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Palm Valley Academy

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Calendar Highlights

01/16 Martin Luther King day
NO SCHOOL

01/17 and 01/19 SJMSAA BASE-
BALL try-outs @Davis Park 4:00-
5:30PM

01/18 Report Cards issued

01/19 Nease HS Academy Night
6:00 PM

01/24 SJMSAA GOLF try-outs
@Palencia Golf Club 4:00-
5:30PM



January 2023

Greetings PVA Families,

I sincerely hope that everyone was able to find some good times over the holidays amidst all the struggles our community has recently experienced.

We look forward to a new year, new beginnings, and new hope as our students settle back into their routines and schedules.

A few reminders as we look forward to the month ahead:

Any visitors to the building MUST be a cleared volunteer. You can apply for clearance at <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/>

We had a cold snap right before break, resulting in many jackets being turned in to lost and found. We will wait to donate items from first semester for 2 more weeks to give students a chance to claim any misplaced items. Those racks are located in the main hallway across from the cafeteria.

We had originally scheduled our largest fundraiser, the Bobcat Bolt, to kick off this month. However, the committee is re-evaluating the timeline of that event and may push the launch for this program to a little later in the year. We will communicate those details as soon as possible.

Our first home basketball game will be this coming Tuesday, January 10th. Come out and support your Bobcats! Tickets can be purchased at: <https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/PVA-BASKETBALL--PVA-vs-LPA-11023/Se3aaVx> Girls' game is at 5:30, Boys' is immediately after at 6:30. You only need one ticket to attend both games.

Elementary spirit wear contest will resume on Fridays. Students have an opportunity to win class lunch with the principal for having the most spirit wear participation.

Thank you for continuing to send your change of dismissal information through our online portal: <https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=m2MHln92#> Please make these changes by 12:00 Noon the day of the change.

Thank you for your continued support and looking forward to a great month together.

Sincerely,

Dr. Reichenberg

Principal

Character Counts Race



Join the CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee for its 10th Annual CHARACTER COUNTS! 6K/3K Run/Walk on Saturday, February 4, 2023, at 9 a.m. and help us celebrate “10 Years Running!” The run/walk will begin and end at Palencia Elementary School, located at 355 Palencia Village Drive, St. Augustine.

Walkers and runners will enjoy a course running through the neighborhoods of Kensington and Las Calinas and can choose to participate in the 6K (3.73 miles) or 3K (1.86 miles) distance.

Registration fees are as follows:

6K: \$35 January 1-February 2 \$40 on race day

3K: \$30 January 1-February 2 \$35 on race day

Registration forms and more information are available online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/StAugustine/CHARACTERCOUNTSinStJohnsCountySixPillars6K3KRunWalk>

If you'd like to join our PVA team, we'd love to have you!

Race proceeds support CHARACTER COUNTS! initiatives throughout the St. Johns County School District (SJCS D). The run/walk is open to all ages, and the top three winners will be awarded in each of the age categories as well as the overall male and female finishers. A cash donation will be awarded to the top three to five schools with the most registrants. At the finish line, each race participant will receive a finisher's medal.

This event is produced by the CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee and is presented by Beaver Toyota with support from businesses and community groups. Action News Jax CBS47/FOX30 is the official media sponsor of this run/walk.

The SJCS D, along with area businesses, youth organizations and civic groups, selected the national character education program of CHARACTER COUNTS! as a countywide initiative to instill positive character traits in young people throughout the county. Additionally, the SJCS D became the first school district in Florida to implement Pursuing Victory With Honor in all of its athletic programs. Character education is an important part of every School Improvement Plan and a major component of the Student Code of Conduct and the school district's Strategic Plan.

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

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PVA ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

PALM VALLEY ACADEMY ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

| <div>2023</div> <div>JANUARY</div> | SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|------------------------------------|-----|---|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|-----|
| | 1 | 2 Winter Break | 3 | 4 Teacher Planning Day | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| | 8 | 9 3rd Grade Math | 10 2nd Grade Math | 11 Middle School ELA | 12 1st Grade Math | 13 | 14 |
| | 15 | 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday | 17 | 18 | 19 4th Grade Math | 20 5th Grade Math | 21 |
| | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 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



MEDIA NEWS

In December we read **"The Great Spruce"** by **John Duvall** to our fourth and fifth graders.

After listening to the story, the students made some origami trees for us to display on our media windows.

They all did a great job showing off their creative side.



SSYRA books are now available in the media center!!



Stop by the media center to check them out and get a chance to earn a brag tag for all your favorites!!



Celebrate Literacy Week at Palm Valley Academy



January 23-27, 2023

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| Monday, January 23rd | Maritime Monday Wear your sunglasses or cap to kick off the week! |
| Tuesday, January 24th | Tide Tuesday Bring a towel, get <u>comfy</u> , and read! |
| Wednesday, January 25th | Wave Wednesday Catch a wave with words and “Would You Rather” activities. Write and read your answers! |
| Thursday, January 26th | Throwback Thursday Decorate and send a postcard with book recommendations to a friend! |
| Friday, January 27th | Fin-tastic Friday Do you prefer anglerfish or glofish? Either way, bring your flashlight to read in the dark! <u>Don't</u> forget your PVA Spirit Wear! |

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



JANUARY RECOGNIZES RESPECT

THE 6 PILLARS OF CHARACTER



TRUSTWORTHINESS



RESPECT



RESPONSIBILITY



FAIRNESS



CARING



CITIZENSHIP

December "All Pillars" Character Winners





PVA ATHLETICS



RUNNING CAMP

Do you love to run, have fun and be active?
If you answered "YES!" then the Running Camp is for you!
We will meet once a week to train for a 5K race or Fun Run.
Participants will receive a Dri-fit Running Camp T-shirt!

Cost: \$60 (Race entries are NOT included)



Who: Coach Henson, Ms. Buckner, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Lombardi and Ms. Meredith
2nd – 8th graders (space is limited, so register soon)

When: Tuesdays 2:50 - 4:15
Start date: February 7th, 2023
End date: April 25th, 2023

Race Optional:

more race registration information will be sent to Running Camp members

**** THERE ARE LIMITED SPOTS FOR EACH GRADE LEVEL. RUNNING CAMP FILLS UP QUICKLY, SO IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN TO COACH HENSON USE THE QR CODE TO MAKE PAYMENT****

If you have any questions, please contact
Coach Henson al.henson@stjohns.k12.fl.us



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



SJMSAA



Saint Johns Middle School Athletic Association

SJMSAA GOLF



**MIDDLE SCHOOL
2023 GOLF
REGISTRATION**

**OPEN FOR RESIDENTS AGED
10 THROUGH 8TH GRADE IN
ST JOHNS COUNTY**

TRYOUTS BEGIN IN JANUARY

**SEASON RUNS
MARCH THROUGH JUNE**



SJMSAA

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. 24th @ 4:00pm – est. 5:30pm
Driving Range/Skills

***** Please Note: Possible Day 2 Depending on Numbers and Cuts Following Day 1 *****

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.

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BASEBALL

Spring Season

**REGISTRATION
OPENS
DEC. 15TH**

**TRYOUTS IN
JANUARY**

**SEASON RUNS
MARCH TO MAY**

Open to all SJC Middle School Age Residents



SJMSAA

REGISTER ON SJMSAA.COM



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SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

OPENS 1/1/2023

Register @ sjmsaa.com/softball



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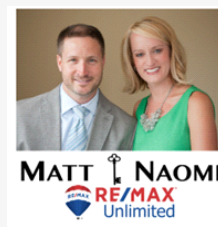


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