

A View from the Valley

Palm Valley Academy: Week of 8/26 – 8/30

Dear PVA Families,

Our third week of school is here and it's a busy one which includes Curriculum Chats for Elementary and Middle School, Boys Volleyball Tryouts, and a holiday weekend ahead! Please take time to review the below information, reminders and upcoming events.

Until next weekend, take care and Go BOBCATS!

INFO FOR ALL (K-8)

School Advisory Council Meeting – Tuesday, Sept. 3rd @ 4:00pm

SAC is a school-based group intended to represent the school, the community, and those persons closest to the students. The group shares responsibility for guiding the school toward continuous improvement. PVA's School Advisory Council meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 4:00pm in the library. Meetings usually last 30-45 minutes and are open to the community. Our first meeting is Tuesday, September 3rd @ 4:00pm in the library. Join us as PVA's 2024-2025 School Improvement Plan will be presented. We hope to see you there.

Notes on the First Rainy Day Hold

Friday presented us with our first bit of adverse weather as we started dismissal and consequently, a Rainy Day HOLD was called. All in all, it seemed to go very smoothly, but please remember, all students must take their predetermined route unless a dismissal change was submitted prior to the daily deadline. As these summer storms continue to roll in, rest assured we will continue to monitor the skies and communicate any change in dismissal AS SOON AS possible each day. Thank you for your patience with us as we work diligently to ensure a safe and secure dismissal for all our students.

Side note: PLEASE have your tag labeled and displayed until all kids are in your car – Rainy day or not. Thank you!

A Dress-Code Reminder

As students get more and more comfortable with their peers and with the daily routine of school, there historically has been an increase in dress code violations. Please note that as a school we are aligned to the district dress code policies as defined in the Student Code of Conduct. However, the below reminders are relevant to what we are most commonly addressing. Please review with your students to try and reduce dress-code violations.

- All shoes, sandals, or other footwear of any kind MUST have a "back" (Slides/Slippers are not permitted).
- Shirts must cover the midriff area.
- Hats, hoods, or other headwear is not permitted.
- Pajama pants are not permitted.

Cell Phones/Smart Watches

It is a state mandate and SJCSD Policy that all cellphones and smartwatches are off and away during instructional blocks during the school day. Students may have phones/watches out upon arrival and dismissal, but they must be turned off and put away at all other times. The only exception to this is the middle school policy, which allows phones/watches to be on during transitions.

- Elementary (K-5): ALL Phones and Smart Watches are off and in their backpacks at all time.
- Middle School (6-8): Students will turn-off phones/watches and place in their backpacks, or in the teachers provided pocket chart, where they will stay until students are dismissed. Additionally, ONE EAR BUD may be used during arrival and dismissal, but off and away at any other point of the day. **STUDENTS MAY NOT KEEP PHONES ON THEIR PERSON DURING INSTRUCTIONAL BLOCKS!**

We kindly ask that parents continue to assist us in discussing appropriate cell phones use regarding restrooms, pictures/videos, and social media. We appreciate your support and understanding.

PVA Curriculum Chats

Elementary Curriculum Chat- Tuesday, August 27th @ 5:00-8:00pm

Kindergarten	5:00pm – 5:30pm
1 st Grade	5:30pm – 6:00pm
2 nd Grade	6:00pm – 6:30pm
3 rd Grade	6:30pm – 7:00pm
4 th Grade	7:00pm – 7:30pm
5 th Grade	7:30pm – 8:00pm

Middle School Curriculum Chat- Thursday, August 29th – See schedule below

PVA Middle School CURRICULUM CHAT
THURSDAY, AUGUST 29TH

HR	Doors open at 5:30pm 5:30-5:40 Transition to 1st Period Class
01	1st Period 5:40-5:50
02	2nd Period 5:55-6:05
03	3rd Period 6:10-6:20
04	4th Period 6:25-6:35
05	5th Period 6:40-6:50
06	6th Period 6:55-7:05
07	7th Period 7:10-7:20

Follow your student's schedule and meet their teachers.
Friendly reminder - paper schedules will not be provided. Schedules are available on HAC.

GRADE SPECIFIC INFO (K-8)

Middle School **BOYS** Volleyball Try-outs (6-8)

Sign-ups for try-outs are posted on the school website under the Athletics tab
ALL STUDENTS MUST BE SIGNED UP TO PARTICIPATE.

- Boys Tryouts: Thursday, August 29th, with call backs on Friday, August 30th if needed.

PTO HAPPENINGS (ALL GRADES)


- Thank you to all who joined us last Wednesday for our first PTO GENERAL MEETING of the year. We love having you all in the building and look forward to working together to keep building a strong community!
- The DOME HATS fundraiser is still ongoing! We've got one week remaining, so place those orders today! DOME Headwear has designed some amazing PVA hats and is making a very generous donation to PVA of \$10 for every hat sold.

The GRADE that sells the most hats wins a PIZZA PARTY

The Teacher of the classroom with the most hats sold wins a VIP PARKING SPOT for all of September!

- This year, we are also offering some styles other than PVA hats, but please note, only PVA hats can be worn on Fridays. Make sure to get yours before the store closes August 30th!

<https://www.domeheadwear.co/pva-store-2024>



PALM VALLEY ACADEMY
FUNDRAISER

GRADE	HAT TOTAL
1 1st	28
2 5th	24
3 2nd	22
4 6th (tie)	19
5 K (tie)	19
6 3rd	14
7 4th	10
8 7th	6
9 8th	5
TOTAL UNITS SOLD	147
TOTAL FUNDS RAISED	\$1,470

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:

- Tuesday, August 27th
 - Elementary Curriculum Chat from 5:00pm – 8:00pm (Scaffolded Grade Levels w/ K starting at 5:00pm)
- Thursday, August 29th
 - Boys Volleyball Tryouts. Additional details & Sign-ups on our PVA Website
 - MS Curriculum Chat 5:30-7:30pm. See Schedule Above.
- Friday, August 30th
 - Boys Volleyball Tryouts CALL BACKS IF NECESSARY– See Coach Lacoste for details

ON THE RADAR:

- Monday, September 2nd
 - **NO SCHOOL**
- Tuesday, September 3rd
 - First SAC MEETING of the year in Library @ 4:00pm

That's all for now Bobcats. Have a great week!

Respectfully,

Zach