



*Building Purposeful Leaders Where Everyone Shines Through Achievement*

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July 29, 2024

Palm Valley Academy Bobcat Families,

Over the past four weeks, you have received a lot of information from me that will remain relevant and important as the year goes on. Please know these communications and their attachments will stay available on our school website for reference throughout the year as needed. However, please also know that all of us here at PVA are willing and able to help guide, or assist you and your family with any questions, concerns, or situations that may arise as the year gets going. So, keep the school's phone number handy and please don't hesitate to reach out 😊

*As you know, this summer I've released a series of communications focused on different "Big Rocks" here at PVA, along with important upcoming dates of note. As a reminder, these communications, along with any other pertinent information that becomes available will be sent out each Monday through July (thanks again for your patience with me this week). Please continue to visit our website as everything I send will be added to the Communication section of the PVA Homepage -<https://www-pva.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>. Each week's focus of information is as follows:*

- July 1, 2024 - General Welcome and Immediate Information
- July 8, 2024 - PVA Upcoming Events and PTO/Volunteer Information
- July ~~15~~ 22, 2024 - All Things Logistical and Operational
- July ~~22~~ 29, 2024 - Official Welcome Back and PVA Day 1/Week 1

This, the fourth and final of the July communications, is focused on being prepared for "PVA Day 1/Week 1". You will find information on the school's mission and vision, a few of our student supports, important cafeteria news, and quite a few other links/forms that could be useful as we get closer to August 12<sup>th</sup>. When time allows this week, please read through the communication (detailed below in This Weeks Content) and keep in mind where to find them to reference as needed throughout the year. But first, a quick reminder of upcoming important dates.



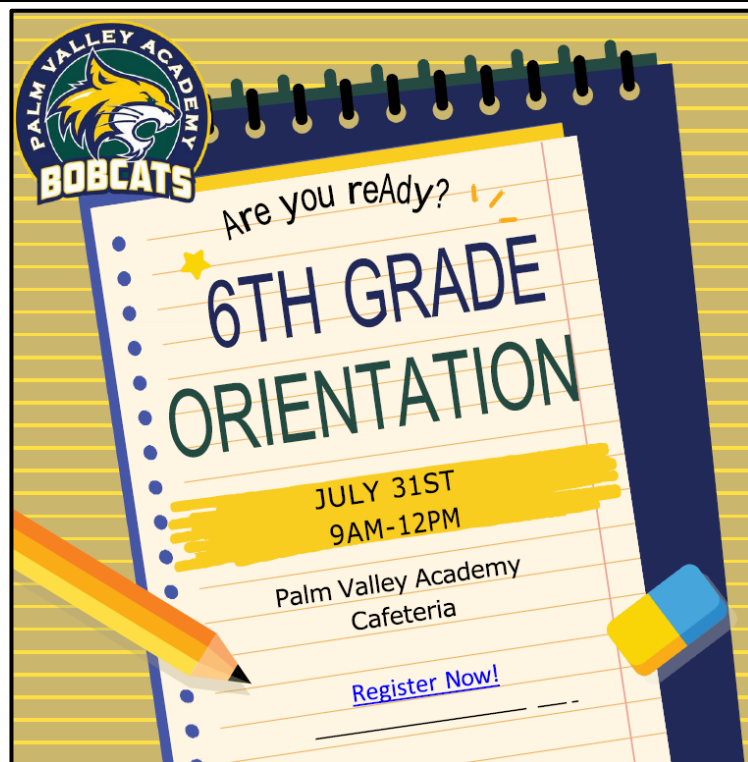
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**Upcoming Dates:**

- 7/31 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation (See attachment for sign-up and additional info)
- 8/1 Kindergarten staggered start information and sign-up will be sent via email
- 8/7 All elementary families will receive an email from their child's assigned teacher
- 8/8 Middle school schedule available in HAC
- 8/8 Kindergarten Meet the Teacher from 5pm-6pm
- 8/8 Staggered Elementary Meet the Teacher:
  - 8:00am-9:00am for Last Names = A-J
  - 9:30am-10:30am for Last Names = K-R
  - 11:00am-12:00pm for Last Names = S-Z
- Staggered Middle School Walk-Your-Schedule:
  - 12:30pm-1:00pm for Last Names = A-J
  - 1:30pm-2:00pm for Last Names = K-R
  - 2:30pm-3:00pm for Last Names = S-Z
- 8/12 First Day of School 😊
- 8/12-8/15 Kindergarten Staggered Start (sign-up using link in the 8/1 email)
- 8/16 First Full Day for Kindergarten Classes

**\*\*LINKS ONLY LIVE IN ATTACHMENT\*\***





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## THIS WEEKS CONTENT

### YOUR OFFICIAL WELCOME BACK – DAY 1/WEEK 1 INFO

Front Office Phone: (904)547-4200

Front Office Hours: 7:45am – 3:45pm

School Hours: 8:40am – 3:00pm

Wednesdays: 8:40am – 2:00pm

**Early Release Pickup Cut-off Times: 2:15pm (MTRF) and 1:15pm on W**

### PVA's Mission and Vision-

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 <p><b>OUR MISSION</b></p> <hr/> <p>WE <b>P</b>URSU<b>E</b> EXCELLEN<b>C</b>E.</p> <p>WE <b>V</b>AL<b>U</b>E ALL.</p> <p>WE <b>A</b>CHIE<b>V</b>E SU<b>C</b>CESS.</p> <p><b>WE ARE PVA!</b></p>	<p><b>BOBCATS SHOW PRIDE, WE ARE...</b></p>  <p><b>P</b>RE<b>P</b>ARED</p> <p><b>R</b>ES<b>P</b>E<b>C</b>T<b>F</b>UL</p> <p><b>I</b>NS<b>P</b>IR<b>E</b>D</p> <p><b>D</b>ETER<b>M</b>IN<b>E</b>D</p> <p><b>E</b>NG<b>A</b>G<b>E</b>D</p>
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## **HAC (HOME ACCESS CENTER)**

Parents and Guardians will be able to view and/or print their child's educational information and report cards from Palm Valley Academy through HAC, (Home Access Center). If you need a HAC login or HAC password reset, please go directly to the [HAC website](#). For important HAC information, please make sure to read HAC Directions first. If you are experiencing issues with obtaining your HAC access, please email [Mary Dominguez](#).

## **HELPFUL SCHOOL BASED LINKS**

On the [PVA Homepage](#), you will find a wide range of important forms and documents under the section Helpful Links. While many of the documents are from last year, they are in the process of being updated and should be done prior to August 12<sup>th</sup>. Please keep this resource in mind as the year gets underway. Below are the current resources available.

### Important Forms and Documents

PVA Student Handbook (Check back for updated resource)  
PVA Absentee Form  
PVA Dismissal Change Form

### Parent/Guardian Information

School Access – Visitors and Volunteer Clearance  
HAC Access  
Master Calendar  
SJCSJ Lunch Menu Website  
Year-At-A-Glance (pacing guide and content standards for selected courses)  
High School Academy Application Information  
SJCSJ Enrollment Policy  
Attendance Zoning Information  
Attendance Zone Locator  
Residency & Guardianship Policy  
Bullying Prevention Presentation  
Let's Be Internet Healthy  
Use of Service Animals by Individuals with Disabilities  
St. Johns County School District Website

And More!



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## HELPFUL DISTRICT BASED LINKS

The [St. Johns County School District website](#) is also a very important resource to keep at your fingertips. Like our school site, the district links are currently “under construction”, but should be fully updated by August 12<sup>th</sup>. Below are the current resources available on the district’s website.

### SJCSD - Families Tab

- Families FAQ
- Character Counts!
- Home Education
- Parent Resource Guide
- Report Bullying
- Safe & Drug Free Schools
- SchoolMessenger
- Student Progression Plan
- Student Transfer and Choice Options
- VPK Information
- Year-at-a-Glance Pacing Guides

And More!

## **REMAINING IMPORTANT AND NOTEWORTHY:**

### INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Register now to become an approved St Johns County Volunteer. Please make sure to include your complete FIRST, MIDDLE and LAST NAME on the application. **You must be an approved volunteer in the St. Johns county system to enter the school beyond the front desk. Click the link below to sign-up today!**

**[CLICK HERE! FOR SJCSD VOLUNTEER APPLICATION!](#)**

The St. Johns County Volunteer Application is an application for clearance to be on school campus. Whether you are attending a conference with the teacher in person, volunteering in the classroom/events, escorting your kindergartener to class on their first official day of school, volunteering in the lunchroom, joining us for a presentation/celebration, and/or attending a field trip, you must have completed the above form. This is a district policy with no exceptions.



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## **PTO, PTO, PTO!!**

Palm Valley Academy and the PVA PTO share the same vision for success, which is only accomplished by leaning and relying on the strength of everyday working relationships between students, parents and staff. The effort the parent-members, chair-members, and board-members put forth daily to support our students, staff and school is nothing less than extraordinary. On behalf of everyone here at PVA, we sincerely thank all our PTO members who work so hard year-round to ensure a safe and educationally enriched environment here at PVA.

Check out the July 8<sup>th</sup> Principal Communication for tons of additional information on all the things PTO! Or, for more information about PTO membership opportunities and/or additional ways to volunteer see the attached membership flyer or visit the PTO website at <http://www.pvpto.org/>.

Have a great rest of the summer, Families... We will see everyone soon!

Be Well,  
Zach

Zachary R. Strom  
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