

Dear PVA Families,

Please take a moment to review the information, reminders, and upcoming events below to stay informed.

This month has already been a busy one, and it will be behind us before you know it. In an effort to slow down and truly be present, I challenge each of you to take a few moments to pause and reflect on whatever or whoever you are thankful for this holiday season. If it's an individual or a group of people you're grateful for, take a moment to let them know how much they mean to you. I plan to do the same for each of the remaining days of November.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you and your families many blessings!

Sincerely,  
Mr. Strom

***PVA Vision Statement***

***Building purposeful leaders where everyone shines through achievement.***

***We Pursue Excellence.***

***We Value All.***

***We Achieve Success.***

***We are PVA!***

**INFO FOR ALL (K-8)**

**Volleyball Playoffs This Week**

Both our girls and boys volleyball teams have made the playoffs and will host Round 1 games this Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Seeded Girls host Patriot Oaks Academy at 5:30pm and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Seeded Boys host Liberty Pines Academy afterwards. Two playoff games for a single admission! Come on out for some playoff Volleyball and support our Bobcats!

**NJHS November Food Drive**

Thank you for your help and support in making the NJHS November Food Drive a success! We are so fortunate to be part of such a generous community. Your donations and encouragement make all the difference.

**A Message from Deputy Wilson**

Hey Parents and Friends of Bobcats everywhere! Thank you to all parents, for being mindful on the golf cart path to and from school. Don't forget, while operating your golf cart/low speed vehicle, the same rules for occupant safety still apply. Seat belts must always be worn, cellphones in hands-free mode, children should NEVER be carried in your lap, especially infants in a sling between you and the steering wheel. As a special treat again this week... our safety patrol will be giving out stickers and PBIS points this Friday if we catch you walking and setting a good example. So, let's show the admin. and all of our teachers how awesome we are! Go Bobcats!! :)

-All my best, Deputy Wilson

## Final days for PVA's Buddy-A-Thon

Help us finish strong in the final days of Palm Valley Academy's Buddy-A-Thon Fundraiser. This November we've been asking our students to participate in our Be a Buddy and Build a Bobcat fundraiser with proceeds allocated to enhancing our schoolwide PBIS program, fund inspiring assemblies, and provide essential curriculum materials – all aimed at fostering a culture of kindness, inclusivity, and respect. Together, let's our school a place where every student can thrive! ENDS THIS WEEK!

### Palm Valley Academy is excited for Buddy-A-Thon! I'm a Buddy NOT a Bully!



Our Buddy-A-Thon runs 11/5 - 11/19. It is like a walk-a-thon except instead of walking, participating students get to pick a huggable, lovable Buddy. Buddies are 16" in size and "department store" quality.

Students will get to help "build their own" buddy at the Buddy Stuffing Event at our school soon after the conclusion of our program.

Please support our efforts by registering TONIGHT and sending as many emails and texts as possible to friends and family via our system. Funds raised will be used to enhance our schoolwide PBIS program, fund inspiring assemblies, and provide essential curriculum material - all aimed at fostering a culture of kindness, inclusivity, and respect.

STEP 1

**PARENTS:** Please register your student and help them send 10+ emails TONIGHT!

<https://bit.ly/48n48lk>

- Help your student pick the Buddies and Outfits they hope to earn
- Don't forget to include your own email address so you can donate online too
- Send emails/texts to grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, co-workers, neighbors & anyone that wants to help your student and our school
- **EARN PRIZES!** All students that send 10+ valid emails/texts will earn a Dexter Key Chain, Dexter Slap Bracelet, & Lanyard. Return Golden Ticket Wed, 11/6th!



STEP 2

### EARN AWESOME PRIZES (all prizes are cumulative)

**\$100+ in donations raised**

- Get a Bobcat Buddy!
- + Heart Insert
- + Birth Certificate
- + I'm a Buddy, Not a Bully Drawstring Bag



**\$150+ in donations raised**

- Get your Bobcat Buddy
- an outfit of your choice



**\$200+ in donations raised**  
Get all 12 of the Dexter Squad



**\$275+ in donations raised**  
Get a Buddy donated in your name to the  
**Wolfson Children's Hospital**



**\$350+ in donations raised**

Get a Glow in the Dark Blanket!



**\$425+ in donations raised**

Get a second outfit! Plus, for every additional \$125, get another outfit.



**\$500+ in donations raised**

Get Dexter the Dragon Buddy!



All personal information will only be used for this program and will be kept confidential and will not be sold, reused, rented, loaned or otherwise disclosed.

**GOLDEN TICKET** - Please sign & return to school on Wed. Nov. 6th to earn your Dexter Keychain, Dexter Hair, & Lanyard. Plus, you will also be entered in the Daily Prize Drawings!

Yes, I registered and sent 10+ emails. Emails will be confirmed.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Gr: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



PALM VALLEY ACADEMY  
**Bear Buddies**

## PILLAR OF THE MONTH—NOVEMBER



### CITIZENSHIP

Do your share to make your school and community better · Cooperate · Get involved in community affairs · Stay informed; vote · Be a good neighbor · Obey laws and rules · Respect authority · Protect the environment · Volunteer



COMING SOON TO ST JOHNS!  
WE ARE SO EXCITED AND WE KNOW YOU ARE TOO!

Opening HOLIDAYS 2024 - Join now to get the special pre-opening deals! **PLUS – BJ's will donate \$10 for every new enrollment AND \$5 for renewals to PALM VALLEY ACADEMY**

- ✦ Club Card ONLY \$20, normally \$55!
- ✦ Club+ Card ONLY \$60, normally \$110! With this membership you will earn 2% on your shopping PLUS an extra 5 cents off on gas!  
Both memberships come with a FREE family/household card! These special prices are only available through the fundraiser. This offer is not instore or online.
- ✦ Renewals - \$50 for Club Card, \$100 for Club+ Card. We will add the 12 months to your current expiration date.

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## ELEMENTARY INFO (K-5)

### **Parent Lunchroom Volunteer Opportunities**

Back by popular demand we are finally opening the lunchroom back up for K-5 Parent Volunteers! Limited spots remaining! [Click HERE for Lunch Volunteers Information](#) and [Click HERE to sign-up!](#)

## MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO (6-8)

**Middle School Volunteers Needed!** We are looking for parent volunteers to help at our middle school PBIS store! Click on this [link](#) to sign up!

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Yearbook Ads**

Are on sale NOW! They are due Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. Parents/Guardians can buy the 1/8 of a page yearbook ad for \$25 at [www.buytheyearbook.com](http://www.buytheyearbook.com) use CODE: 385266



## Middle School Field Trips

Our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade trips are scheduled and are open now for payment. Please check the grade level links below or visit the PVA Middle School website for additional information.

## Basketball: OPEN GYM THIS WEEK AND TRYOUT SIGN-UPS

This week, there will be an Open Gym after school Thursday for girls and after school Friday for boys. See coach Danko for additional details. Also, Basketball tryouts are scheduled as follows. Sign-up using the QR code in the below flyer. \*ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE SIGNED UP\*

### BOYS TRYOUTS

- Monday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 3:30-5:30 P.M.
- Tuesday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 3:30-5:30 P.M.
- Wednesday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:30 P.M.

### GIRLS TRYOUTS

- Thursday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:30 P.M.
- Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:30 P.M.



# Boys

## Middle School Basketball Tryouts

Who: 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys

- Monday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 3:30-5:30 P.M.
- Tuesday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 3:30-5:30 P.M.
- Wednesday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Where: PVA Gym

Questions: Email Coach Schulz: [ransonschulz0@gmail.com](mailto:ransonschulz0@gmail.com)

To register, complete the form by following the link below:



# Girls

## Middle School Basketball Tryouts

Who: 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls

- Thursday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:30 P.M.
- Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Where: PVA Gym

Questions: Email Coach Gue [nicole.gue@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:nicole.gue@stjohns.k12.fl.us)  
or Coach Lindsay [allyson.lindsay@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:allyson.lindsay@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

To register, complete the form by following the link below:



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# MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS



Who: 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

What/Where: Wild Adventures

When: Thursday April 3, 2025, from 10am to 6pm

Cost: \$125 (Includes bus, admission, and lunch)

Payment Deadline: February 21, 2025

**\*\*All field trips can be found and paid for on [School Pay](#) on our website\*\***



**\*\*If you are interested in being a chaperone, please email [Jayme.Stefko@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Jayme.Stefko@stjohns.k12.fl.us) and she will put you on a list. Chaperones will be chosen on a first come basis based on the number needed (to be determined closer to the trip date)**



Who: 7<sup>th</sup> Graders

What/Where: Busch Gardens

When: Thursday April 17, 2025, from 10am to 7pm

Cost: \$180 (Includes bus, admission, and food voucher including lunch and snack)

Payment Deadline: February 21, 2025

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## GRADVENTURE UNIVERSAL ORLANDO

Who: 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

What/Where: Gradventure @ Universal Studios

When: Friday May 9, 2025, from 12pm to 3am

Cost: \$215 (Includes bus, admission, and food voucher)

Payment Deadline: March 21, 2025

**\*\*All field trips can be found and paid for on [School Pay](#) on our website\*\***



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### 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE WILD ADVENTURES



### 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BUSCH GARDENS



### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GRADVENTURE



## PTO HAPPENINGS (ALL GRADES)

- Yearbooks are NOW available! Reserve your copy TODAY! [Buy the Yearbook-Buy the Yearbook](#)
- This month's General PTO meeting will be this Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am in the PVA Cafeteria.

## UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:

- Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>
  - VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFFS – RD 1 HOME: Girls (2) vs. FCA (5) @ 5:30pm and Boys (3) vs. LPA (6) @ 6:30pm
  - PVA Dance Fundraiser @ The Loop (4-8pm) – MENTION PVA DANCE WHEN ORDERING!
- Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>
  - VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFFS – RD 2 TBA IF NECESSARY
  - Final Day of BE A BUDDY NOT A BULLY Fundraiser!
- Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Character Counts Breakfast @ 7:30am
  - General PTO Meeting in the Café @ 9:00am
- Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Study
  - Girls Basketball OPEN GYM @ 3:20
  - VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TBA (IF NECESSARY)
- Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Boys Basketball OPEN GYM @ 3:20
  - Last day before Thanksgiving Break!

**FUNDRAISING Event**  
**MONDAY, NOV. 18TH**  
**4PM-8PM**

At  
**THE LOOP**  
TOSS GRILL BAKE SHAKE LOOP LOVE YEAH

**15% of sales go to the PVA Dance Team. Please mention PVA Dance when ordering. Go Bobcats!**

The poster features a yellow and green color scheme with a silhouette of a person performing a dance move. It includes the Palm Valley Academy logo and the text 'PVA DANCE TEAM'.

## On the Radar:

- Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Boys Basketball Tryouts @ 3:30-5:30pm
- Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Boys Basketball Tryouts @ 3:30-5:30pm
  - SAC Meeting in Library @ 4:00pm
- Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>
  - PVA Spelling Bee
  - Candy Cane Lane Begins! Be on the lookout for further info from PTO.
  - Boys Basketball Tryouts @ 3:30-5:30pm
- Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Girls Basketball Tryouts @ 3:30-5:30pm
- Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Study
  - Girls Basketball Tryouts @ 3:30-5:30pm

That's all for now, Bobcats.

Zach Strom

PVA School Principal

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