

BOBCAT

November Bulletin

Palm Valley Academy

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Calendar Highlights

11/1 Baseball JV vs Pacetti
11/2 Baseball Varsity vs MCA
11/6 Baseball JV vs Pacetti
11/6 Girls Varsity Soccer vs Gamble Rogers **HOME COMING**
11/7 SAC Meeting @ 4:00pm (Library)
11/7 Middle School Task Force Meeting @ 4:30pm (following SAC)
11/7 Baseball Varsity vs Pacetti
11/7 Girls Volleyball Playoffs @ LPA @ 5:30pm
11/7 Boys Volleyball Playoffs @ POA @ 5:30pm
11/8 Hall of Heroes Nominations **DUE TO HOMEROOM TEACHERS**
11/9 Girls Varsity Soccer vs Pacetti
11/9 Baseball Varsity vs Landrum
11/9 Middle School Dance
11/10 **STUDENT HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL**
11/11 **VETERANS DAY**
11/13 Girls Varsity Soccer vs Freedom Crossing
11/16 Interims Issued
11/16 Girls Varsity Soccer vs Swiss Point
11/20 Girls Varsity Soccer vs LPA
11/22 Thanksgiving Break to 24 **NO SCHOOL**



Happy November Bobcat Families,

We are full steam ahead into the holiday season and have made some amazing memories at our Fall Festival last month, celebrated some fantastic and responsible students during the October Character Counts breakfast, and had a ton of fun dressing up for our themed days during Red Ribbon Week and Halloween, while also celebrating making good and healthy choices. Be sure to check out the contents of the newsletter, along with the photos throughout for a few pics of our October fun.

We look forward to continuing our academic second quarter, but also will be focusing on gratitude this month. First by honoring our Veterans, and then moving on to Thanksgiving. Please be sure you see the weekly communication for the Hall of Heroes packet for ways to honor veterans you are close with— but hurry, these nominations are due by Wednesday the 8th.

This month will be a busy one and be fully behind us before you know it, but in an effort to slow-down just a bit and to be in the moment – my challenge to everyone is to take a few moments to pause and reflect on whatever, or whoever it is you are thankful for this holiday season. Then, if it is an individual, or a group of individuals you are thankful for, reach out and let them know how grateful you are to have them in your life... I will certainly be doing the same for each of the 30 days in November.

Thank you for your continued supports. Wishing you and your families many blessings this month!

Sincerely,
Zach Strom

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—NOVEMBER



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

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.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



RESPONSIBILITY



CONGRATULATIONS!
Winners!



Assessment Calendars

2023 DECEMBER	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	26	27	28	29	30	1	2
	3	Grade 2 Reading	Grade 1 Reading	Grade 1 Math	Kindergarten Reading	Kindergarten Math	9
	10	Grade 2 Math	Grade 5 Reading		Middle School Reading	Grade 4 Reading	16
	17	Grade 3 Reading				Holiday	23
	24	Holiday					30
	31	1	**Assessment Calendar is subject to change. Make-up exams will be given as soon as possible upon a student's return to school**				

2024 JANUARY	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Holiday					
	7	8	9	10	11	Grade 4 Math	13
	14	Holiday	Grade 5 Math	17	Middle School Math	Grade 3 Math	20
	21	22	23	24	25	Last Day to Test	27
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	4	5	**Assessment Calendar is subject to change. Make-up exams will be given as soon as possible upon a student's return to school**				

Testing Coordinator Mrs. Audra Wilson audra.wilson@stjohns.k12.fl.us

November at PVA



**2023-24
Yearbook
Cover Art Contest**

This year's colors scheme:



This year's verbal theme:
"Behind the Scenes"

HOW TO CREATE YOUR ART

Traditional	Digital 
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use plain white paper• Create art that matches the theme and color scheme• DO NOT ADD TEXT, but leave space for us to add it.• Use vibrant and bold colors since they show best.• Sign your art!!!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use a canvas in the ratio of 8.5:11• Create art that matches the theme and color scheme• DO NOT ADD TEXT, but leave space for us to add it.• Sign your art!!

HOW TO SUBMIT

Turn your art into your homeroom teacher.

OR

Email your digital art to megan.johns@stjohns.k12.fl.us

(If traditional art, keep your art in case we need a better photo)

BOBCATS
PALM VALLEY ACADEMY

Hello Bobcats,

This is Coach Henson, and our Elementary Physical Education class is about to start our Kids Heart Challenge event. Each year we team up with American Heart Association. The American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge event kicks off on Friday, November 3rd! To get ready for our heart healthy program, help your child sign up at <http://www2.heart.org/goto/palmvalleyacademy>

Our goal is for 50% of our students to register online, or search "Kids Heart Challenge" in your app store to download the app and register. All donations are due by November 13th.

Thank you for your support!

Coach Henson



November at PVA

VETERANS DAY



— Honoring All Who Served —



**** NO SCHOOL ****

Friday Nov. 10th

In Observance of

VETERANS DAY



Nov. 11th, 2023

ATTENTION PARENTS:

**Recognize your 8th Grader in the
2024 yearbook!**

Don't miss out on the chance to design your child's page in the yearbook! This page is dedicated to you, your family and your child's accomplishments and memories.

Go online today to purchase your ad and take part in this special tradition.

Visit Leonard's Pictavo Community at

BuyTheYearbook.com

Find your school or enter school ID# **717935**



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Ad Submission Deadline 2/14/2024

Leonard's YEARBOOK

ORDER ONLINE TODAY

BuyTheYearbook.com

2023—2024 YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE!

ORDER ONLINE AT buytheyearbook.com

SCHOOL CODE: **717935**

YEARBOOK **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT!** ~~\$42.00~~
\$37.00

**** NO SCHOOL ****

Nov. 22 to 24



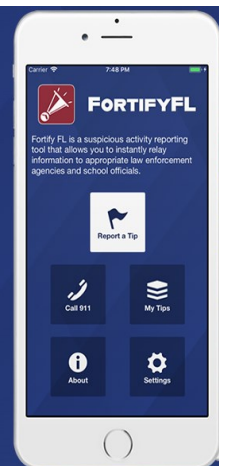
Suspicious Activity Reporting App

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

Submit A
Tip Online

Download On The
App Store

Get It On
Google Play



PVA 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 Check payable to PVA Running Camp or Use QR code below.
(Race entries are NOT included)

Who: Coach Henson, Ms. Buckner, Ms. Crawford, Mrs. Lombardi, Ms. Weber,
Ms. Ridout, and Ms. Smalling
2nd – 8th graders (space is limited and fills up fast, so register soon)

When: Tuesdays 2:50 – 4:15
Start date: December 5th, 2023
End date: February 6th, 2024

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



Child's Name: _____
Grade: _____ Teacher: _____
Parent/Guardian: _____
Email: _____
Phone Number: _____
Transportation Home: _____

Child's Shirt Size (INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION) - circle one:

Youth Small	Youth Medium	Youth Large	Youth X-Large
Adult Small	Adult Medium	Adult Large	Adult X-Large

Parents/Siblings: Plan to join us at the race? Get a matching Running Camp T-shirt for just \$13 each.

Circle size(s) needed:

Women's X-Small	Women's Small	Women's Medium	Women's Large	Women's X-Large
Men's Small	Men's Medium	Men's Large	Men's X-Large	Men's XX-Large
Youth Small	Youth Medium	Youth Large	Youth X-Large	

Middle School Events

VIP PASS
PLEASE JOIN US ON THE RED CARPET FOR
Palm Valley Academy's
MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE
NOVEMBER 9TH 2023
5:30 to 7:30
Outdoor Pavillion
Starring; 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade!
Music By; DJ Marvin
Photography By; 360 Photo Gallery
Food By: MR. SOFTIE, NY DONUTS, PIZZA AND CANDY BARI

BASKETBALL TRYOUTS



BOYS AND GIRLS TRYOUTS AND
OPEN GYM

WILL BE HELD THE
LAST WEEK ON NOVEMBER

Be on the lookout for the
exact dates

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE!

- PURCHASE YOUR TICKET THROUGH SIGNUP GENIUS LINK
- PIZZA, DRINKS, AND CANDY WILL BE PROVIDED
- PURCHASE REQUIRED FOR MR. SOFTIE & MINI DONUT TRUCK
- DROP OFF AT 5:30PM PICK UP AT 7:30PM
- PICK UP AT BUS LOOP WITH THE TICKET PROVIDED AT DROP OFF. MUST HAVE LAST NAMES OF ALL STUDENTS BEING PICKED UP!
- GOLF CART GATE WILL BE OPEN FOR DROP OFF ONLY!



Middle School Events



Who: **6th grade students**

What/Where: Wild Adventures Field Trip

When: Friday April 5, 2024 from 7:00am – 8:00pm

Cost \$120 (bus, admission and lunch included)

Payment Deadline December 8, 2023

**** All field trips can be found and paid for in School Pay on our website ****



Who: **7th grade students**

What/Where: Sea World Adventure

When: Friday April 26, 2024 from 6:00am – 8:00pm

Cost:

Bus only (if you have an annual pass)	\$85
Bus and ticket	\$125.00
Lunch option - One Time Dining	\$20.00
Lunch option - All Day Dining	\$40.00

Payment Deadline December 8, 2023 – For Bus +Ticket or Bus only

**** Lunch Options need to be purchased by
March 8, 2024 ****

**** All field trips can be found and paid for in School Pay on our website ****



Who: **8th grade students**

What/Where: Grad Night at Bush Gardens

When: Friday May 10, 2024 from 12:30pm – 3:30am

Cost: \$175 (bus, admission, t-shirt and dinner voucher included)

Payment Deadline: December 8, 2023



**** All field trips can be found and paid for in School Pay on our website ****

Middle School Athletics

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Varsity

Date	Home	Visitor	Field
11/2	PVA	MCA	Davis
11/7	Pacetti	PVA	Davis
11/9	Landrum	PVA	Cornerstone

Junior Varsity

Date	Home	Visitor	Field
11/1	Pacetti B	PVA	Davis
11/6	PVA	Pacetti G	Cornerstone



SOCER - Girls' Varsity Schedule

- 11/6 **HOME**COMING/8th grade celebration game (**WEAR PINK** to support the team)
PVA vs. Gamble Rogers 4:15pm (Davis Park)
- 11/9 PVA vs Pacetti Bay 4:15pm (Davis Park)
- 11/13 PVA vs. Freedom Crossing 4:15pm (AWAY -Aberdeen)
- 11/16 PVA vs. Swiss Point 4:15pm (Davis Park)
- 11/20 PVA vs. LPA 4:15pm (Davis Park)

County Playoffs December 4th – 10th TBD



SCIENCE · TECHNOLOGY · ENGINEERING · MATHEMATICS

Welcome Letter

We would like to extend an invitation to all 6th – 12th grade students in St. Johns County, including public, home, charter, and private schools, to participate in the 2023-2024 Secondary STEM Fair.

The St. Johns County Secondary STEM Fair began in 1978 as the River Region East Science Fair. This competition is a qualifying contest for projects to advance to the Florida State Science and Engineering Fair.

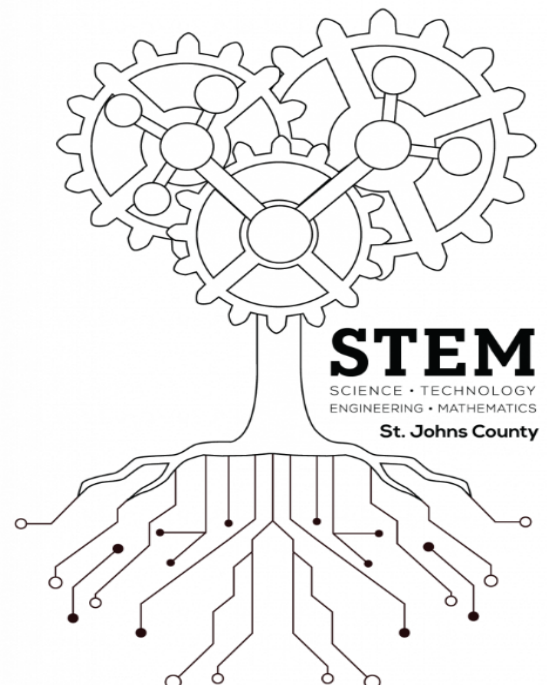
Project categories include Medicine and Health Sciences, Physical Sciences, Engineering, Intelligent Machines and Mathematics, Plant Sciences, Chemistry, Behavioral Sciences, and Environmental Sciences, amongst others. We reserve the right to combine categories.

At our regional fair, placement awards (1st, 2nd, 3rd place and Honorable Mention) are presented by category, when appropriate. Placement for a top award does not guarantee that a student qualifies to compete at the state level. The regional fair's judging team and scientific review committee determine if a project meets the requirements for competition at the state level and we invite those students to participate in the Florida State Science and Engineering Fair. Many special awards are given, each using unique and specific award criteria.

Our fair date will be Tuesday, February 6th, 2024.
Set up is February 5, 2024, between 2pm and 5pm.
Award ceremony is February 8, 2024, at 6:30pm.

All events will take place at First Coast Technical College, 2980 Collins Avenue, St. Augustine.

For more information about your school fair, please contact your science teacher.



AROUND PVA

In the media center we have 3 students who have finished reading all
15 SSYRA books for grades 3-5.



In 4th Grade

Eva Schoer and Abhinav Manne

In 5th Grade

Emma Kinker

Mrs. Durr's KG class with their sunshine state necklaces.

The first class to finish all 5 sunshine state books!!

WAY TO GO BOBCATS!!!!



FALL FESTIVAL



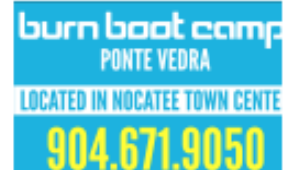
2023-2024 PARTNERS IN EDUCATION



2023-2024 Partners in Education



Heroes



Champions



Supporters



In Kind

