

# BOBCAT

## January Bulletin

Palm Valley Academy

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### Calendar Highlights

01/15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
NO SCHOOL

01/16 Basketball Games  
PVA @ MCA—AWAY  
Girls 5:30 / Boys 6:30

01/17 ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE @  
Ponte Vedra High (6:00-7:30pm)

01/18 Basketball Games  
FCA @ PVA—HOME  
Girls 5:30 / Boys 6:30

01/19 REPORT CARDS out

01/22-1/26 LITERACY WEEK!

01/23 Class Pictures (1, 2, & 4)

01/23 Basketball Games  
PVA @ LPA—AWAY  
Girls 5:30 / Boys 6:30

01/24 Class Pictures (K, 3, & 5)

01/25 ACADMEY NIGHT @ Nease  
High School (6:00-7:30pm)

01/26 PTO FAMILY BINGO NIGHT  
in PVA Café—6:00pm

1/28 - 2/2 8th Grade to DC



Happy 2024 PVA Families,

I sincerely hope that everyone enjoyed winter break and were able to create some wonderful, long-lasting memories with your families over the holidays. However that may have looked for you and your household, I hope it was exactly what everyone needed.

Despite the time off and the adverse weather last week, our teachers and students seemed re-freshed and rejuvenated as they jumped right back into the swing of things without skipping a beat. We look forward to continuing the positive momentum and making the best of everyday that awaits.

As our students settle back into their routines and schedules, a few reminders for everyone as we embark on the second semester:

The carline begins daily at 8:05am and continues through 8:35am. Anyone arriving between 8:35am—8:45am will be considered tardy and ushered through the crosswalk gates and into the bus loop for drop-off. Starting this week, all cars dropping off in the bus-loop will receive a reminder of our tardy policy and students will be marked tardy. We had one week of grace with this and certainly understand some mornings are easier than others, however, a timely arrival and overall attendance is essential to student success and thus will be an emphasis for 2024. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

We've had quite a bit of chilly weather, resulting in many jackets being turned in to lost and found. We will wait to donate items from first semester for 2 more weeks to give students a chance to claim any misplaced items. Pending weather, those racks will be located out front by the flagpole this coming week during the day.

Both PVA Basketball Teams started off the year with home wins last Thursday against Patriot Oaks Academy! The gym was packed and the atmosphere was AMAZING!! Thank you all who made it out! The teams play at Mill Creek Academy this Tuesday (1/16) and again at home against Freedom Crossing Academy, Thursday (1/18) starting at 5:30pm. Come out and support your Bobcats! Tickets can be purchased at the door or ahead of time using the link sent out before each game.

Thank you for continuing to send your change of dismissal information through our online portal on the PVA Website. Please remember, any same day change must be submitted by 12:00pm. Any changes made afterwards will not be honored.

Thank you for your continued support and looking forward to a great second semester and 2024!

Sincerely,

Mr. Strom

Principal

# 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

## JANUARY PILLAR OF THE MONTH— RESPECT



### RESPECT

Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule • Be tolerant and accepting of differences • Use good manners, not bad language • Be considerate of the feelings of others • Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone • Deal peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements

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.

# Assessment Calendar

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2024	31	1	2	3	4	5	6
JANUARY		Holiday					
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
						Grade 4 Math	
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Holiday	Grade 5 Math		Middle School Math	Grade 3 Math	
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
						Last Day to Test	
	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](mailto:audra.wilson@stjohns.k12.fl.us)



Please remind your students to check the **Lost and Found** for any items they may be missing.



## 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 Literacy Week! 1/22-1/26



## CELEBRATE LITERACY WEEK, FLORIDA!

JANUARY 22–26, 2024

PALM VALLEY ACADEMY

**MONDAY,  
JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>**

### **MASKED READER MONDAY:**

THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, THE PVA MORNING NEWS WILL FEATURE BOOK TALKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY VARIOUS TEACHERS AND STAFF. CAN YOU GUESS WHO IS BEHIND THE MASK?

**TUESDAY,  
JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>**

### **TAKE A "SELFIE" WITH YOUR "SHELFIE" TUESDAY:**

STUDENTS WILL BRING THEIR FAVORITE BOOKS TO SCHOOL. CLASSES WILL HAVE PICTURES TAKEN IN FRONT OF THEIR CLASSROOM LIBRARY TO DISPLAY IN THE MEDIA CENTER!

**WEDNESDAY,  
JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>**

### **WEAR-A-WORD WEDNESDAY:**

WEAR A T-SHIRT WITH INSPIRING WORDS OR MOTIVATIONAL QUOTES. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR RESILIENT READERS!  
ELEMENTARY STUDENTS WILL ENJOY A VISIT FROM AUTHOR JONATHAN MILLER.

**THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

### **THROWBACK THURSDAY:**

DRESS AS A HISTORICAL FIGURE, ATHLETE, PERFORMER, OR BOOK CHARACTER.  
CHOOSE SOMEONE WHO DEMONSTRATES RESILIENCE.

**FRIDAY,  
JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>**

### **FUN FRIDAY:**

SHOW PVA PRIDE BY WEARING SCHOOL COLORS AND BOBCAT GEAR. BRING A SMALL STUFFED ANIMAL TO READ WITH AND DON'T FORGET A FLASHLIGHT FOR READING IN THE DARK!  
POPCORN & PAJAMAS BINGO NIGHT (SPONSORED BY PTO) !

# Middle School Events



**Who:** 6<sup>th</sup> grade students

**What/Where:** Wild Adventures Field Trip

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

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

**Payment Deadline March 1, 2004**

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



**Who:** 7<sup>th</sup> grade students

**What/Where:** Sea World Adventure

**When:** Friday April 26, 2004 / 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 March 8, 2004**



**Who:** 8<sup>th</sup> 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: April 19, 2024**

**NEW DUE DATES FOR PAYMENT DEADLINES!!!!**

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



# Middle School Band





# Middle School Athletics

## PALM VALLEY ACADEMY BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL

# JANUARY

January 9th PVA @ PIA—Away

January 11th POA @ PVA—Home

January 16th PVA @ MCA—Away

January 18th FCA @ PVA—Home

January 23rd PVA @ LPA—Away

**GIRLS' GAMES BEGIN @ 5:30**

**BOYS' GAMES FOLLOW GIRLS' GAMES**



Saint Johns Middle School  
Athletic Association

VISIT <https://www.sjmsaa.org/>

**For SJMSAA Sponsored Sports**

**SJMSAA  
SPRING  
BASEBALL**

**5TH THRU  
8TH GRADE**

**TRYOUTS IN  
JANUARY**

**VARITY, JV, AND PREP TEAMS**

REGISTER @  
[SJMSAA.ORG/BASEBALL](https://www.sjmsaa.org/baseball)

**SJMSAA** Registration is now OPEN for Spring Teams

**BEACH  
VOLLEYBALL**

Varsity, JV, and Rec Teams  
10 years old thru 8th Grade

Tryouts: Jan. 24-26  
Located at the Sports Edge  
Complex off Racetrack Rd.

Register @  
[SJMSAA.ORG/BEACHVOLLEYBALL](https://www.sjmsaa.org/beachvolleyball)

**SJMSAA**

**SPRING SOFTBALL  
REGISTRATION OPEN**

**11 YEARS OLD  
THRU 8TH GRADE**

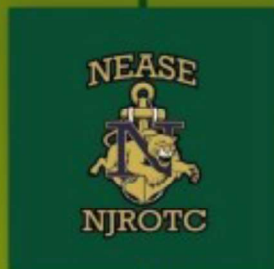
**VARITY & JV  
TEAMS**

**DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAMS AVAILABLE**

**TRYOUTS IN  
JANUARY**

REGISTER @  
[SJMSAA.ORG/SOFTBALL](https://www.sjmsaa.org/softball)

# Middle School News



JAN 25, 2024

## NEASE'S ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Visit our campus and learn about the Programs of Interest & Career Academies that Nease has to offer rising 9th and 10th graders

### SCHOOL TOURS / 5:30 PM

Enjoy a walk around Nease's campus, led by an Academy Ambassador

### GENERAL INFORMATION SESSION / 6 PM

Get an overview of our Programs of Interest & Career Academies and learn about the application process

### BREAKOUT SESSIONS / 6:40 & 7:00 PM

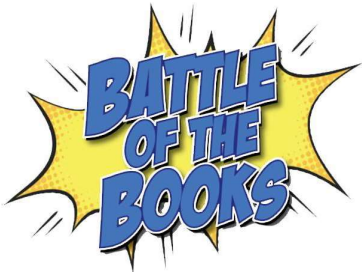
Meet the Instructors and learn more about the programs that might be the best fit for you



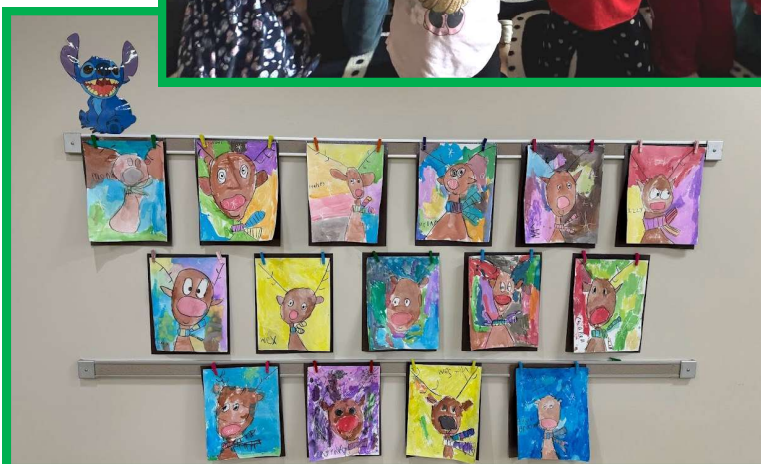
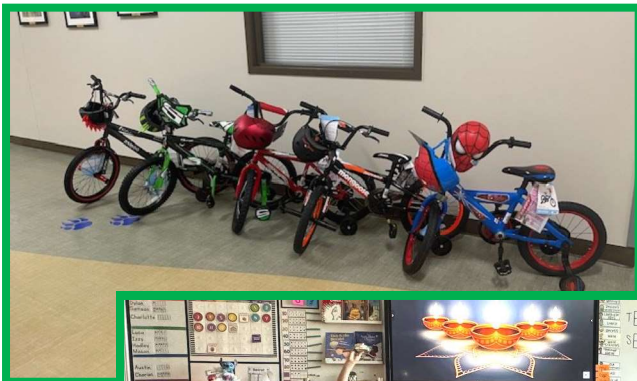
# AROUND PVA

In the **MEDIA CENTER** we have a student who has finished reading **15 SSYRA books** for grades 3-5. Way to go Bobcats!

In **3rd Grade** Nathan Morgalis



**\*\*Try outs for Battle of the Books will take place Monday, January 22nd - Friday, January 26th in the media center. If you have read a minimum of 8 of this years SSYRA books you are eligible to try out. Stop by the media center any time during the above week to try out! The battle will take place on March 21st.\*\***



# AROUND PVA

PVA is so excited to welcome **Jonathan Miller**, author and illustrator of The Adventures of Sammy the Wonder Dachshund to our school. He will be talking to all students in grade K-5 on Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. He will be talking about his writing process, publishing process, and making his illustrations come to life. This is an order form to purchase a book(s) which he will sign on the day of the event. A paper copy will also be sent home with students on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

The **ADVENTURES**  
of **SAMMY**  
the Wonder Dachshund



January 24th, 2024

Please return completed form to school by this date.

Jonathan Miller, author and illustrator of The Adventures of Sammy the Wonder Dachshund, is visiting your child's school! *Sammy's Family Tree Vol. 1*, *Sammy in Space*, *Sammy on Safari*, and *Sammy's Last Week in Charleston* star a daring dog who works as a fact-checker for the Internet. Miller created each illustration by cutting and layering construction paper in a process that can take 30 hours per page.

A resident of Charleston, South Carolina, Miller has spent more than a decade visiting schools around the country, reading his books, sharing original artwork, and discussing the writing process. Miller has been featured on ETV as well as in a variety of podcasts and publications, including Vineyard Vines' Summer Catalog. Learn more at [sammydogbooks.com](http://sammydogbooks.com).

## BOOK PRICING

- 1 hardback book for \$20
- 2 hardback books for \$35 (Save \$5)
- 3 hardback books for \$50 (Save \$10)
- OR
- 4 hardback books for \$60 (Save \$20)

Mix and Match Books!

These books make wonderful gifts for all ages!  
(sales tax included in book price)

### Order a personalized signed copy today!

Please fill out the information on this form along with the name(s) you'd like the book to be signed to.

QTY:



**Sammy's Last Week in Charleston**

NAME 1: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME 2: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME 3: \_\_\_\_\_

QTY:



**Sammy on Safari**

NAME 1: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME 2: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME 3: \_\_\_\_\_

QTY:



**Sammy in Space**

NAME 1: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME 2: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME 3: \_\_\_\_\_

QTY:



**Sammy's Family Tree Vol. 1**

NAME 1: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME 2: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME 3: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ CHECK BOX IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE AN ADDITIONAL BOOK TO DONATE TO YOUR CHILD'S: ☐ CLASSROOM ☐ SCHOOL LIBRARY

TITLE(S) YOU'D LIKE TO DONATE: \_\_\_\_\_ DEDICATION WILL BE ADDED WITH YOUR STUDENT'S NAME UNLESS YOU NOTE OTHERWISE.

: TOTAL # OF BOOKS

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ CASH ☐ CHECK ( PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO UNDERDOG ENDEAVOR PRODUCTIONS )

☐ CREDIT CARD NO. \_\_\_\_\_

EXP. DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BILLING ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ CV# 3-DIGITS NO. ON BACK \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card charges will appear as Underdog Endeavors Productions.



# SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

Happy New Year Bobcats!

Let's kick off 2024 keeping our Bobcat's safe by following these helpful reminders:

- Parents, remember the speed limit on campus is **10mph**.
- Children must remain in their seats and belted until they reach the drop-off location.
- Please do not use your phone in a handheld manner while inside the gates (school zone).
- Golf carts are not permitted on Bobcat Lane or in the bus/parent loop unless your cart has a valid license plate.

## SAFETY PATROL

Congratulations to the following Safety Patrollers:

### Promoted to SERGEANT

Amelia Baylis	Madison Bromley
Maddie Conover	Drew Darga
Ella Herrmann	Harrison Hicks
Phoebe Khrebiel	Addison Podlesh



### PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT

Summer Pagan	Tenley Smalling
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### PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN

Walker Hodge



***Go Bobcats!!***

**Mark E. Wilson**

**Sr. Deputy** | Youth Services - Palm Valley Academy

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE** | Robert A. Hardwick, Sheriff

4015 Lewis Speedway, St. Augustine, Florida. 32084

Office 904.547.4191

# Important Information



## Order Your Yearbook TODAY!

**2023-2024 PVA Yearbooks are on sale now . Buy yours before they sell out!**

**[www.buytheyearbook.com](http://www.buytheyearbook.com)**

**school code 717935**

6K USATF Certified Course  
#FL12089EBM  
3K USATF Certified Course  
#FL12090EBM

ELEVENTH ANNUAL  
**CHARACTER COUNTS!**  
IN ST. JOHNS COUNTY



Sponsored by:



**Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 9 a.m.**

**Palencia Elementary School, 355 Palencia Village Drive, St. Augustine, FL 32095**

### Registration Fees

	Before Jan. 1	Jan. 1 - Feb. 2	Race Day
6K	\$30	\$35	\$40
3K	\$25	\$30	\$35

You may register online at [www.racesmith.com](http://www.racesmith.com)

or by mail to Community Relations, 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine FL 32084.

Make all checks payable to "District Designated Accounts."

*Mail-in registrations must be postmarked by Friday, January 12, 2024*

**Online pre-registration ends Thursday, February 1, at midnight. No refunds once registered and paid.**

You may register and/or pick up your race packet at Palencia Elementary School Friday, February 2 from 4 - 6 p.m.  
or Saturday, February 3 from 7 - 8:30 a.m. at the race site. **Cash or checks only - no credit cards.**

**Make all checks payable to "District Designated Accounts."**

Awards will be given out in the 6K and 3K. RFID chip timing will be used, and results will be posted at [www.RaceSmith.com](http://www.RaceSmith.com).

In the event of inclement weather, emergency or a natural disaster, the CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee reserves the right to cancel the race or start at a later time. In the event of cancellation for any reason, there will be no refunds.



## Important Information

# Family Technology Workshop



Families will learn how to access Digital Platforms in SJCS D & how these tools help students in all grade Levels.

5:30pm  
**Tuesday**  
**January 30, 2024**

[bit.ly/SJCSD-January30Workshop](https://bit.ly/SJCSD-January30Workshop)

Topics of Discussion:



Clever - Links for Students



Schoolology



Microsoft 365

Presented by St. Johns County Instructional  
Resources & Media Services Department

# 2023-2024 PARTNERS IN EDUCATION



## Heroes



## Champions



## Supporters



## In Kind

