

Principal's Note

Palm Valley Academy: Week of 8/28 – 9/1

Dear PVA Families,

Another great week behind us- Please take time to review the below information, reminders and upcoming events.

Until next weekend, take care and Go BOBCATS!

INFO FOR ALL (K-8)

Arrival Reminders/Updates

- The carline is open for arrival between 8:05am and 8:35am
 - Early Arrivals (PRIOR TO 8:05): If you arrive prior to 8:05am, students must stay inside their vehicles as staff members are NOT in their duty spots and ready to welcome students.
 - Late Arrivals (8:35am-8:45am): Students and teachers must be allotted time to get to their classes by 8:40am for the day to begin. Thus, starting at 8:35am, the carline will be shut down (cars already in the line will be unloaded by staff), the middle gate will be opened and cars will be ushered over to the bus loop where students will unload, be given a tardy slip and head onto class. Parents, for these first couple of weeks, we will also hand you a TARDY ALERT flyer as a gentle reminder to the arrival times. As a parent, I certainly understand tough mornings are a part of life and that's ok, but when at all possible its important students are on campus and in class prior to the day beginning. Thank you for your support and understanding.
 - Arriving past 8:45am: The school staff has obligations and must be in the building by 8:45am. Any cars arriving 8:45am will need to park and walk students in the front office.
- Car-tags MUST BE DISPLAYED UNTIL STUDENTS ARE IN YOUR VEHICLE and have the following information: FIRST NAME, LAST NAME, GRADE LEVEL. Thank you!
- Students MUST enter and exit on the passenger side of the vehicle.
- Adults MUST remain in vehicles at all times.

Cell Phones/Smart Watches

It is a state mandate and SJCSD Policy that all cellphones and smartwatches are off and away during instructional blocks during the school day. Students

may have phones/watches out upon arrival and dismissal, but they must be turned off and put away at all other times. The only exception to this is the middle school policy, which allows phones/watches to be on during transitions.

- Elementary (K-5): ALL Phones and Smart Watches are off and in their backpacks at all time.
- Middle School (6-8): Students will turn-off phones/watches and place in the teachers provided pocket chart, where they will stay until students are dismissed. Additionally, ONE EAR BUD may be used during arrival and dismissal, but off and away at any other point of the day.

We kindly ask that parents continue to assist us in discussing appropriate cell phones use regarding restrooms, pictures/videos, and social media. We appreciate your support and understanding.

PVA Curriculum Chats

Elementary Open House- September 7, 2023 @ 5:00-8:00pm (SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR DETAILS)

GRADE SPECIFIC INFO (K-8)

Middle School Transitions/Book-Bags (6-8)

As your students begin to dig into the curriculum, their backpacks and belongings are going to become more and more cumbersome. Please remind students to clean out backpacks as often as necessary. I will be speaking to teachers about potentially consolidating binders and materials as well. Just a reminder, locker information (including combinations) have been assigned and are uploaded on HAC for student access.

PVA's First Cross County Running Club is NOW! (6-8)

What is Cross Country?

Cross country is competitive distance running over varying terrain. At the middle school level, students race 3km, (1.86 miles). High School runners race 5km, (3.1 miles).

The PVA Cross Country Club is designed to introduce students to distance running, goal setting, running competition and promote physical fitness and training skills. We will begin practice sessions on Tuesday, September 5th. The club will meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00pm to 4:00pm, at the outdoor PE Court.

***SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR FURTHER DETAILS! ***

PTO HAPPENINGS (ALL GRADES)

- Friday night's Back to School Bingo was a fantastic event! Tables were packed, bellies were full (thank you Trascas!), and fun was had by all those who attended. Thank you to our PTO for organizing such a great event! More to come soon!

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:

- Thursday, September 7th
 - Elementary Curriculum Chat @ 5:00-8:00pm. Details attached!

That's all for now Bobcats. Have a great week!

Respectfully,

Zach