

# BOBCAT **SEPTEMBER** Bulletin

**Palm Valley Academy**

**Volume 6, Issue 1 — September 2023**

## **Calendar Highlights**

- 09/04 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**
- 09/05 SAC Meeting @ 4 PM**
- 09/06 BEGINNING BAND**  
Instrument Rental Night  
@6 PM
- 09/06 Football Game @5 PM**  
vs Patriot Oaks
- 09/07 Elementary Curriculum**  
Chat and OPEN HOUSE  
@5:00—8:00 PM
- 09/12 INTERIMS ISSUED**  
Middle School Tailgate  
Volleyball Games vs LPA  
Home @ 5:30/6:30 PM
- 09/13 Football Game @5 PM**  
vs Pine Island Academy
- 09/14 Volleyball games vs MCA**  
Away @ 5:30/6:30 PM
- 09/19 Volleyball games vs VRA**  
Home @ 5:30/6:30 PM
- 09/20 Football Game @5 PM**  
vs Freedom Crossing  
PTO General Meeting  
@6 PM
- 09/21 Volleyball games vs FCA**  
Away @ 5:30/6:30 PM

Just one small  
positive thought in the  
morning can change  
your whole day.

Good Evening PVA Families –

It is hard to believe that we are already in the month of September and already at the mid-point of this first quarter! Our teachers have done a tremendous job of establishing new rituals and routines with your kiddos and we are quickly ramping up our curriculum based instruction and into a busy season of fun and memorable activities.

Just a few reminders for those who are new to us, or to those who may need a reminder:

All visitors to our school MUST have approved volunteer clearance. Please visit the following link to apply - <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com> apply/ If you have not done this process in over 3 years, you must reapply. Please check with the front office if you are unsure of your clearance status.

Report Cards and Interims will continue to be available online through Home Access Center (HAC) this year. If you have not been able to access your HAC account, please visit the following link for directions - <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/> If you have any issues or questions, please contact [Mary.Dominguez@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Mary.Dominguez@stjohns.k12.fl.us) for middle school and [Kathleen.McClung@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Kathleen.McClung@stjohns.k12.fl.us) for elementary inquiries.

There is a lot of information in this newsletter about upcoming activities and opportunities, both at school and within the community. I will also continue with my weekly Principal's Note in an effort to keep you all in the know of all things here at PVA.

The staff and I both look forward to a great month of learning, fun and celebrations! Looking forward to making this a year none will soon forget!

Thank you for your continued support.

Zach Strom - Palm Valley Academy Principal

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

## Meet the Counselors

**Kristi Frick**  
**KG — 2nd**

[kristi.frick@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:kristi.frick@stjohns.k12.fl.us)



Welcome back to school! This is my first year at PVA and I am looking forward to working with your kiddos! I will be the kindergarten-second grade school counselor this year. I recently moved from New Jersey, where I was a kindergarten teacher and a school counselor for a total of 14 years. I will be teaching character education lessons throughout the year to the classes on topics such as how to be a good friend, honesty, fairness, feelings, and more. I am excited to get to know your children better. Its going to be an awesome year! Please reach out to me at any time if you have any questions or concerns.

### [OUR AMAZON WISH LIST](#)

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1431BAWPVFK4A?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1431BAWPVFK4A?ref=wl_share)

**Corinne Fennelly**  
**3rd — 5th**

[corinne.fennelly@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:corinne.fennelly@stjohns.k12.fl.us)



Hello! I am so happy to be back at PVA! I was a child and family mental health counselor for fifteen years before becoming a school counselor four years ago. I am originally from Pittsburgh, PA (Go Steelers!) but lived in Atlanta for 20 years (Go Braves!) before moving to Nocatee seven years ago. I have two teenagers and I love spending time with my family, my two dogs and two cats.

I will be working with grades 3-5. I am here to support teachers and your student any way that I can. My goal is to help students thrive academically, socially and emotionally. I believe every student should feel safe and know that they matter. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can assist in any way. The best way to reach me is email. I look forward to a great year! Go Bobcats!!

**Monica Ferguson**  
**6th — 8th**

[monica.ferguson@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:monica.ferguson@stjohns.k12.fl.us)



Hello! A little about me:

- Year 4 at PVA, Year 6 as a School Counselor
- Grew up in Maryland and attended UMD (Go Terps!)
- Has a senior beagle (14 years old) named Sunny
- Disney World passholder

Please reach out regarding social/emotional needs for your child, academic concerns, and help with questions about the high school selection process. I am very responsive by e-mail, and I love helping simplify the middle school experience for parents.

I look forward to seeing your children grow and have a successful year!

# 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. Frick K—3

Ms. Fennelly 4—5

Ms. Ferguson 6—8



## THE 6 PILLARS OF CHARACTER



TRUSTWORTHINESS



RESPECT



RESPONSIBILITY



FAIRNESS



CARING



CITIZENSHIP

## PILLAR OF THE MONTH—SEPTEMBER



### FAIRNESS

Play by the rules • Take turns and share • Be open-minded; listen to others • Don't take advantage of others • Don't blame others carelessly • Treat all people fairly

At Palm Valley Academy, the St. Johns County Pillars of Character and student leadership are considered to be vitally important to our students' development. Incorporating these practices within our school environment and curriculum helps students become caring contributors to society and equips them for success in the 21st century. Critical skills and characteristics such as: trustworthiness, motivation, problem solving skills, goal setting, personal responsibility and the value of teamwork are embedded throughout the school day.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## PALM VALLEY ACADEMY ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

2023 SEPTEMBER	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2
	3	4 Holiday	5 Grade 3 Reading	6	7 Grade 4 Math	8 Grade 5 Reading	9
	10	11	12	13 Middle School Reading	14	15 Grade 5 Math	16
	17	18	19 Grade 3 Math	20 Middle School Math	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	2	<b>**Assessment Calendar is subject to change. Make-up exams will be given as soon as possible upon a student's return to school**</b>					

Testing Coordinator Ms. Audra Wilson

[audra.wilson@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:audra.wilson@stjohns.k12.fl.us)



2023-2024

### Elementary Curriculum Chats Thursday, September 7th

Please join us at the times below to learn more about your student's class, expectations, and coursework they will encounter this year.

Times are staggered to reduce traffic and to allow families to visit multiple classes.

Grade Level	Time
Kindergarten	5:00pm-5:30pm
1 <sup>st</sup>	5:30pm-6:00pm
2 <sup>nd</sup>	6:00pm-6:30pm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30pm-7:00pm
4 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm-7:30pm
5 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm-8:00pm



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## FRONT OFFICE HOURS AND PROCEDURES

Front Office Hours: 7:45am - 3:45pm

School Hours: 8:40am - 3:00pm

Wednesdays: 8:40am - 2:00pm Early Release

**\*\* Pickup Cutoff Times: 2:15pm and 1:15pm on Wednesdays \*\***



**Checkout:** A student who is ill should be checked out through the main office. Teachers will be informed of students dismissed for illness.

**Tardiness:** School begins at 8:40 a.m. Any student reporting to school after that time is tardy. Any tardy student must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to the front office door to receive an admittance slip before going to the classroom. Tardiness is disruptive to the learning environment and has a negative impact on student achievement.

**Early Release/Check-out:** Children will be released only to their parents/guardians or authorized persons on student's Emergency Contact List. **Remember a PHOTO ID is required.** Based on district policy, any student who checks-out prior to 11:40 a.m. is considered absent for the entire day. Palm Valley Academy has six hours and 20 minutes of academic time each day, making the half-day mark fall at 11:40 a.m. **Students may not be checked out later than 2:15 p.m. each day and 1:15 p.m. on Wednesdays; this is our time dedicated to dismissal preparation.**

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## ATTENDANCE POLICY

Regular school attendance is a necessary part of a student's education. Excessive absences impair a student's educational progress, impacts whether the student passes or fails a grade, and may result in court proceedings and/or the loss of driving privileges. Students will be considered absent when they miss 50% of their school day. Absences shall be classified and treated as follows:

**Excused absences include:** personal illness, family emergency, death in the family, religious holidays of the student's established religious faith, required court or law agency appearances, public functions, state competitions, scheduled doctor or dentist appointments.

**Unexcused absences include:** shopping trips, pleasure trips, suspension from school, appointments without prior approval except in case of emergency, truancy.

For a complete list of excused and unexcused absences, students and parents should refer to the Student Code of Conduct <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/schoolservices/conduct/>



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## eSchoolPlus Home Access Center (HAC)

**HAC** Parents and Guardians will be able to view and/or print their child's educational information and report cards from Palm Valley Academy through HAC. If you need a HAC login or HAC password reset, please go directly to the [HAC website](#). For important information, please make sure to read [HAC Directions](#) first. If you are experiencing issues with obtaining your HAC access, please email [Mary Dominguez](#).



**PayPAMS** can be used to prepay for students' cafeteria meals online. Students may bring cash or check to pay for lunch or make pre-payments to the student's meal account with VISA, MasterCard or Discover credit card through the PayPams online system. For cash or check, please indicate the student's name and meal account number. For more information on PayPams, check your First Day Folder or access their website at: <https://www.paypams.com> or call 1-888-994-5100.



**SchoolPay** is used to pay online for other school-related expenses such as extended day program fees, PE uniforms and lockers. For more information and to create an account visit <https://www.schoolpay.com>



**SchoolMessenger®** is a rapid phone, email, and/or text notification system provided by our school district to communicate important or emergency information efficiently. This system will be used for providing accurate information to parents/guardians about safety and daily attendance, as well as communication from the principal. For more information about the SchoolMessenger® Communication System, please visit the following site: <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/schoolmessenger/>

## Access to our School

To visit our school beyond the front desk, a School Access Form application must be completed and approved. Please go to <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply> to complete the application. Expect the clearance process to take around 3 weeks. Clearance access is good for 3 years. If your clearance is nearing expiration, you may need to resubmit. You can call the front office to check on the status of your clearance. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to visit and volunteer at PVA. Teachers determine and preapprove volunteer duties within their classroom, meetings and conferences. Parents may not bring siblings when volunteering. Please do not access your cell phone while visiting/volunteering. It is the expectation that all visitors abide by the student dress code when visiting/volunteering at PVA.



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## RAINY DAY DISMISSAL PROCEDURES



2023 - 2024

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### RAINY DAY HOLD vs. RELEASE

#### What you need to know...

Rainy day dismissals require an all-hands on deck approach, in which we will all need to work diligently to ensure students get home safe and sound. This is not an ideal dismissal scenario, but by working together, all students will get home as safely and quickly as possible. We appreciate your patience and support as we work to accomplish this feat.

There are TWO different types of Rainy Day Dismissals that we will use at PVA. One for passing weather and another for severe, sustained weather. Depending on local skies, administration will make the call to do one or the other by 2:40 p.m. if at all possible. A school messenger will be sent out announcing the dismissal changes (BE SURE YOU ARE SIGNED UP AND RECIEVEING TEXT ALERTS VIA SCHOOL MESSENGER). Please read and become familiar with BOTH types of Rainy Day Dismissals and prepare as necessary.

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#### **RAINY DAY HOLD:**

A **Rainy Day HOLD** will be called when inclement weather is in the area but looks to be quickly passing. If this is called, all bridge goers will be held within the building. Once the weather lightens and it is safe for student travel, the hold will be lifted and students will be able to dismiss as normal. In a HOLD, students will go home as planned, they will just be **delayed**. A school messenger will be communicated to parents both when the Rainy Day HOLD is placed and when it is lifted. **No check-outs will occur at this time.**

#### **RAINY DAY RELEASE:**

A **Rainy Day RELEASE** will be called when inclement weather is in the area and looks to be long lasting. If this is announced, all BIKER/WALKER/GOLF CART students will be held within the building and **EVERYONE** will become a car rider. The bridge gates will remain locked and closed, as NO walk-up check-outs will be allowed. A school messenger will be communicated to parents when a Rainy Day RELEASE is announced (no later than 2:40 p.m.) so arrangements can be made for student pick-up. AGAIN, THERE WILL BE NO BRIDGE ACCESS WHEN A RAINY DAY RELEASE IS CALLED AND ALL STUDENTS WILL BE CAR RIDERS. Please make sure you have your students name and grade level on your dashboard, along with your ID.

***\*In the event of Rainy Day Hold or Release, please be attentive to all School Messenger alerts and messages\****

# SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

## A MESSAGE FROM DEPUTY MARK WILSON

Hey Bobcats!

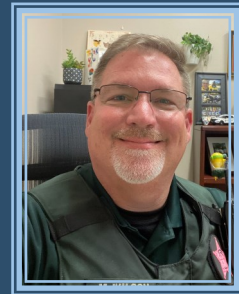
I hope everyone is settling in for the 2023-2024 school year. I'm so happy to be back and see your smiling faces. I'm also proud to be a part of the PVA Safety Patrol program this year as a law enforcement partner. Please take a minute when you see them, to congratulate the Bobcats who were chosen to be a part of this year's safety patrol team members to include our middle school mentors.

Bobcat Safety for September

- \*Kiddos please remain buckled up and, in your seat while riding in the car.
- \*Electric scooter and bicycle riders, please give right of way to pedestrians.
- \*Always wear a helmet while biking, skating or on your scooter.
- \*Grownups, please be mindful that the speed limit on campus is 10mph.
- \*Golf carts are not permitted on Bobcat Ln (beyond the golf cart loop) unless the cart has a tag.

Together we can reduce accidents and keep our Bobcats safe.

Be well,  
Deputy Mark



**FORTIFYFL**  
Suspicious Activity Reporting App

See suspicious activity  
at your school?  
Report it.

Visit [www.getfortifyfl.com](http://www.getfortifyfl.com) to  
submit a tip or download the app

#FORTIFYFLORIDA

**FortifyFL** is a website and app developed at the direction of the Florida Legislature. Any student, educator, parent or member of the public can report school safety concerns directly to law enforcement and school administrators anonymously and easily through the **FortifyFL** app or [getfortifyfl.com](http://getfortifyfl.com).



# HEALTH SPOTLIGHT

## **Health Clinic - Welcome Back to School!** **School Nurses – Alice Fasula and Kara Whitchurch**

<https://www-pva.stjohns.k12.fl.us/clinic/>

### **Checklist for students with medical needs:**

**New medical diagnosis, needs or alerts?** It is important that the school has up to date medical information. If you need to add anything to your student's health record, please send in a written note ("Attention: School Nurse") to be placed with your student's file.

#### **Need to leave medication at school?**

1. Download forms from the PVA "Health Clinic" department webpage. (See link above)
2. Bring the forms in to your pediatrician. A parent *and* doctor must sign the forms for them to be valid.
3. Medications must be in their original container with a readable pharmacy/consumer label, **unopened and unexpired**. Please see our Medication Policy on the website for any further questions.

**Dropping off supplies and medication?** Bring your orders and supplies to the school during office hours to briefly meet with a nurse.

#### **All medication must be documented with the clinic**

It is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct for children to be carrying any medication (prescription or over the counter) with them at school without proper documentation. All medication must have a doctor's order on file in the clinic. Middle schoolers may carry over the counter medication *only with a signed form by the parent on file in the clinic*. Any violations will be brought up to Administration. Medication forms and more information can be found on the PVA Clinic Website.

### **Change of Clothing for Elementary Students:**

Accidents happen! Food spills, mud puddles, and more.

Elementary Parents: PLEASE keep a spare set of clothing in a Ziploc in your child's backpack. This will save them the trip to the clinic or a phone call home to find new clothes and change.

### **Healthy Back-to-School Habits: Preparing for a Successful School Year**

- Eat well and stay active. Healthy students are better learners.
- Bring a water bottle every day, stay hydrated.
- Make sleep a priority. Start a routine of a regular bed and wake-up times
- Regularly wash your hands and prevent the spread of germs. ...

**Thank you – Nurse Alice and Nurse Kara**



# AROUND PVA

In the **media center** we have 2 students who have finished reading all **15 SSYRA books** for grades 3-5. Way to go Bobcats! In **4<sup>th</sup> Grade...**

**Anika G**



How many will you read?

**Vivian S**



## School Advisory Council



Are you looking to get involved? We would love for you to consider joining our School Advisory Council!

### What is a School Advisory Council?

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a school-based group intended to represent the school, the community, and those persons closest to the students that shares responsibility for supporting the school's continuous improvement.

### What is the role of the SAC?

The SAC is responsible for final decision-making at the school relating to the annual implementation of a schoolwide improvement plan (SIP). The SAC assists in the annual preparation of both the SIP and the school's annual budget, as well as the evaluation of the SIP.

If you're interested, we would love for you to join us for the first SAC meeting of the 2023-2024 school year on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in the Palm Valley Academy Media Center. If you have additional questions, please contact Shauna Smalling ([shauna.smalling@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:shauna.smalling@stjohns.k12.fl.us)) or Chris Arcuri ([christopher.arcuri@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:christopher.arcuri@stjohns.k12.fl.us)). We hope to see you there!



# AROUND PVA



Ms. Munoz's KG class



Ms. Adamo's 1st grade class



Ms. Crawford's 4th grade class





# AROUND PVA

## Registration is Now OPEN!



### Cheer Camp

Friday, October 13  
5:00 - 8:00 pm @ PVA Gym

PARENT PERFORMANCE: 8pm

**REGISTRATION FEE:**  
\$75 per camper

◆ INCLUDES T-SHIRT, BOW,  
POMS, AND PIZZA DINNER ◆

### OPEN TO ALL K-5TH KIDS!

- Parents' Night Out!!
- PVA Cheerleaders will teach cheers & dances for campers to perform
- Register by September 29 to ensure your camper receives a t-shirt

### GAME DAY PERFORMANCE:

October 18 @ Nease High School  
during PVA Football halftime

**SCAN TO  
REGISTER**





## Middle School Happenings

# Beginning Band Instrument Rental Night



**September 6th**

**6:00-7:00 PM**

**Palm Valley Academy Band Room**



**Students will be fitted for instruments during class time within the first weeks of school.**

**Instruments will be available for rental, purchase, or rent-to-own through Rhapsody Music on September 6th.**

**Email [jordan.mattheus@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:jordan.mattheus@stjohns.k12.fl.us) with any questions**



## Middle School VolleyBall TAILGATE

*It's a WhiteOut!*



**SEPT. 12TH**

**4:30pm-5:30pm**

**Palm Valley Bobcats Vs. Liberty Pines**

**FUN ACTIVITIES:** Basketball, Cornhole, Spike Ball, 4 Square and More!!

**FREE ADMISSION:** To Middle Schoolers who Wear White!!

**FREE FOOD:** Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Chips, and Soda!!

***Come and Join the Fun!***

# Middle School Athletics



## 2023 BOBCAT FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

AWAY / BYE

AUG 24 BYE

AUG 30 BYE

HOME

**SEP 6** **PATRIOT OAKS**  
5PM PLANTATION PARK TURF

**SEP 13** **PINE ISLAND**  
5PM NEASE HIGH SCHOOL

AUG 30 BYE

**OCT 12** **LIBERTY PINES**  
5PM BEACHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

**SEP 20** **FREEDOM CROSSING**  
5PM CORNERSTONE PARK

Wear **GOLD** in loving memory of Ava Jones

**OCT 4** **SEBASTIAN**  
7PM CREEKSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Wear **PINK** for Breast Cancer Awareness

**OCT 18** **MILL CREEK**  
5PM NEASE HIGH SCHOOL

*Homecoming* **BLACK OUT**

\*Bobcat Cheer Kiddie Clinic Halftime Performance,  
in loving memory of Sofia Cardona\*

**OCT 25** **VALLEY RIDGE**  
7PM NEASE HIGH SCHOOL

**NEON NIGHT**  
8th Grade Night



# Middle School Athletics

## 2023 Volleyball Schedule

### HOME

Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> vs Liberty Pines  
Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> vs Valley Ridge  
Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> BYE week  
Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> vs Pine Island  
Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> vs Patriot Oaks  
Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> vs Mill Creek  
Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> vs Freedom Crossing  
Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> BYE week

November PLAYOFFS

### AWAY

Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> vs Mill Creek  
Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> vs Freedom Crossing  
Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> vs Liberty Pines  
Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> vs Valley Ridge  
Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> vs Pine Island  
Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> vs Patriot Oaks



Girls play at 5:30 pm / Boys play at 6:30 pm

For questions regarding PVA Volleyball or Basketball, please contact Chris Parker  
at [christopher.parker@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:christopher.parker@stjohns.k12.fl.us)



# Middle School Athletics

## Join the PVA Cross Country Club



**Grades 6 – 8 ONLY**

### **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 5<sup>th</sup>**.

The club will meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00pm to 4:15pm, at the outdoor PE Court.

Our competition schedule is being developed, but plan on five meets taking place on Saturday mornings, (one possible Wednesday after school), through September and October.

**THE CLUB WILL BE LIMITED TO 40 MEMBERS**

**Participation Fee:** \$65 - to cover the costs of competition shirts and team entry fees.

### **Forms to Complete:**

- A. Start Here to Sign Up [Permission form and Student Information](#)
- B. [Physical Evaluation Form](#)
- C. [Palm Valley Sports Physical Liability Waiver](#)

**What do I need?** A good pair of running shoes and clothing that wicks away moisture. Please bring water, (stay hydrated during the day). Also, a post workout snack.

**Getting Home:** You must arrange transportation home. There is not an after school activities bus. Car riders can meet parent/guardian at the pick-up car line by 4:15 pm.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Sassa:

[Lawrence.Sassa@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Lawrence.Sassa@stjohns.k12.fl.us)





# PVA BOBCAT PRIDE



WE **P**URSUE EXCELLENCE.

WE **V**ALUE ALL.

WE **A**CHIEVE SUCCESS.

**WE ARE PVA!**

**BOBCATS SHOW  
PRIDE, WE ARE...**

**P**REPARED  
**R**ESPECTFUL  
**I**NSPIRED  
**D**ETERMINED  
**E**NGAGED

## Student Handbook

The **STUDENT HANDBOOK** provides information directly related to Palm Valley Academy programs, building practices, policies, general information and beyond. You are encouraged to review the entire handbook and use it as a reference guide throughout the school year.

<https://www-pva.stjohns.k12.fl.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/PVA-Student-Handbook-2022-2023.pdf>

Thank you to **Reba Barkley** at **Davidson Realty** for the generous donation of backpacks and school supplies for some of our students.

The PVA community is grateful for you!



# PVA PTO NEWS

## PTO Membership...

- Thank you to everyone who has joined the PTO so far this school year!
- Mr. Strom generously paid the fees for all teachers and staff to be members this school year!
- We have started the school year strong and could not do it without the support of each Bobcat family!
- If you have not had a chance to join yet, click here: <https://pvapto.org/Join-us>



### Your donations at work!

We had a lofty goal of stocking the STEAM classrooms from the Bobcat Bolt donations last school year. This summer we were able to order lots of equipment for both elementary and middle school. We cannot wait to see the learning the students will be able to do now!



Our goal at Palm Valley Academy is to raise funds to provide school-wide academic activities, school programs, and educational materials and equipment for all students and teachers. The PTO also provides appreciation events for our staff and miscellaneous expenses that arise throughout the school year.

While volunteers are always welcome, joining the PTO is not a commitment to volunteer. Your membership shows support for our school and is greatly appreciated by the children and staff. Every membership dollar will be reflected in your child's growth and development.

ALL members will receive a monthly newsletter and access to an online membership directory.

Thank you for your consideration in purchasing a PVA PTO membership! We look forward to an exciting year ahead!

### 2023-2024 Membership Levels

Click today button below to learn more. ALL members will receive a PVA car magnet to show your support of the Bobcats!



**Teacher Membership- \$10**  
PVA Magnet & Entered to win swag at monthly staff breakfast.



**Bronze Level - \$25 Contribution**  
PVA Magnet



**Silver Level - \$50 Contribution**  
PVA Magnet & \$10 Spirit Wear Voucher



**Gold Level - \$130 Contribution**  
PVA Magnet, \$10 Spirit Wear Voucher, 1 Yearbook\*



**Platinum Level - \$250 Contribution**  
PVA Magnet, \$10 Spirit Wear Voucher, 1 Yearbook\*, VIP Access \*\*



**Bobcat Level - \$500 Contribution**  
PVA Magnet, \$10 Spirit Wear Voucher, 1 Yearbook\*, VIP Access\*\*, Overflow lot parking tag

\*Must join Gold, Platinum or Bobcat level by September 30th to receive 1 free yearbook. Need student name and homeroom teacher for distribution.

\*\*VIP access- Early admission to announced PTO events (possibly Book Fair, Holiday Shop, BINGO and Fall Festival). Priority early volunteer sign-up to events.

\*\*\*Overflow lot parking tag- Bypass car line/ golf cart line and drop off/pick up in the overflow lot (cannot be used during rainy day dismissal.)

# PVA PTO NEWS

*Fall Fundraiser*  
*Be on the lookout*  
*for your*  
*Charleston Wrap*  
*Package*  
*09/11 to 09/27*

*Charleston Wrap®*  
BETTER PRODUCTS. BETTER FUNDRAISING.



## 2023—2024 PTO BOARD

President: **Beth Gassner**

President Elect: **Honesty Harless**

VP Middle School: **Jessica Dareneau**

VP Elementary: **Anne Powers**

Treasurer: **Brittany Hulsey**

Recording Secretary: **Nicole Callis**

Correspondence Secretary: **Brooke Conners**



Our apparel store is currently open! If you missed the opportunity to order this summer, now is your chance! The store closes on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>.

We have short sleeve, long sleeve, sweatshirts, totes, water bottles and garden flag options.

Order here: <https://pvabacktoschoolpart2.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

Palm Valley Academy PTO would like to thank our 2023-2024 Partners in Education for their wonderful support at the start of this academic year. Partners have been able to attend several of our early events and host a table at “Meet the Teacher”, “Elementary Curriculum Chats” and “Middle School Walk Your Schedule”.

Thank you to **Ponte Vedra Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics** for sponsoring our Kindergarten “Tears and Cheers” breakfast!

Thank you to **Rice Orthodontics** for sponsoring the staff back to school lunch! They felt the Pub Sub Love!

We are also grateful to **Burn Bootcamp Ponte Vedra** and **Inner Strength Physical Therapy** for providing goodies at the staff back to school breakfast!

If anyone would like anymore information about the Partners in Education program at PVA and would like to get involved, please contact Bev Ardabili at [partnerspvapto@gmail.com](mailto:partnerspvapto@gmail.com)



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