PVA: View from the Valley

Palm Valley Academy: Week of 11/13-11/19

Dear PVA Families and Community,

Good evening everyone. I hope everyone's week has starting off on the right track and holiday plans are falling into place. I'll be brief again this week, only focusing on the necessary.

Have a great week everyone!

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# INFO FOR ALL (K-8)

#### F.A.S.T. TESTING CALENDARS ATTACHED

The December and January Testing Calendars for PM2 (the second of our three FAST Assessments) are attached and also posted on our website. Please reference as need be.

#### **PVA BASKETBALL INFO ATTACHED**

Please see the attached flyer for info on Open Gym and Tryouts for both the PVA Boys and Girls Teams. Any questions, please reach out to our Athletic Director – Mr. Chris Parker <a href="mailto:chris.parker@stjohns.k12.fl.us">chris.parker@stjohns.k12.fl.us</a>

#### THEATRE NIGHT FOR 8th GRADERS! INFO ATTACHED

Eighth Grade students who attend Palm Valley Academy and Valley Ridge Academy are invited to attend a special theatre night at Nease High School. See the attached for details!

#### NJHS Thanksgiving Food Drive – Please see the below communication from Ms. Stofko

Time to get into the holiday spirit. Many of us are fortunate to be able to provide for our families but for those that are not this time of year with the Thanksgiving holidays and December holidays coming up it puts more stress on those families that are not as lucky. NJHS would like to help. We are reaching out to you our community to join us. We are looking for gift cards to Publix or Winn Dixie for to purchase turkey's and the sides that go along with a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. We are going to add some incentive to this request. The HR class that provides the most money in gift cards will win a donut party courtesy of NJHS along with a thank you certificate for their classroom and recognition over the announcements. Gift cards should be sent in starting now and our last collection date is Wednesday, November 15. This is a quick turn over with only a week to provide help for so many so please if you are able do not delay. If you have any questions regarding this please reach out to Jayme Stofko, NJHS Advisor at jayme.stofko@stjohns.k12.fl.us

### Veteran's Day Celebration: PVA's HALL OF HEROES

For the last couple years, PVA staff members have recognized and celebrated ALL veterans, past or present, we are related to through our Hall of Heroes display in the main hallway near the cafeteria. Nominations expanded last year to the community and we continued the tradition this year. While they were due last Wednesday, if there are any last-minute nominations out there, please send them in directly to me. Please note, the Hall of Heroes display will stay up through December and there will be an evening for anyone who would like to come see the display do just that. Stay tuned for the specific time and date, but we're likely looking at early December. Thank you so much for those who have submitted loved ones to be honored!

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### Absent Work/Make-up Work

Of course, students are more than welcome to work ahead on assignments that have been posted or assigned while they are out, but it does become a bit cumbersome to prepare packets of work ahead of time in preparation for an absence. However, rest assured for whatever reason your child misses school, please know our teachers will work diligently to get them caught up upon their return. Thank you for your understanding.

## GRADE SPECIFIC INFO (K-8)

### Dress Code Reminders (Middle School Families)

This got MUCH better last week!!! Thank you for your attention an assistance! I'll keep it here for one more week Parents: Please remember- sandals, flip-flops, "slides", house slippers or any other kind of backless shoes are not appropriate or allowed at PVA. This is something we are starting to see more of and have made it a point of focus for safety reasons. Thank you for your assistance with this policy.

## PTO Happenings (ALL Grades)

- Thank you for all those who were involved with the MS Dance! From the planning to the set-up and through to the clean-up, all your efforts were AMAZING AND VERY MUCH APPRECAITED! What a GREAT event for our middle schoolers! Thank you VOLUNTERS!
- Dome hats that were on back order should be in SOON and will be delivered to the address used when ordering.

# **UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:**

- Tuesday, November 13th
  - o Girls Basketball Open Gym @ 3:00 5:00pm
- Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Spelling Bee (5<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Grade) @ 9:00am

# **SAVE THE DATE**

- Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> November 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Thanksgiving Break! Be safe in your travels!
- Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>
  - o Character Counts Breakfast: CITIZENSHIP!
  - o 7:30am 8:30am
- Wednesday, November 29th
  - PTO's CANDY CANE LANE SHOP OPENS!
  - o Be on the look out for more info on this great event!
- Thursday, November 30th
  - Picture Make-Up Day

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