

PVA: View from the Valley

Palm Valley Academy: Week of 9/25-10/1

I hope everyone had a wonderful weekend, I for one am extremely tired after facing the heat today with a few teachers and a good number of parent volunteers to celebrate some of middle school students who were honored as HONOR ROWS STUDENTS at the Jaguars game this afternoon. While the Jags play was ice cold, the air was sweltering! The weather aside, it was fun to see the kids cheering throughout and making some great memories!

Similar to last week, just a reminder to please take note of **Upcoming PTO Happenings** and **Important Dates of Note** sections to stay on top of all the activities and upcoming events as we also approach a highly anticipated and very busy holiday season.

Take care and Go BOBCATS!

Zach Strom

INFO FOR ALL (K-8)

Cell Phones/Smart Watches *(A Continued Announcement)*

- This continues to be an issue for some. Parents- if you need to reach your children please call the front office. If a student is on their phone taking a call at any point during the school day, the phone will be confiscated. We really have ZERO wiggle room with this. Please see the below for State Mandates and SJCSD Policy:

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.

At PVA, the **progressive discipline for unauthorized phone use** is as follows:

1. First violation is immediate confiscation of the phone or electronic device, which can be picked up at the front desk during dismissal.

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2. Second violation is immediate confiscation of the phone or electronic device, which must then be picked up at the front desk by a authorized parent or guardian at the end of the day.
3. A third violation is immediate confiscation and a one week "ban" where the phone or electronic device should be left at home, or checked into the front desk of the office upon arrival. If checked, the device will remain off and away until retrieved by the student at the end of the day.

As a reminder, there should not be ANY phone calls or communication with outside individuals during the instructional hours of 8:40-3:00pm. If you need to reach your child, please call the front desk... if outside communication is witnessed and/or confirmed to have happened, the above steps are skipped will be followed. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH THIS. I'm really trying not to ban them from school all together.

GRADE SPECIFIC INFO (K-8)

RRRRr Ya SERRRRRIOUS!? THAT WAS GREEEEAT!!! (K-5)

Last Tuesday's Kindergarten TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY was a HUGE success! Thanks to all who participated and helped make the day so special for our littles!

This Week's Volleyball Game, Thursday, 9/28 is a BLACK OUT! (6-8)

Lets fill the gym with support and cheers as our Bobcats continue to battle through their schedule against fellow K-8 Academies... This Thursday's game will be at home vs. Pine Island Academy and we are letting in all students wearing a black shirt for a BLACK OUT THEMED NIGHT! Come support your fellow Bobcats!

PVA BAND BOOSTERS SPIRIT NIGHT @ THE LOOP! (6-8)

Reminder, this Tuesday is PVA Band Spirit Night at The Loop **September 26th and runs from 4pm to 8pm**. A percentage of The Loop's proceeds will go straight to our boosters in order to help provide new instruments and music to our students. However, for your purchase to qualify for the event you must mention the PVA band at checkout. I have attached a flyer with more information on this night! Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

MS Field Trips this year (6-8)

Know that additional information is forthcoming, however, please note the following trips and proposed dates of our bigger end of the year grade level field trips. Dates and locations are subject to change, but as of now, this is what has been added to our calendars:

6th Grade - Wild Adventures April 5th

7th Grade - Sea World April 26th

8th Grade - Washington DC January 28th – February 2nd

8th Grade – Busch Gardens (Gradventure) May 10th

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PTO HAPPENINGS (ALL GRADES)

- Charleston Wrap Fundraiser is ongoing! See below.
 - Our fundraising goal is \$7,000.00. With over 2,500 gift ideas there is something for everyone on your holiday gift list which means your support can really help us reach our goal! Be sure to REGISTER online today at www.registercw.com and START SHARING our fundraiser with your family and friends! Once you register, text, email, and share our fundraiser on social media! Kiddos will win prizes for registering, sharing, items sold, and the most items sold in the school!!
- Book Fair is coming!
 - Set up in PVA's Multi-Purpose Room
 - October 4th - October 13th
 - Further details to come!

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:

- Tuesday, September 26th
 - PVA BAND BOOSTERS SPIRIT NIGHT
 - THE LOOP (Nocatee) from 4-8pm! See you there!
- Wednesday, September 27th
 - Character Counts Pillar Celebration for **FAIRNESS!**
 - Awards Breakfast from 7:30-8:00am (paper invitation to be sent home)
- Thursday, September 28th
 - Volleyball HOME vs. PIA
 - Girls start @ 5:30pm. Boys to follow.
 - IT'S A **BLACK OUT!** Students, wear a black shirt, get in for FREE!

SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, October 3rd

School Advisory Committee (SAC TEAM) Meeting – All are welcome to attend!

October 4th – October 13th

The PVA BOOK FAIR IS BACK! Be on the lookout for additional details soon!

Sunday, October 22nd

ITS BACK!!! JOIN US FOR TONS OF AFTERNOON FUN AT PVA'S FALL FESTIVAL!

- Additional Details coming SOON!