

BOBCAT

DECEMBER Bulletin

Palm Valley Academy

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Calendar Highlights

12/06 Beginning BAND and
Guitar Concert 6:30pm

12/08 Symphonic and Jazz
BAND Concert 6:30pm

12/05—Basketball TRYOUTS
12/07 GIRLS

12/07—Basketball TRYOUTS
12/09 BOYS

12/10 Running Club 5K race in
Saint Augustine

12/12 Tennis TRYOUTS

12/16 Middle School Students/
Staff Volleyball game

12/21 EARLY DISMISSAL
2nd quarter ends
First Semester ends

12/22 WINTER Break begins

01/05 CLASSES RESUME



December 2022

Greetings,

I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy. I reflect every month and can hardly believe how fast time flies. November provided opportunities for reflection and thankfulness. We now move into the season of celebration and giving.

Our PTO has provided a wonderful opportunity for our students to shop for their loved ones this holiday season in our Candy Cane Lane shop. The turnout has been great for this opportunity and we are thrilled to have been able to offer this event.

We look forward to more fun and activities over the next few weeks. We have enjoyed celebrating our Character Counts winners, our band will play in a few holiday concerts, our middle schoolers are trying out for the basketball team, and there will be many classroom parties and activities. If you are planning to come to the school to join in on the fun, please make sure that you are a cleared volunteer. Even if you have been cleared in years past, the clearance is only good for three years. Call the front desk if you are unsure of your status. We love having our parents and families in the building, and want to make sure everyone has a smooth experience in the check-in process.

Lost and Found items are in the main hallway for students to retrieve. Any items not claimed before winter break will be donated.

Finally, thank you for all of your support in our events and endeavors these past few months. We could not do all that we do without you! We wish you and your families a blessed and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Joy Reichenberg

Principal

A festive announcement for the Candy Cane Lane Shop. The background is white with a thick red border. At the top, a red banner with white wavy lines contains the text "DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR ENVELOPES!" in white, uppercase letters. The main title "CANDY CANE LANE SHOP" is written in large, bold, red, italicized serif font. Below the title, the dates "OPEN 11/29 - 12/8" are displayed in a smaller, bold, red, italicized serif font. Two red and white striped candy canes are positioned on either side of the dates. At the bottom, a red banner with white wavy lines contains the text "ALL SALES ARE FINAL" in white, uppercase letters. Below this banner, a red banner with white wavy lines contains the text "A SNEAK PEEK OF THE SHOP WILL BE POSTED ON PVA PTO SOCIAL MEDIA TOMORROW! BE SURE TO CHECK OUT ALL OF THE FANTASTIC GIFTS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!" in white, uppercase letters. Two red gift boxes with white bows are positioned on either side of the text.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	NOTES
				1 CANDY CANE LANE HOLIDAY SHOP THROUGH 12/8	2	3	
4	5	6 BEGINNING BAND AND GUITAR CONCERT - 6:30 PM	7	8 LAST DAY OF HOLIDAY SHOP SYMPHONIC AND JAZZ BAND CONCERT - 6:30 PM	9 FLANNEL FRIDAY	10 RUNNING CLUB SANTA 5K IN ST AUGUSTINE	
11	12	13	14 WHOVILLE WEDNESDAY - ANY SEUSS THEME	15	16 MIDDLE SCHOOL STAFF/STUDENT VOLLEYBALL GAME	17	
18	19 DISNEY ON ICE DAY - ANY DISNEY WEAR	20 TACKY TUESDAY - CRAZY SWEATER OR WACKIEST HOLIDAY WEAR	21 POLAR EXPRESS AND P.J. DAY	22	23	24	
25 	26	27	28	29	30	31	

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Middle School Parents,

Last month, I had the opportunity to start speaking with both 7th and 8th grade students about high school and career interests. I will continue these discussions in classes in December. Just as a reminder, students will utilize an online program called Naviance and they can share their progress with you at home.

If you are just starting to begin the high school registration process, here is some background. Students zoned for Palm Valley Academy will matriculate to Nease High School. There is the option to apply for a Program of Choice such as a Career Academy at schools not in your home zone. They can also apply for Academies at their home zone school. If you want to learn more about Programs of Choice and Career Academies, please visit <https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/programs/>. Academies are a way for students to learn about a career interest and often obtain certifications in those fields through their elective courses in high school.

The online application for 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.

Nease High School will also be visiting Palm Valley Academy this month to present students with information about Academies, JROTC, and the IB program. This event is for current 8th grade students only, but the school district posts a timeline [here](#) of events with opportunities for families to visit and learn about other schools. You are strongly encouraged to attend the [High School Showcase](#) with your child on December 14 at World Golf Village. Nease High School also offers an [Academy Night](#) on January 19.

If you or your child have any follow up questions, please reach out to me.

Kindly,

Monica Ferguson, Middle School Counselor

Monica.Ferguson@stjohns.k12.fl.us



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	**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



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

HOLIDAY CHEER FOR BOBCATS

We have several opportunities for giving to children in our Bobcat families and also at our sister school, Murray Middle School, this holiday season.

Thank you for your consideration!

Amazon Wish List Link: <https://www.amazon.com/registries/holiday/12NKV7V0QDNDR/guest-view>

Bicycle Sign Up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a49a5a72ea0fe3-bikes>

Please contact School Counselor, Ms. Artina Coma at artina.coma@stjohns.k12.fl.us with any questions.

Thank you!



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DECEMBER RECOGNIZES ALL PILLARS

THE 6 PILLARS OF CHARACTER



TRUSTWORTHINESS



RESPECT



RESPONSIBILITY



FAIRNESS



CARING



CITIZENSHIP



CHARACTER COUNTS



In the month of November, we recognized the pillar of character “CITIZENSHIP”

Do your share to make your school and community better • Cooperate • Get involved in community affairs •
Stay informed; vote • Be a good neighbor • Obey laws and rules • Respect authority •
Protect the environment • Volunteer

Pictured below are our Character Counts Winners for Citizenship. 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



CHARACTER COUNTS



3rd Grade



4th Grade



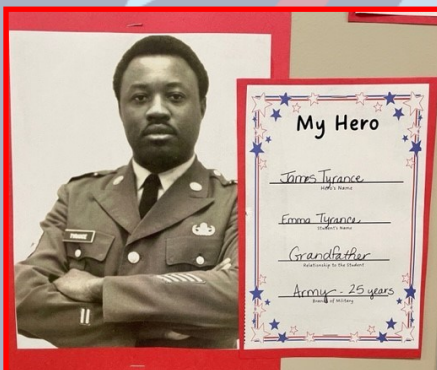
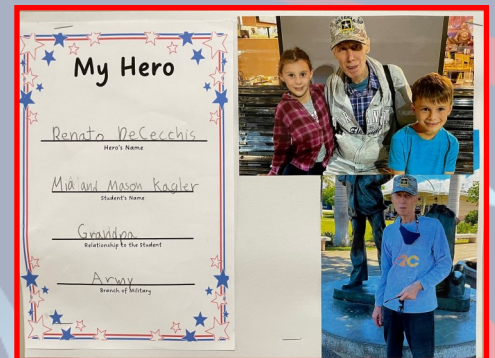
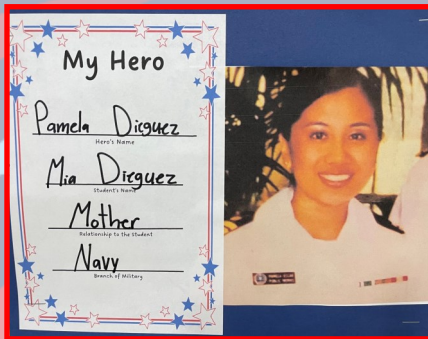
5th Grade



Middle School



Veterans Day at PVA





AROUND PVA



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PALM VALLEY ACADEMY



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



PVA ATHLETICS



NOW OPEN FOR 2023

TENNIS

REGISTRATION

TRYOUTS STARTING

12.12.2022

More details to come!

**\$25
TRYOUT
FEE**

www.sjmsaa.org/tennis





PVA ATHLETICS



SJMSAA NEWS!!



Registration is open for 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders who would like to Try-out for PVA/PIA Golf!

Register Your Student by Visiting

<https://tshq.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=2740888>

*** Please Note: There is a \$25 Non-Refundable Try-out Fee ***

Try-Outs @ Palencia Club

Day 1

Tues. Jan. 25th @ 4:00pm Driving Range/Skills

Day 2

Wed. Jan. 26th @ 3:00pm On Course Play

*** Please Note: Following Day 1 Numbers will be Cut to 16, Final Cuts will be made Following Day 2 ***

Coach

Adam Beamer

abeamermba@gmail.com

If you have any questions, please reach out to our coach. We look forward to seeing you there!



GOOOO BOBCATS!!

FRIENDLY REMINDER...
PVA SJMSAA ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

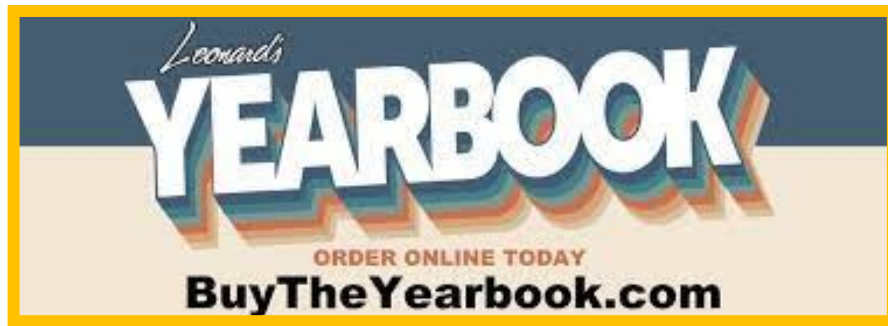
Mrs. Taylor Leigh Beamer

Taylor.Beamer@stjohns.k12.fl.us

NOTICE

The Saint Johns Middle School Athletic Association ("SJMSAA") middle school sports program is not operated or sponsored by the St. Johns County School District. SJMSAA is an independent, private non-profit corporation, which uses District middle school names and facilities under a license agreement with the District, and which is solely responsible for the operation of the SJMSAA middle school sports program and its individual teams.

REMINDERS



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

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

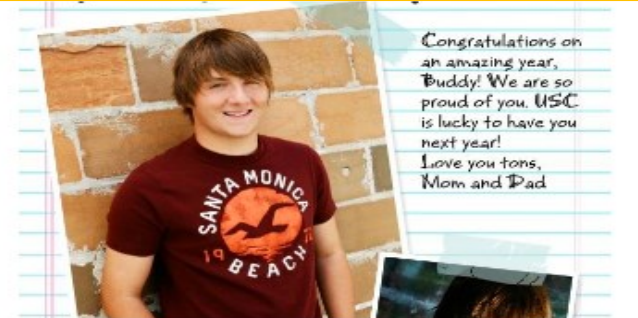
ATTENTION PARENTS:

**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



Winter Break
Teacher and Student Holiday
12/22/2022 - 01/03/2023
Students return 01/05/2023

2022-2023 Partners in Education

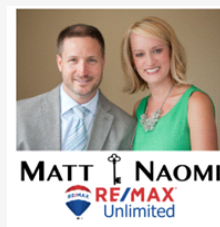


2022-2023 Partners in Education

Heroes



KELLER WILLIAMS,
JACKSONVILLE REALTY



Leaders



Douglas Elliman
REAL ESTATE



DTS Transportation
★ Damian's Transport Services ★
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Supporters



In Kind

