

# BOBCAT

# November Bulletin

Palm Valley Academy

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## Calendar Highlights

11/10 Wear Red, White and Blue for Veterans Day

11/10 Middle School Dance

11/11 **VETERANS DAY—NO SCHOOL**

11/17 **INTERIMS ISSUED**

11/18 PTO Family Bingo Night

11/23 - 11/25 **Thanksgiving Break—student/teacher holiday**

11/29-12/8 **Candy Cane Lane Holiday Shop**

**\*\* PLEASE SEE PVA ATHLETICS PAGE FOR SOCCER/BASEBALL/FLAG FOOTBALL SCHEDULES\*\***



November 2022

Greetings and Happy November,

We are full steam ahead into the holiday season. We have had much fun with our theme days during Red Ribbon Week and Halloween, while also celebrating making good and healthy choices. Make sure to take a look at the photo gallery at the end of this newsletter for a few pics of our October fun.

We look forward to continuing our academic second quarter, but also will be focusing on gratitude this month. First by honoring our Veterans, and then moving on to Thanksgiving.

I hope you will take a moment and review this newsletter for all of the upcoming opportunities for students and families that will be offered these next few weeks. Please remember that if you are visiting our building, you must be a cleared volunteer. It only takes a minute to apply at <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/>

Finally, our school district is in an accreditation year. Part of that process includes family surveys. If you would please take a moment to give your feedback to the process at <https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/197512/p2065>

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you and your families many blessings this November!

Sincerely,

Joy Reichenberg

Principal



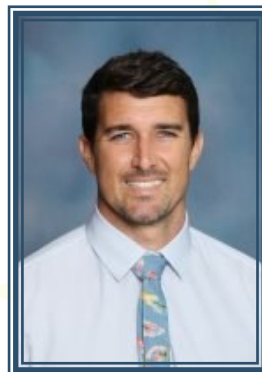
# TOY/ROY/EOY



Congratulations to our “of the year” winners:

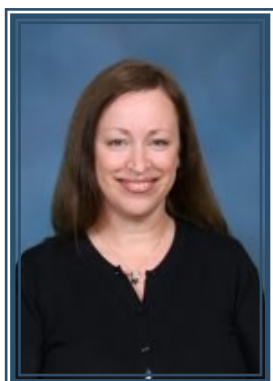


Elementary Teacher  
of the Year  
**Mr. Chris Arcuri**  
4th Grade



Middle School Teacher  
of the Year  
**Mr. Ryan Velsor**  
Dean

*We have our  
Winners!!!*



Rookie Teacher  
of the Year  
**Mrs. Audra Wilson**  
Testing Coordinator



School Related Employee  
of the Year  
**Mrs. Tricia Stenwall**  
Secretary

We are so proud of you ALL!!!!



# WELCOME NEW STAFF

## MEET OUR NEW YOUTH RESOURCE OFFICER—Deputy Mark Wilson

Born and raised in Jacksonville, I am married and in our blended family, we have 6 kids, 3 grandchildren and two Maltipoos (Boo and Bear). I graduated from Barry University with a degree in Public Administration. In our free time, my wife and I love to ride motorcycles and travel. I am a big kid at heart and some of my favorite movies are anything involving "Minions". Fun Fact: I used to work as a radio DJ and one of my talents included doing character impersonations for commercials. I have been a Deputy Sheriff for 19 years where I have worked as a Patrol Deputy, Field Training Officer, Hostage Negotiator, and a Motor Officer in the Traffic Unit. This is my first year in Youth Services and I am extremely grateful that I get to be a mentor here at Palm Valley Academy. This is definitely one of the most rewarding career moments of my life! GO BOB-CATS!!



Our **Maintenance Department** welcomes 2 new custodians to the team. **Ms. Ana Alonso** and **Mr. Emilio Quintana**.



In the **Media Center** we are happy to introduce our new Media Specialist **Ms. Roxanne Creech**. Ms. Creech comes to us from Westside Elementary with 20 plus years' experience. We are excited to welcome her to our bobcat family and can't wait to see what new things are in store for our media center!!



# MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Middle School Parents,

As we get closer to registering our 8<sup>th</sup> 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, I will speak with 8<sup>th</sup> 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 opening 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 me.

Kindly,

Monica Ferguson, School Counselor Middle School







School Pay link:

<https://schoolpay.com/pay/for/Fall-Festival-Dance-2022/SiW38d>

**WE NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS to make this event a success!**

Parent Volunteer Sign Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F4AAFAA2EA7FC1-fall>

# PVA ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

## PALM VALLEY ACADEMY ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

2022

DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5 Kindergarten ELA	6 Kindergarten Math	7	8 4th Grade ELA	9 5th Grade ELA	10
11	12 3rd Grade ELA	13 2nd Grade ELA	14 Middle School Math	15 1st Grade ELA	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 23 Winter Break		24
25	26 27 28 29 30 Winter Break					31
1	2	3				

\*\*Assessment Calendar is subject to change. Make-up exams will be given as soon as possible upon a student's return to school\*\*

## PALM VALLEY ACADEMY ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

2023 JANUARY	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	Winter Break		Teacher Planning Day	5	6	7
	8	3rd Grade Math	2nd Grade Math	Middle School ELA	1st Grade Math	13	14
	15	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	17	18	4th Grade Math	5th Grade Math	21
	22	23	24	25	26	Last Day of Testing Window	28
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	5	6					

\*\*Assessment Calendar is subject to change. Make-up exams will be given as soon as possible upon a student's return to school\*\*

**\*\* All testing will begin at 8:45 a.m. \*\***

If you have any questions about testing, please contact our testing coordinator: Audra Wilson 904-547-4223  
[audra.wilson@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:audra.wilson@stjohns.k12.fl.us)



# COUNSELOR'S CORNER



## When to contact us?

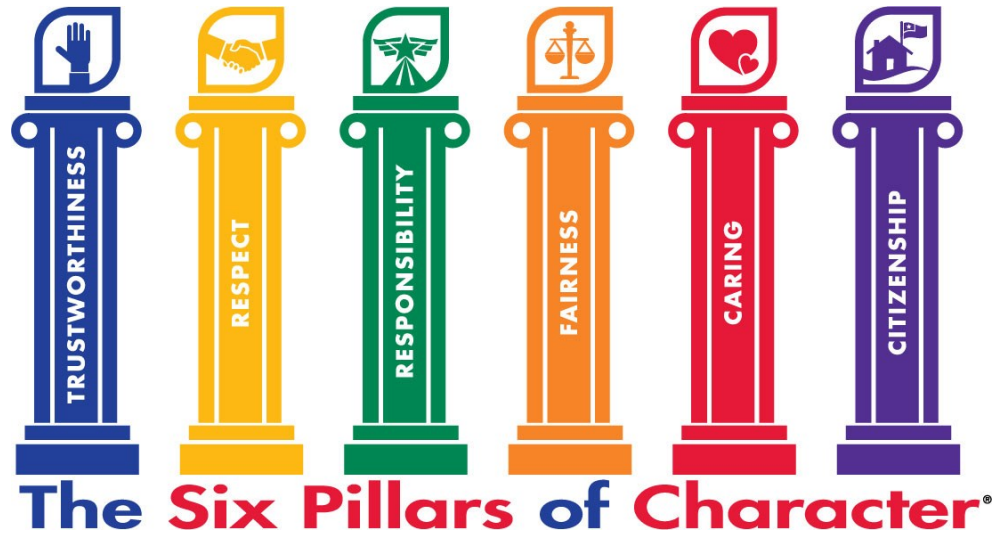
If you believe your child is experiencing difficulty at home or at school regarding academic achievement, family changes, social skills, or adjusting to transitions it may be helpful to contact your School Counselor via phone or email.

### School Counselors

Ms. Coma K—3

TBA 4—5

Ms. Ferguson 6—8

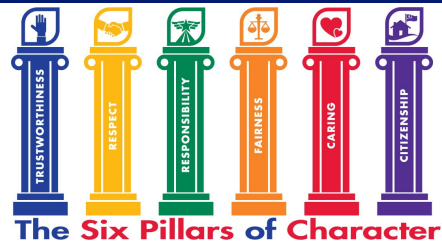


## NOVEMBER PILLAR OF THE MONTH CITIZENSHIP

- Do your share to make your school and community better
- Cooperate
- Get involved in community events
- Be a good neighbor
- Obey laws and rules



# CHARACTER COUNTS



**In the month of October, we recognized the pillar of character  
“RESPONSIBILITY”**

Do what you are supposed to do - Plan ahead - Persevere: keep on trying! - Always do your best - Use self control - Be self-disciplined - Think before you act and consider the consequences - Be accountable for your words, actions, and attitudes - Set a good example for others

Pictured below are our Character Counts Winners for Responsibility. We are so proud of our students! We love watching them beam with bobcat pride through their great character. We thank them for spreading “Pawsitive” Vibes here at school and throughout our community.



**Kindergarten**



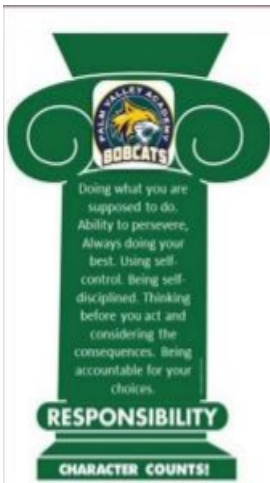
**1st Grade**



**2nd Grade**



**3rd Grade**







# CHARACTER COUNTS



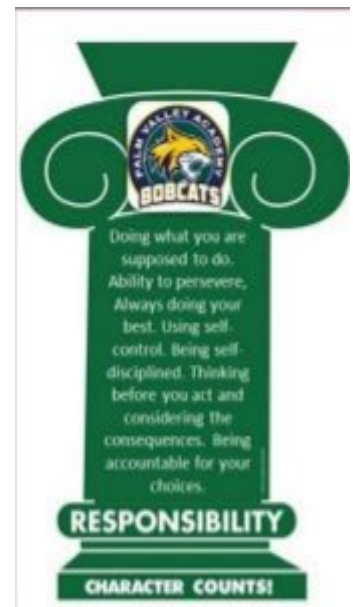
**4th Grade**



**5th Grade**



**6th Grade**



**7th Grade**



**8th Grade**

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

**PBIS**  
FUNDRAISER

*\$1  
each*

*SMENCILS are back!*



**Nov 7th - 10th**

*While supplies last!*

*Sales will take place in grade level common areas  
prior to morning announcements.*



Wear Red, White and Blue on  
Thursday, November 10th in  
honor of Veterans Day!



SCHOOL  
SPIRIT

Elementary Students wear your  
House colors on Wednesdays!

Don't forget to wear your  
School Spirit Wear on Fridays!



LOST &  
FOUND

Please remind your child to visit our  
lost and found. We have MANY water  
bottles and jackets that need to find  
their owners.

Thank you for labeling your child's items  
so they can be easily identified.



# ART



## **Middle School Art in the Capitol Contest**

It's time of year when one of our middle school student artists have a chance to shine in the Capitol Building in Tallahassee, Florida!

Middle Schools, K-8 Academies, public, and private schools may submit up to three (3) entries. Grade 6-8 students who are home schooled may submit one entry. The process for selecting artwork at individual schools shall be determined by each school. The artwork will need to be submitted to the **Office of Curriculum and Instruction with attention to K-12 Fine Arts Program Specialist, Antonio C. Scott** no later than **Thursday, December 1, 2022**, for judging by an independent panel.

One piece will be chosen to represent our school district in the Capitol in Tallahassee. The winning art selection must be submitted to our State Representative no later than **January 7, 2023**, to be displayed during the regular legislative session, which begins on **March 7, 2023**. Artwork will be returned at the end of the legislative session which is scheduled for **May 5, 2023**.

**There is no theme, matting or framing requirement however, all artwork must**

- be two-dimensional;
- not exceed 28 inches wide by 28 inches long by 4 inches thick;
- be original in concept, design, execution and not violate copyright laws;
- include student's name, grade, district, school name and city.

Although there is no cash prize or award from the state for contest winners, the winning student artist will receive a letter of recognition from the capitol along with the honor of having their work on display during the legislative session. Additionally, a first, second and third place certificate along with a letter of acknowledgement will be awarded from the St John's County School District.

If you have any questions, please contact:

**Antonio C. Scott, Curriculum Specialist for K-12 Arts      904-547-7565**



## PTO EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

A vibrant purple poster for a 'Pizza and Pajamas BINGO NIGHT' event. The background is decorated with numerous colorful circles in shades of pink, blue, green, and yellow. The word 'BINGO' is written in large, colorful, 3D-style letters (B: green, I: pink, N: orange, G: yellow, O: purple). Below it, the word 'NIGHT' is in large, white, dotted letters. To the right, there is a graphic of a yellow bingo card with numbers and two bingo balls (one green with 'B', one pink with 'I').

**Pizza and Pajamas**

**BINGO**

**NIGHT**

**FRIDAY, NOV 18TH**

**PIZZA AT 5:30, BINGO AT 6:30**

**PIZZA PRE-ORDERS MUST BE IN BY 11/15**  
**TO BE PICKED UP AT THE EVENT**

**50/50 CASH RAFFLE**

**Mister Softee Ice Cream truck on site at 5:30**

**Reservations required as space is limited**

**Reverse your spot and order your pizza on the signup genius**

Come dressed in your favorite PJs and join us for Pizza and Pajamas Bingo Night on Friday, November 18th.

Pizzas will be available for pre-order via signup genius to pickup at the event. Mister Softee will be on-site with sweet treats for purchase as well.

Space is limited so secure your spot on the signup genius below. We also need volunteers to make the event happen, so please consider giving some of your time. We look forward to seeing many of you on the 18th! 50/50 raffle is cash only.

Event Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4EACA928A7F58-family1>

Pizza Orders: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4EACA928A7F58-pizza>





Thank you to one of our "Hero" level sponsors, RE-MAX, for taking advantage of a new benefit we offer our highest level partner - the "Snack Line", an opportunity for our sponsors to interact with some of our fantastic PVA parents!

We are grateful to Naomi and her team for taking part and handing out delicious Halloween treats for our car pick up line parents on Friday!

Thank you Matt Wilkinson and Naomi Perry Wilkinson for your continued support of Palm Valley Academy PTO. We couldn't do what we do for the school if it wasn't for you and all our wonderful Partners in Education! ♥

<https://www.facebook.com/nefloridarealtors>



# 2022 Winter Apparel Store

Open Now Through Novemebr 27th

## New Desings!



**T-Shirts**

**Hoodies**

**PJ Bottoms**

**Canvas Totes**

**Ornaments**

**Tumblers**




## And Much More

Visit the QR Code or  
<https://pvaptoholidayshop2022.itemorder.com/shop/home/>  
 to place your order today!



The winter apparel store is now open! Featuring all new designs and merchandise, click the link below to check it out and place your order before it closes on Sunday, November 27th

PVA PTO Holiday Shop 2022 | The Shirt Guru | <https://pvaptoholidayshop2022.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

Orders will be available for pickup via drive through style on Monday, December 19th. Details for pickup will be emailed once the shop closes. Please note, no orders will be delivered to students through the classrooms and must be picked up.

No time to pick up? Save time and take advantage of the new door delivery option for just \$5. All orders being delivered directly to you will be dropped on your front porch on Friday, December 16th.

Qualifying PTO members will receive their one time use voucher code via email by Thursday, November 3rd. Please check your spam folder if you do not see it in your inbox. Vouchers are only eligible to be used in this store. Once the store closes, all unused vouchers will be voided.

\*Due to the nature of the online store being a single print run, PVA PTO does not carry extra inventory. Therefore, all sales are final, no returns or exchanges due to incorrect sizing will be made. Please check the size charts and use the measurements provided. Email [apparel@pvapto.org](mailto:apparel@pvapto.org) with any questions.





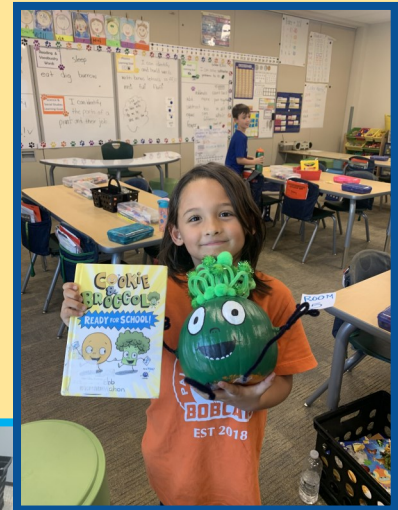
# AROUND PVA







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# PVA ATHLETICS



## **Baseball**

Wed. Nov. 2nd @ Davis Park vs. Pacetti Bay MS-Green (Away)  
Mon. Nov. 7th @ Davis Park vs. Landrum MS-Blue (Home)  
Mon. Nov. 14th @ Davis Park vs. Mill Creek Academy (Home)  
Wed. Nov. 16th @ Cornerstone vs. Valley Ridge Academy (Home)  
Mon. Nov. 21st @ Mills vs. Patriot Oaks (Away)  
Wed. Nov. 30th @ Davis Park vs. Murray MS (Away)

## **Girls Flag Football Schedule**

Sat. Nov. 5th  
Sat. Nov. 12th  
Sat. Nov. 19th  
Sat. Nov. 26th  
Sat. Dec. 3rd  
Sat. Dec. 10th Playoffs TBD  
(Time/Opponent TBA) @ WGV Park

## **Girls Soccer — 4:15 pm start**

Thur. Nov. 3rd @ Davis Park vs. Fruit Cove  
Mon. Nov. 7th @ Durbin Crossing Park vs. Liberty Pines  
Thur. Nov. 10th @ Davis Park vs. Patriot Oaks  
Mon. Nov. 14th @ Plantation Park vs. Swiss Point  
Thur. Nov. 17th @ Davis Park vs. Pine Island

## **Boys Soccer — 4:15 pm start**

Tues. Nov. 1st @ Davis Park vs. Valley Ridge  
Fri. Nov. 4th @ Joe Pomar Park vs. Sebastian Middle  
Tues. Nov. 8th @ Davis Park vs. Swiss Point  
Tues. Nov. 15th @ Plantation Park vs. Mill Creek  
Fri. Nov. 18th @ Davis Park vs. Patriot Oaks



# GOOO BOBCATS!!





# PVA ATHLETICS



## 6TH-8TH GRADE BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

**DATES HAVE CHANGED FOR BOYS TRYOUTS!  
SEE BELOW:**

### Girls Basketball Tryouts

**December 5th & 6th @ 3:30pm–5:30pm  
& December 7th @ 5:30pm–7:00pm**

**Location:** PVA Gymnasium

**Coach:** Ms. Cardona

### Boys Basketball Tryouts

**November 30th @ 2:30pm–4:30pm  
December 1st & 2nd @ 3:30pm–5:30pm**

**Location:** PVA Gymnasium

**Coach:** Mr. Velsor

**For More Information, Contact:** Christopher Parker – [christopher.parker@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:christopher.parker@stjohns.k12.fl.us)



# PVA ATHLETICS



## Saint Johns Middle School Athletic Association

# SJMSAA GOLF



**MIDDLE SCHOOL  
2023 GOLF  
REGISTRATION**

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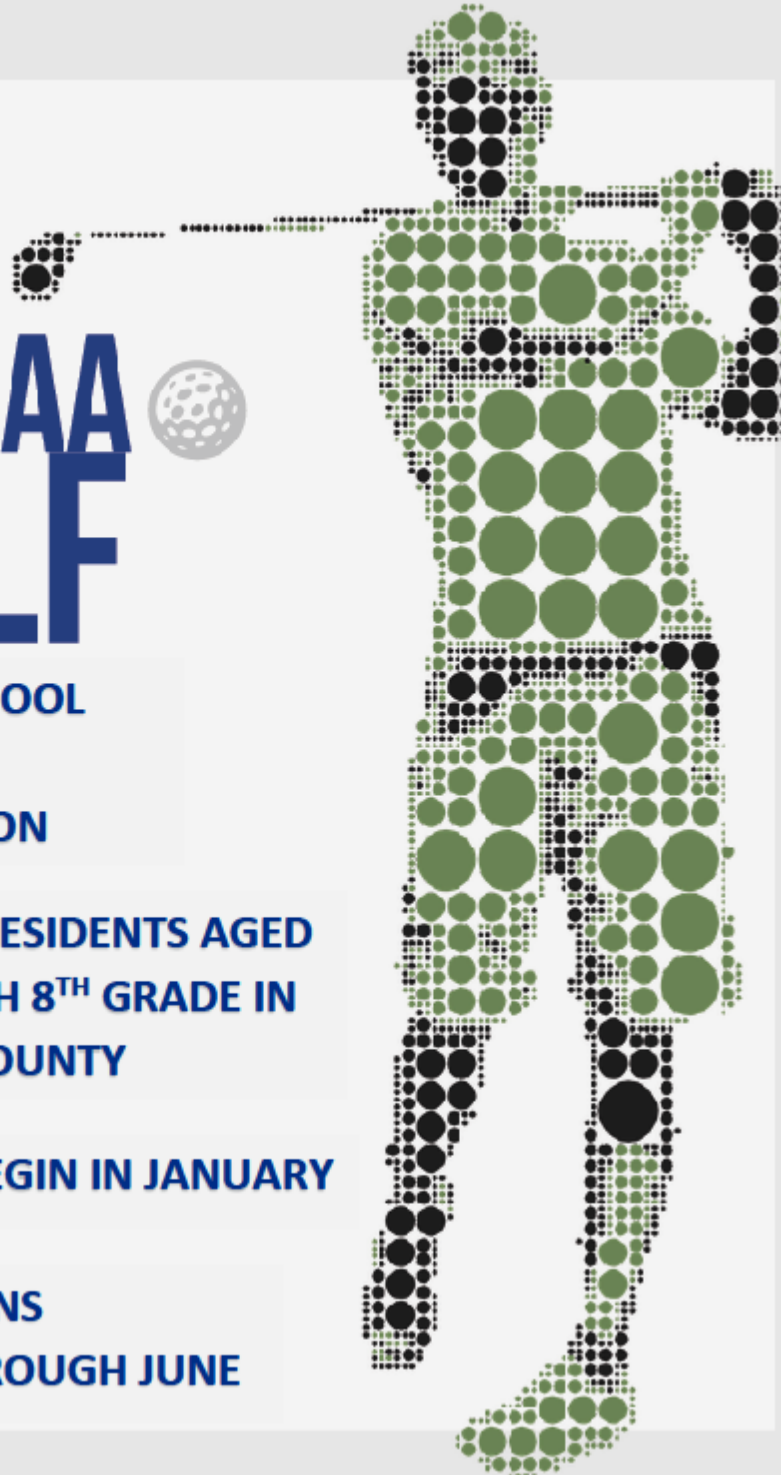
**OPEN FOR RESIDENTS AGED  
10 THROUGH 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE IN  
ST JOHNS COUNTY**

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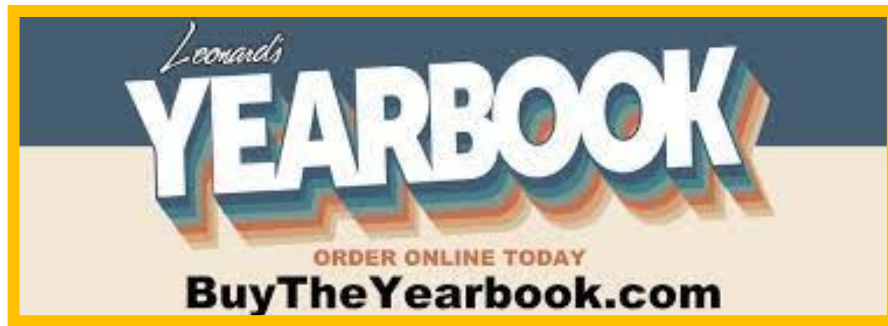
**TRYOUTS BEGIN IN JANUARY**

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**SEASON RUNS  
MARCH THROUGH JUNE**



# REMINDERS



Please make sure you order your 2022-2023 yearbook at BUY THE YEARBOOK !

<https://buytheyearbook.pictavo.com/PictavoSchool/FindSchool> School ID: 708600

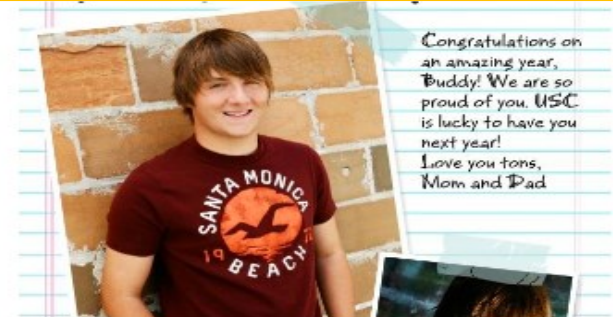
## ATTENTION PARENTS:

**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**



**ADS**  
Show your loved ones how special they are with an ad of congratulations



**If your student is missing a water bottle, clothing, lunch bag, etc.  
Encourage them to check out the  
Lost and Found**



**Thanksgiving Break  
Teacher and Student Holiday  
11/23 - 11/25**



# Science, Technology, Engineering + Math workshop for girls in grades 5-8



**Johnson & Johnson** VISION



**girl scouts**   
of gateway council

*Thank you to our sponsors!*

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19 9AM - 3PM

### LOCATION

Adam W. Herbert  
University Center  
12000 Alumni Drive  
Jacksonville, FL 32224

### REGISTER

\$20 registration fee  
Visit us at [eyhnf.org](http://eyhnf.org) to  
register today!

### QUESTIONS?

For scholarship requests,  
registration issues, or any  
other questions, email us  
at: [info@eyhnf.org](mailto:info@eyhnf.org)





## 2022-2023 Partners in Education

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