\$18K) (e.g., RazKids)
- ☑ Resource grants for teachers (\$15K)
- ☑ Scholastic book sets (~\$15K in Scholastic dollars)
- ☑ Back to school (~\$13K) (e.g., car tags, student t-shirts, first day folders)
- ☑ Staff appreciation and hospitality (~\$25K)
- ☑ Staff professional development (~\$13K)
- ☑ Staff startup support (~\$6K)
- ☑ Hardship funds (~\$10K)
- ☑ Events (middle school dances, fall family night, book fairs, end of year celebrations)



Join us Wednesday, February 9 at 6 p.m. for our General PTO Meeting

Our General PTO meeting has moved to Wednesday, February 9 via Zoom. **We need your support!** We are voting on changes to the bylaws, discussing the Bobcat Bolt, and discussing the open board positions for next year, including President and President Elect positions.

By-Laws Changes

Visit our website to see the proposed changes to our Bylaws. <https://pvapto.org/> We are voting on these proposed Bylaws changes on Wednesday, February 9 during the General PTO Meeting via Zoom.

PTO Updates

PTO Board Openings and Committee Chair Needs

For the board next year, the President and President Elect seats are open. All board positions are up for election in April except for Treasurer. Current board members have expressed interest in Upper School VP, Lower School VP, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary. Details located at <https://pvapto.org/>.

For committees next year, the following committee chair positions are open:

- Partners in Education: work with the current partners in education to ensure partner agreements are being met. Please see the letter below from our current Partners in Education chair, Jodi Wojtowicz.
- Fundraising: decide on fundraisers and help manage fundraisers with support from the board.
- Apparel (all online): work with apparel company to update website and distribute apparel once it arrives.
- Volunteer Coordinator: Manage communication to room parents and create and send Sign Up geniuses via communications channels (e.g., room parents, FB).
- Teacher Appreciation Committee
 - Teacher Appreciation Week: Coordinating teacher appreciation week, which is around the first week of May
 - Teacher Appreciation (Overall): Help with teacher appreciation week but also plan and execute small tokens of appreciation for teachers throughout the year (e.g., stock the staff lounge organization, small tokens of appreciation maybe 4 months out of the year, decorate teacher of the year doors)
 - Hospitality: back to school breakfast and lunch, teacher holiday lunch in December, staff sweet treat exchange
- Back to School (First Day folders)



If there is a President and committee support for events, then some other committee positions that are open are listed below. If there is not a President, chair, or committee support for these events, then they will not take place.

- Middle School Dances
- 5th grade celebration
- Bingo Nights
- 8th grade semi formal
- 8th grade promotion

Thank You Training for Warriors for Your Support of the Bobcat Bolt!

We would like to thank Training for Warriors for their support of the Bobcat Bolt. They are helping emcee the Elementary School Bobcat Bolt on Thursday, February 10. The kids really enjoy Training for Warriors on Race Day!

THANK YOU TO OUR BOBCAT BOLT PARTNER



PTO Updates

Bobcat Bolt Race Day Info and Schedule

The Bobcat Bolt is Palm Valley Academy's biggest fundraiser of the year and is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 10 for elementary school students and Friday, February 11 for middle school students. It is a donation-based, fun run that aims to raise funds for Palm Valley Academy, encourage school spirit and promote healthy physical activity. With your help, this year we hope to raise \$75,000. The money raised will be used to fund:

- construction of a shaded area for the golf cart drop-off/pick-up area where students and staff members stand during arrival and dismissal
- large scale landscaping projects (e.g., sod and seeding around playground areas)

Below is a summary of the Bobcat Bolt information:

- Donate here on the Bobcat Bolt website: <https://www.getmovinfundhub.com/event-webpage/60f727988126b>
- Volunteer here:
 - Elementary School Bobcat Bolt: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4eaca928a7f58-bobcat10>
 - Middle School Bobcat Bolt: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4eaca928a7f58-middle1>
- Each student should wear their field trip t-shirt on race day but may also be asked to wear specific spirit wear attire that goes along with their class theme. Please make sure students wear athletic shoes and bring a water bottle.
- Students will have 10-15 minutes to run/walk as many laps as they can on our Bobcat Bolt track. As students complete a lap, they will stop at their assigned pit stop to receive a "lap bracelet" before continuing around the track again. Water will be available throughout the race and medical/nursing staff will be on site to ensure the health and well-being of all participants.
- The elementary Bobcat Bolt schedule is below. Middle school students will run on Friday, February 11 during an extended 7th period.
- Parking & Spectator Check-In
 - If attending, you should plan to arrive 20 minutes before the scheduled event. This is to allow you time to find parking and get checked in. You may park in the visitor parking lot, the overflow parking lot (by walker/biker entrance) or along the main road. If you park in the visitor parking lot, be aware that your vehicle may be blocked by the afternoon carline. Parking is extremely limited, so carpooling is strongly encouraged. The golf cart parking lot will also be open.
 - Upon arrival, go to the field entrance adjacent to the cafeteria (there will be posted signs to direct you – do not go to the front office). At the check-in table, show a valid state ID/driver's license to receive your field access badge. The field access badge grants access in/out of the field area only; you will not be allowed inside the school. The restrooms in the front office will be available for use.
 - If you didn't submit a Spectator Request, you can still attend however, you will not receive a field access badge and you will have to watch the event behind the fence.

K-5 Bobcat Bolt Race Day Schedule

Time	Grade
9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.	4th
9:55 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.	2nd
11:05 a.m. to 11:55 a.m.	K
12:00 p.m. to 12:50 p.m.	3rd
12:55 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.	1st
1:50 p.m. to 2:40 p.m.	5th

PTO Updates

Mark Your Calendars

- ✓ Wednesday, February 9 at 6 p.m. - PTO meeting via Zoom
- ✓ Thursday, February 10 – Elementary Bobcat Bolt
- ✓ Friday, February 11 – Middle School Bobcat Bolt
- ✓ Thursday, February 17 through Friday, February 22 – Spring Book Fair
- ✓ Monday, March 7 at 6 p.m. – PTO meeting via TBD
- ✓ Friday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m. – Family Bingo Night
- ✓ 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.

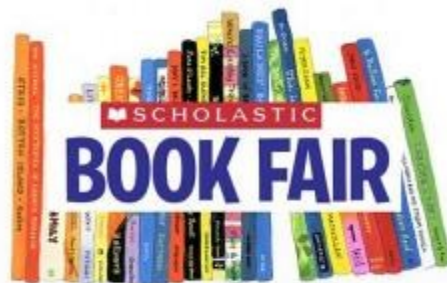
Check us out on Facebook or Instagram too! Here you can check out our Partner Spotlights and see what they have to say about why they partner with PVA.



@palmvalleyacademypto



@pva_pto



PVA FALL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR February 17, 2022 – February 25, 2022

- Students will visit the book fair during their assigned class time.
(Refer to your student/s teacher communication for assigned class time.)
- Parents are not allowed to attend the book fair with their child.
 - Please consider volunteering to help at the book fair:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4eaca928a7f58-book3>

PTO Updates

A Letter from Jodi Wojtowicz, Our Current Partners in Education Chair

One of the most rewarding positions the PTO has to offer is the Partners in Education Committee Chair. This program has a significant financial impact on the school, and the funds you help raise directly support our students and educators. Taking on this role is a great way to get to know people in the community. Not only will you forge meaningful relationships with everyone involved in the PTO, but you'll also become acquainted with our wonderful teachers and administrators at PVA and have the added benefit of getting to work with business owners and managers throughout our community.

Our Partners are extremely generous, caring, and friendly people who truly love supporting Palm Valley Academy and make this job very easy. We currently have 34 donors, of which about 2/3 of those are repeat sponsors who give year after year. I will be responsible for the renewals in advance of our transition as these take place in April for the upcoming school year.

The most important part of this job is to maintain the current Partner relationships and ensure they receive the promised benefits that correspond with their level of donation. You'll also be required to seek out new business partners as needed. We have a complete database of local businesses with contact information. As a volunteer, you'll have flexibility in how you structure your time and can work at your own pace. While you will work independently, you will always have the support of our PTO Board! This group of hard-working individuals will be there to help. Of course, I will also be happy to see you through the transition and beyond. I have all the documents, spreadsheets, templates, and information you will need to ensure your success in this role.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions at:

jodi.wojtowicz@gmail.com.

Thank you, again, for your interest in helping our school!

Sincerely,

Jodi Wojtowicz

PVA Extended Day



Online registration for Extended Day starting on **March 21st** for returning families. Details to follow.




If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Erin Rohde at 904.547.4197 or email at erin.rohde@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

PVA Extended Day Calendar

PVA Extended Day February 2022 Activities



Create—ART | Think—S.T.E.A.M | Discover—Food
Move—Fitness | Feature—Fun!

MON	Create	TUE	Think	WED	Discover	THU	Move	FRI	Feature
		1		2		3		4	
		Building with Straws		Groundhog Inspired Shadow Print		Groundhog tag		Crystal Heart Group 1	
7		8		9		10		11	
Teacher in service day NO STUDENTS		Candy heart 3-D Structure		Tissue Paper Heart Wreath		Don't Let it Drop		Crystal Heart Group 2 & 3	
14		15		16		17		18	
Friendship Party Wooden Hearts craft		Mini Cupids Bow		Shrinky Dinks		Valentine Delivery Relay		Crystal Heart Group 4	
21		22		23		24		25	
NO SCHOOL 		Melting Heart Experiment		Bird feeders		Cupid Says		Crystal Heart Group 5	
28									
Tissue Paper Heart Wreath or Love Bug Caterpillar									

PVA Boys and Girls Basketball



Kindergarten's 100th Day of School



Ms. Rogers Class



Ms. Durr's Class



1st Grade's Celebrates 101 Days of School



Ms. Rideout's Class



Ms. Sgroi's Class



2021-2022 Partners In Education



2021-2022 PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

BENEFACTOR



SILVER



BRONZE



IN-KIND

