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Dear PVA Families and Community,

Welcome to our Mid-Month (April) communication. While we embark on the testing season, I am excited to share with you some highlights and updates of our academic focus here this year at Palm Valley Academy.

Academic Excellence:

At PVA, we are committed to providing a well-rounded education that focuses on academic excellence. Our dedicated team of educators works tirelessly to create a stimulating learning environment where students can thrive and reach their full potential and its not going unnoticed. For the past couple of weeks, a team of Middle School Teachers and the Administration from Patriot Oaks Academy have come to observe and learn the ins and outs of our Middle School P.A.W.S. program. PAWS, or Positive Activities With Students, is a weekly program that promotes students taking ownership and responsibility over their own learning by signing up for extra help, to finish missing work, make-up missed assignments, retake tests, or to take part in enrichment activities. We have revamped this program this year and it's been wonderful for both our teachers and our students. Our teachers have been shining lately and we're excited about the spotlight that's been cast upon them!

Curriculum Enhancements:

This year, we have introduced several enhancements to our curriculum to further enrich the learning experience. From updated textbooks to hands-on learning activities, we strive to make learning engaging and meaningful for every student.

STEM Initiatives:

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education is a key focus area at our school in both Elementary and Middle School. We have implemented various STEM initiatives, including robotics clubs, coding workshops, and ample supplies and equipment for all, to foster critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and innovation among our students.

Arts and Humanities:

While we emphasize STEM education, we also recognize the importance of the arts and humanities in nurturing well-rounded individuals. Our arts programs and after school clubs, provide students with opportunities to explore their creativity and express themselves. We are excited about the possibility to expand these offerings in the future.

We are certainly excited about the academic excellence here at PVA and cannot wait to see how well our students do on this year's round of State Testing! Thank you for your continued support and collaboration as we work together to provide the best possible education for your child. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to us.

Thank you for being part of the Palm Valley Academy family!

Mr. Strom Principal

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INFO FOR ALL (K-8)

PVA'S NIGHT OF THE ARTS

Please join us for the 2nd annual Spring Art Show. Over 3,000 art pieces of PVA students' art works will be displayed throughout the school. ALL students who attend an art class will proudly have works displayed.

What: 2nd Annual Art Show Where: PVA main entrance

Time: 6:00 - 7:30pm

Date: Monday - April 22nd

SAC SURVEYS REOPENED UNTIL THE 4/27

In an effort to gain additional information, the SAC Surveys have been reopened. The School Advisory Committee would like to hear your opinions on the rituals, routines, policies, and procedures of Palm Valley Academy. The link below will open a short (less than five minutes) survey that will provide you with the opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas. We encourage you to complete this survey, so that we can collect this vital data and information. We will compile and disaggregate this data and utilize it to build our School Improvement Plan for next year. Your time is greatly appreciated.

Parent Survey Link:

https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=7IMK5I42

EXTENDED DAY REGISTRATION OPEN 4/22

It's that time of year again and registration is opening on April 22nd for the 2024-2025 school year. Our Extended day program prides itself on, not just being just a childcare service but one that enriches the Childrens minds through STEM related projects and activities, while allowing plenty of play time! We strive to make Extended day an exciting and enriching experience, while creating a family type atmosphere. Parents can rest assure that their children are well cared for here at Extended day. Come join the PVA Extended day family by registering on April 22nd! See our website or contact PVA's Extended Day Director @ Courtney.stephen@stjohns.k12.fl.us

A BAND SPIRIT NIGHT AT PANERA

Last time at The Loop was a huge success, and I'm excited to announce our next Spirit night will be taking place at Panera Bread. This event will run on 4/16 from 4pm-8pm at the Panera located at 35 Capital Green Drive, Ponte Vedra, FL. This spirit night will allow to support our band through in person orders as well as online orders. However, we must use the flyer attached in order to make sure proceeds from your order are allocated towards this fundraiser. If ordering food in store, you must give the flyer at check out. If ordering online, make sure to use the promo code included on the flyer when you check out. I'm very excited for this upcoming event, and I hope to see you there- Mr. Mattheus

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NJHS COMMUNITY SERVICE DRIVE

Please see the below flyer and help our NJHS students make a difference in the community! The MOVERS FOR MOMS collection is ongoing through the April 22nd.

MOVERS FOR MOMS®

Wish List

TWO MEN AND A TRUCK® locations across the country collect donations for women every spring and deliver them to local women's and family shelters on or before Mother's Day. Franchises partner with local shelters, schools, and other community organizations to collect goods that make Mother's Day special for moms in shelters. This annual campaign is called *Movers for Moms*®.

This year, **TWO MEN AND A TRUCK®** Jacksonville and St. Augustine will pick up and deliver the collected items to **Sulzbacher Village**, **Betty Griffin Center**, **and Quigley House** around Mother's Day

All items are welcome; however, much-needed items include:

Personal Items full-size shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant, disposable razors, tampons and sanitary pads. cold & pain medicine. NEW women's underwear & socks

Grocery Items Non-perishable food items (canned proteins like peanut butter or tuna, canned veggies and fruits, boxed meals, box potatoes, macaroni & cheese, jelly, kids snacks, drinks). Grocery store gift cards

Baby/Kid Items Diapers (preferably size 3 and up) baby food and any type of formula, NEW children's underwear & socks

Linens: XL twin sheets, towels

Office Supplies- paper, pens & pencils, spiral notebooks, stamps

Cleaning Supplies- household cleaning supplies and paper products (paper plates, napkins, toilet paper, paper towels, plastic silverware, etc. – no Styrofoam, please).

Please note: Shelters do not have the space capacity to accept used clothing.



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LAST CHANCE FOR YEARBOOKS!

Order yearbooks for \$42 at: www.buytheyearbook.com

School Code: 717935

Sales close on April 30 or when sold-out



BAILEN BASKETBALL SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITY

This summer, Coach Bailen and his crew are celebrating 11 years of camp teaching the fundamentals of the game while mentoring elementary and middle school aged kids of all skill levels and experience. Camp rules are as follows- 1. Have Fun 2. Get Better 3. Be a great Teammate! They teach the importance of Attitude, Effort, and Character. Check out the flyer for more information!



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ATTENTION RISING NEASE FRESHMEN- Read Below!

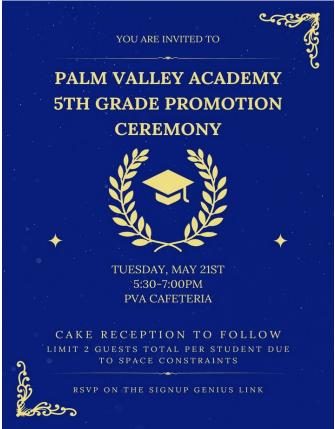


PTO HAPPENINGS (ALL GRADES)



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UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:

- Tuesday, April 16th
 - 1st Grade STAR READING TEST
 - SPIRIT NIGHT @ Panera (Band)
- Wednesday, April 17th
 - PTO General Meeting @ 9:00am
 - Join us in the cafeteria or virtually by following the below link!
 - Join the meeting now
- Thursday, April 18th
 - Kindergarten STAR READING TEST
 - 5th Grade Field Trip to Sea World
- Friday, April 19th
 - NO SCHOOL
- Monday, April 22nd
 - 2nd Grade MATH FAST TESTING
 - NIGHT OF THE ARTS 6:00-7:30pm
- Tuesday, April 23rd
 - 1st Grade MATH FAST TESTING
- Wednesday, April 24th
 - Character Counts Breakfast ALL PILLARS (7:30/9:15am)
- Thursday, April 25th
 - Kindergarten MATH FAST TESTING
- Friday, April 26th
 - 7th Grade Field Trip to Sea World