

BOBCAT

May Bulletin

Palm Valley Academy

Volume 6, Issue 9 — May 2024

Calendar Highlights

- 05/06 - 05/10 Teacher Appreciation Week!
- 05/06 Spring Band Concert @ Nease Auditorium
- 05/07 SAC Meeting in Library @ 4:00PM
- 05/07 GIRLS Volleyball Open Gym 3:30 to 5:30 @PVA
- 05/09 GIRLS Volleyball Open Gym 3:30 to 5:30 @PVA
- 05/15 GIRLS Varsity Soccer Pre-season Pre-tryout 3:15 to 5:15 @Davis Park
- 05/21 5th Grade PROMOTION CEREMONY @PVA
- 05/22 5th Grade Celebration Day 9:00am—12:00pm
- 05/23 8th Grade BREAKFAST
- 05/23 8th Grade PROMOTION CEREMONY @Nease HS
- 05/24 4TH Quarter Ends Report Cards Due
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
****EARLY DISMISSAL****



Dear Bobcat Families,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the spring season! As we transition into May, we want to take a moment to reflect on the exciting events of April and share some important updates and upcoming activities.

April Highlights:

- **Character Counts Celebration:** This month we hosted our final Character Counts Breakfasts and celebrated those nominated for ALL PILLARS for their outstanding character throughout the year. Thank you students and parents for celebrating with us.
- **Award Winning Students:** District Prize Patrol was out last week to award two groups of middle school students here at Palm Valley for their award winning entries into *The Len Mattice Foundation's* #STOPTHEBULLYINGCAMPAIGN. These projects were focused on Kindness, Compassion, and Inclusion and were chosen for cash prizes from hundreds of District-wide entries! Our students are truly doing remarkable things here at PVA!
- **The PVA Art Show:** WOW! I think we were all at a loss for words... what an absolutely remarkable display of student creativity and skill. We have a talented bunch and it was truly on display. Thank you to Ms. Lieffers and Ms. Gwaltney for organizing the night and thank you to all those who were able to attend.
- **Spring Family Fun Day:** What an amazing event for families to cap off a number of events this year at PVA. Hundreds of Bobcat families enjoyed hours of fun with various games, bounce houses, activities, delicious food and seeing your Principal covered with more than 20 GALLONS OF SLIME! It was quite the memorable event for many... Thank you PTO for putting on such a great event.

Upcoming Events in May:

- **Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6-10):** Let's show our gratitude to our dedicated educators during this special week. We encourage students and parents to participate in planned activities and gestures of appreciation as communicated by your PTO reps.
- **Spring Concert (May 6):** Our talented musicians and performers are gearing up for a spectacular Spring Concert in the Nease Auditorium on Monday, May 6.
- **5th and 8th Grade Ceremonies:** Get ready to send our students off to the next stage of their academic journeys during the Promotional Ceremonies this month. Keep an eye out for additional info on these special events.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

- **Parent Input:** We truly believe that finding that right match and creating the opportunity for a solid relationship between a student and a teacher is the basis for a successful school year. Remember, **we do not take teacher requests.** However, if you would like the opportunity to share your child's specific needs and the type of teacher that you feel they need, please complete the [PVA Family Input Form](#).

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in nurturing our students' growth and success. We look forward to a fantastic month ahead.

Mr. Strom
PVA 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 - 2

Ms. Fennelly 3 - 5

Ms. Ferguson 6 - 8



CHARACTER COUNTS!

OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY

THE 6 PILLARS OF CHARACTER



TRUSTWORTHINESS



RESPECT



RESPONSIBILITY



FAIRNESS



CARING



CITIZENSHIP

August

All Pillars

September

Fairness

October

Responsibility

November

Citizenship

December

All Pillars

January

Respect

February

Caring

March

Trustworthiness

April

All Pillars

May

Citizenship
(Emphasis on Patriotism)

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.

Character Counts



Character Counts

5TH GRADE



6TH GRADE



7TH GRADE



8TH GRADE



Assessment Calendar

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

Audra Wilson - Testing Coordinator

904-547-4223 audra.wilson@stjohns.k12.fl.us



RISING NEASE FRESHMEN!

Please use this QR code to share some very important information that our Link Crew Coordinators, Mrs. Milian, Mrs. Townsend, and Ms. Carlos, and our Link Crew junior and senior leaders will need to make "Freshmen Orientation" an AMAZING and memorable experience for you. We NEED all this information before summer begins, because we spend all summer getting ready for this event. We can't wait to meet you and welcome you into "Panther Nation". Please make sure you start following Link Crew on Instagram at [nease_linkcrew](https://www.instagram.com/nease_linkcrew) for lots of valuable info and updates. We can't wait to welcome you to Nease! Remember - #wearenease <https://forms.office.com/r/xNqT8cd2tj>



Important Information

How to Access the Family Portal



The Family Portal provides a central location for your student's assessment results.

The Family Portal can be used to

- access your student's results for FAST Progress Monitoring testing.
- access prior statewide assessment results.
- print score reports.

How can I access the Family Portal?

- At the Florida Statewide Assessments Portal: <https://flfast.org>
- Or at the direct link: <https://fl-familyportal.cambiumast.com/>

What information do I need to log in to the Family Portal?

- Your student's unique 6-digit access code (found in HAC under the Registration tab).
- Your student's date of birth.
- Your student's first name as it appears on their official school record.

What information can I find on the Family Portal?

- Your student's results from Fall 2020 through present
- Your student's Individual Student Reports with interpretative guides.
- Glossary
- FAQs
- Performance Levels

Where do I get the Access Code?

The code can be found in the Home Access Center (HAC) under the Registration tab. The code will be located on the right side of the page under Additional Information.

Important Information



THE 2024-2025 STUDENT REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Be sure to scroll down and look for 2024-2025 school year!

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/enrollment/update>



School tours will be available over the summer for registered students.

To enroll for Kindergarten, your student must be 5 years old on or before September 1st.

Elementary Contact: Kathleen McClung Kathleen.Mcclung@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Middle School Contact: Mary Dominguez Mary.Dominguez@stjohns.k12.fl.us

6th GRADE PARENTS

The Tdap immunization is required for all 7th graders.

Proof of this immunization on the DH 680 Form can be brought to the front office, faxed (904-547-4205), or emailed to (Mary.Dominguez@stjohns.k12.fl.us even if your student is still in 6th grade. Please do this as soon as your child receives their shot.

Per district policy, all 7th grade students are required to submit an updated DH 680 form to include Tdap, prior to the start of 7th grade.



5th Grade GRAD

Escape To Middle School



PVA 5TH GRADE
CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22ND

TACO LUNCH, DJ, PHOTO
BOOTH, CANDY BAR, GAMES,
MISTER SOFTEE ICE CREAM!

BRING A TOWEL TO SIT ON OUTSIDE



*Let's celebrate our way to
Middle School!*

5th Grade GRAD

YOU ARE INVITED TO

**PALM VALLEY ACADEMY
5TH GRADE PROMOTION
CEREMONY**



TUESDAY, MAY 21ST

5:30-7:00PM

PVA CAFETERIA

CAKE RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
LIMIT 2 GUESTS TOTAL PER STUDENT DUE
TO SPACE CONSTRAINTS

RSVP ON THE SIGNUP GENIUS LINK

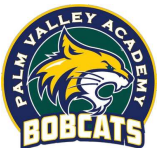
8th Grade GRAD

*Palm Valley Academy
Presents!*

8th Grade Graduation Ceremony!

**THURSDAY, MAY 23RD
6PM**

**Nease High School Auditorium
Business Casual Attire
3 tickets per student**



8th Grade GRAD

Hello 8th Grade Parents!

The 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony is just over 4 weeks away! It will be held Thursday, May 23 at the Nease High School Auditorium.

Event Schedule:

- 5:00PM - 5:15PM Student arrival. ALL students MUST arrive by 5:15pm.
- 5:15PM - 6:00PM Doors open for guest check-in
- **6:00PM - 7:30PM Graduation Ceremony**

Ticket details:

- Ticket reservations begin Monday, April 29. An email with the ticket reservation link will be sent directly to parents/guardians by the school.
- Each student is allotted 3 tickets to reserve. You do not have to reserve all 3. Children <2 yrs. old **do not** require a ticket but must sit in a lap. Initial ticket reservations must be made by May 10th at midnight.
- If there are additional tickets available, families will be allowed to reserve 1 additional ticket (while supplies last) beginning May 15. Details on the reservation process for any additional tickets will be sent on that date. **Additional tickets are very limited and NOT guaranteed.**
- All ticket reservations close May 17 at midnight.
- There is no cost for tickets.
- Transfer of tickets between students is allowed; however, the party who is giving the ticket to someone else must email pva8graduation@gmail.com to notify the coordinators of the new recipient. Otherwise, the ticket count at check-in for each student will be incorrect and the intended party will not have their ticket.
- **Information on how to reserve tickets is forthcoming. Just to reiterate, ticket reservations do not begin until April 29.**
- Attire for this event is business casual/Sunday best.

If you have questions, please email: pva8graduation@gmail.com

Thank you!

The 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony Team



From the Health Clinic

Health Clinic Updates

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

School Nurses – Alice Fasula and Kara Whitchurch

If your student currently has medication in the clinic:

- Please sign up for a time to pick up your student's medication (use link or QR code):
[Palm Valley Academy Nursing Clinic: End of Year Medication Pick Up \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www-pva.stjohns.k12.fl.us/clinic/Palm_Valley_Academy_Nursing_Clinic_End_of_Year_Medication_Pick_Up_signupgenius.com)
- District policy does not allow for medication to remain in the school over the summer. It will be important for you to plan to pick up your child's medication since medications may not go home with the student.
- Any medication left in the clinic after Friday, May 24th at 2:30 p.m. will have to be discarded according to district policy.



Paperwork for next year:

- New medication forms must be completed every school year. We will have paperwork for next year available when medication is picked up.
- Starting in June, medical forms can be downloaded from the PVA Health Clinic Page (see link above).
- Paperwork is standardized across all St John's County Schools should your student be transferring to high school or another district school. If your child has a physical examination during the summer months, this is a good time to get these medical forms completed.



****Please make sure to send a water bottle in with your student every day.**

We suggest keeping a spare change of clothes in their backpack for any (fun, messy, wet) *End of Year Activities*.

May Testing: Make sure to catch your Zzzzz's

Students should strive for 8-10 hours of sleep per night.

Studies have shown that kids who regularly get an adequate amount of sleep have:

- Increased attention for learning
- Better behavior
- Boosted memory
- An overall improved mental and physical health.

Ways to help sleep at night:

- Set aside electronics before bed and keep them out of the room.
- Limit caffeine and sugar in the evening
- Try a quiet activity before bed such as reading, listening to music or journal writing.



Media Center News



In April we had the author **Victoria Piontek** of "**Better with Butter**", a SSYRA book, visit with our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classes. The students were able to ask her questions and enjoyed her discussion about her writings.

****Reminder to all students!****

All books will need to be returned to the media center no later than **Friday, May 3rd****



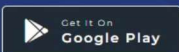
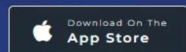
Have a great summer!!



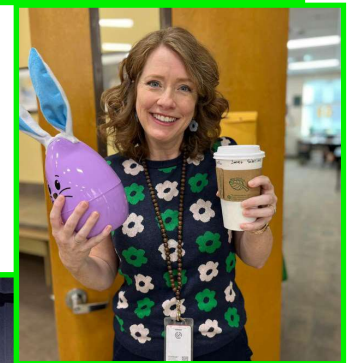
Suspicious Activity Reporting App

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

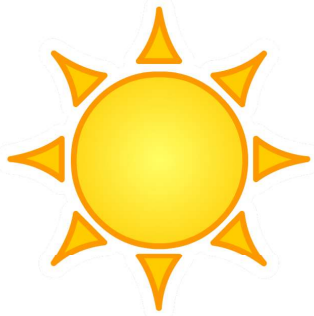
Submit A Tip Online



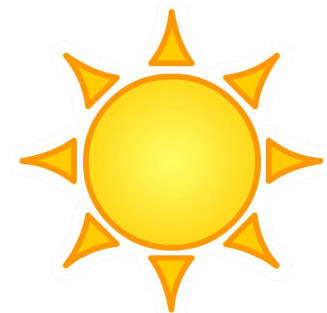
Around PVA



SAFE SUMMER TIPS



KEEP KIDS SAFE THIS SUMMER



MANY SUMMERTIME ACTIVITIES CARRY HEALTH RISKS FOR CHILDREN. HELP THEM AVOID THESE HAZARDS WITH PRECAUTIONS.

BEAT BUGS



Protect against mosquitoes by keeping children indoors at dawn and dusk. Apply insect repellent with no more than 30% DEET.



Check for ticks in hair and skin after kids spend time outdoors. Have them wear pants, long-sleeve shirts, socks and shoes in woods or tall grass.



Get immediate medical attention for serious reactions to bee and wasp stings, such as hives, swelling in the throat, dizziness, nausea or difficulty breathing.

STOP SUNBURN AND HEAT SICKNESS



Slather kids with a water-resistant, broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30.



Dress them in light, loose-fitting clothes, wide-brimmed hats and sunglasses.



Make sure they drink water to stay hydrated.



Limit time outdoors when the sun's rays are strongest—between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

SWIM SAFELY



Watch children at all times when they are in or near water.



Teach kids to swim or enroll them in swimming lessons.



If you have a pool, install a fence with a self-closing and self-latching gate.

Middle School Athletics



GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP WEEK
May 20th to 24th

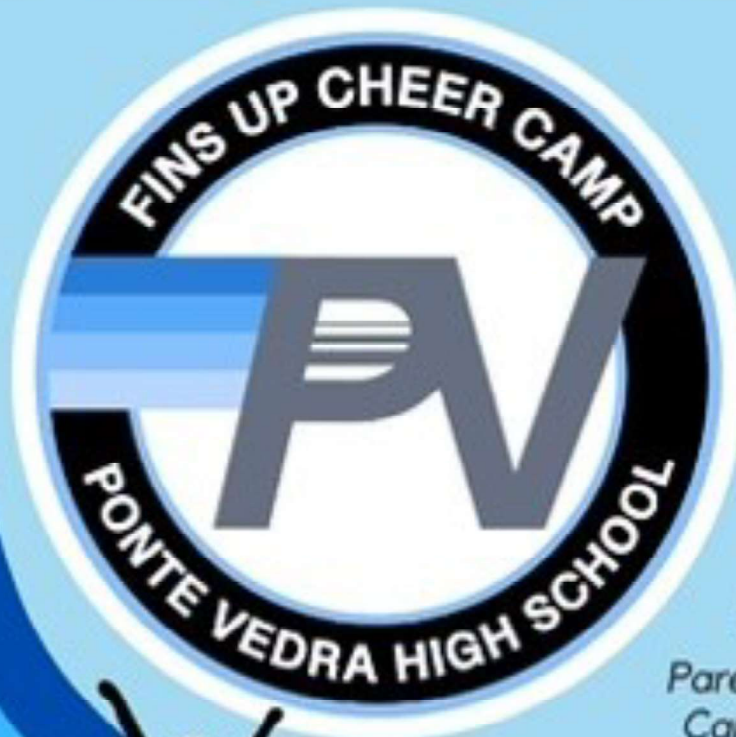
JV BASEBALL PLAYOFFS
May 1st vs LPA/POA

SPRING FOOTBALL GAME
May 11th 2PM@Bartram Trail HS

VARSITY BASEBALL PLAYOFFS
May 7th opponent TBA



Register Today!



***Join Us
May 11th
9am - 1pm
PVHS Gym***

CURRENT K - 7TH GRADE

*Parent Showcase at conclusion of camp
Campers are grouped by age and skill*

***Click the link or
scan the QR code to
register now!***



Middle School Athletics

PALM VALLEY ACADEMY
BOBCATS



Girls Volleyball Team Open Gym

Who: Rising 6th, 7th, & 8th grade Girls interested in trying out for next year's PVA volleyball team.

When: Tuesday May 7th and Thursday, May 9th

Where: PVA Gym

Time: 3:30pm – 5:00pm

Questions: Email Coach Henson - al.henson@stjohns.k12.fl.us

To Register, Complete the Form by Following the Link Below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/Zr3NQ5UGWj>



Middle School Athletics

PALM VALLEY ACADEMY GIRLS' VARSITY SOCCER

JOIN THE PROGRAM



PRESEASON Pre-TRYOUT

May 15th (Wednesday)

3:15pm—5:15pm

DAVIS TURF PARK

COACHES:

Coach McArthur (Mac)

cmac252525@yahoo.com

Coach Samilian (Brian)

Student Coach: Olivia S.

Summer Program



GRADES
K-8TH

Splashette

SUMMER
2024

DANCE CAMP

June 3-5
9 AM - 1 PM
PVHS GYM

Jazz, Pom,
& Hip Hop
Choreography

INCLUDES:
3 DAY CAMP
SPLASHETTE TANK
&
TRUCKER HAT

**REGISTER
TODAY!**



BRING:
PACKED LUNCH
WATER BOTTLE
WEAR:
BLACK SHORTS
SNEAKERS

SNACK PROVIDED

<https://splashettesummer2024.eventbrite.com>

Summer Program

ST. JOHN'S COUNTY
SCHOOLS PRESENTS

SUMMER CHOIR CAMP

JUNE 3RD- JUNE 13TH
MONDAY-THURSDAY
9:00-12:00
BEACHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FINAL
PERFORMANCE:
THURSDAY, JUNE 13TH AT 11:00
AT THE BEACHSIDE HIGH
SCHOOL AUDITORIUM



This *free* choral camp is being offered to incoming 6th-8th graders. Students will work with choral clinicians to learn proper singing technique and improve their singing skills. The two-week program will end with a *free* concert for families to enjoy! Use the QR code to sign up below. Space is limited, so sign up quickly.

Scan or Click the Code to Sign-Up
for Summer Choir Camp!



Summer Program

Dear parents and caregivers,

There is a free fine arts summer camp for your kiddos from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, June 3rd – June 13th, Monday – Thursday (no Fridays.)

This camp will be car rider only and will be hosted at Valley Ridge Academy. Your child will be responsible for bringing his/her own lunch. Scan the QR code for more information and to register. Space is limited.



STJCGA
St. John's Episcopal Church

END OF CAMP PERFORMANCE!
6/3 - 6/13, Monday - Thursday
Limited spots available
RISING 3RD - 5TH GRADERS

REGISTER NOW



2024 Elementary FINE ARTS SUMMER CAMP
@ 105 Greenleaf Drive
FREE!

- Music
- Puppetry
- Dance
- & more...

CONTACT US:  Jennette.Knoblach@stjohns.k12.fl.us  105 Greenleaf Drive

BBCATS
PALM VALLEY ACADEMY

Summer Program



St. Johns County Schools
Marine Science Program

**CURRENT 5TH-7TH GRADE STUDENTS
APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN**

Transportation
provided

Session One: June 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13

Session Two: June 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27

[Two Part Application Process-Click Here](#)

1. [Parent online application](#)
2. [Student essay/teacher recommendation](#)

**Canoe, Kayak, Windsurf, SUP, Surf,
Fish and much more!**

Don't Miss The Fun

Check out our website site at:

<https://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/marinescience/>

**Kristina Bransford
Program Coordinator**

marinescienceprogram@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Summer Program

BAILEN BASKETBALL SUMMER CAMP

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!



BAILEN BASKETBALL SUMMER CAMP

Co-Ed/3rd-9th graders welcome

Mon-Thurs @ Nease High School

A.M. Session:
9am-12pm
\$160/camper

P.M. Session:
1pm-4pm
\$160/camper

Full Day
9am-4pm
\$300/camper
(Pack own lunch)



Dates

- Session 1: 6/3-6/6
- Session 2: 6/10-6/13
- Session 3: 6/17-6/20
- Session 4: 6/24-6/27
- Session 5: 7/8-7/11
- Session 6: 7/15-7/18
- Session 7: 7/22-7/25

Register now:

www.Joshbailenbasketball.com
or
Venmo @Josh-BailenBasketball
(Names/Dates attending)

From the PTO

Congratulations to our 2024-2025 PVA PTO Board!

- President- Amy Stellwagen
- Past President- Beth Gassner
- Treasurer- Brittany Hulsey
- Elementary VP- Laura Granados
- Middle School VP- Barbara Hager
- Co-Recording Secretaries- Brittany Dunning & Wanwisa Chanasit
- Corresponding Secretary- Emily Britt



The PTO is excited to celebrate PVA's amazing staff in May! We are only able to do this because of your amazing support this year!



STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK 2024
PALM VALLEY ACADEMY SCHOOL
MAY 6TH - MAY 10TH

BECAUSE THE TEACHERS AND STAFF HERE ARE SO

TIKI-RIFFIC

WE JUST WANTED TO SAY

MAHALO

FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!

WE APPRECIATE YOU SO VERY MUCH!

MONDAY:
RISE AND SHINE, IT'S APPRECIATION TIME!
JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM FROM 7AM - 9AM

TUESDAY:
SLIDE INTO THE LUAU
JOIN US FOR SLIDERS AND SIDES IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM FROM 10AM - 1PM

WEDNESDAY:
THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE YEAR 'SMOOTHIE'
JOIN US FOR SMOOTHIES AT THE CONCESSION STAND FROM 10AM - 1PM

THURSDAY:
SURF UP SOME SNACKS
ENJOY SOME TREATS AT THE CONCESSION STAND FROM 10AM-1PM

FRIDAY:
HULA YOUR WAY OVER TO A GRAB-AND-GO TREAT
ENJOY A CHARCUTERIE BOX, AND A GOODIE BAG! FROM 10AM-1PM

The poster is decorated with a sun, palm trees, a tiki mask, a dolphin, and a hibiscus flower. The text is written in various colors and fonts, with some words in all caps and some in a playful, bubbly font.

2023-2024 PARTNERS IN EDUCATION



2023-2024 Partners in Education



Heroes



Champions



Supporters



In Kind

