

Dear PVA Families,

As we approach the Christmas break, I want to take a moment to thank you for your support and partnership throughout this first semester. Together, we've celebrated achievements, overcome challenges, and created lasting memories for our students.

I wish you a joyful holiday season filled with peace, love, and quality time with your loved ones. We look forward to welcoming you back in the new year for more learning and growth. Before we do, I'm excited to enjoy this final week of December and all that lies ahead!

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)

PVA's Holiday Giving and Drive Collections

This is our final week of collections and we need your help fulfilling this year's drives! These donations will go directly to local St. Johns County families in need in effort to ensure every child experiences the magic of the holidays. We invite all families to join us in making this season brighter for others. How to Participate:

- **Toy Donations:** Please bring new, unwrapped toys suitable for children of all ages. Collection bins will be located in the front office and throughout the building.
- **Amazon Donations:** Choose from desired items on the [AMAZON WISH LIST FOUND HERE](#). All items will be delivered directly to the school.
- **Bike Donations:** Bicycles can be gently used or new. Please see the [PVA HOLIDAY BIKE DRIVE SIGN-UP HERE](#) for details. Bikes can be dropped off at the front office.
- **Dates:** The drive will start Monday, December 2nd and conclude with our Cookies and Cocoa Art Show and Holiday Event on the evening of Wednesday, December 18th.

This initiative not only allows us to give back but also teaches our students the importance of kindness, generosity, and community. We are so grateful for your support and any contributions you can make. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our counselors, Ms. Kristi Frick or Ms. Corinne Fennelly at (904)547-4200. Thank you for helping us make a difference this holiday season!

Cookies and Cocoa – A Holiday Event and Art Show

The holiday season is upon us, and we're excited to invite you to our special Cookies & Cocoa Holiday Event and Student Art Show!

Event Details:

- **Date:** Wednesday, December 18th
- **Time:** 6:00 – 7:30pm
- **Location:** We will start off in the cafeteria

This festive evening will feature:

- 🎨 A stunning display of student artwork showcasing their creativity and hard work.
- 🍪 Delicious cookies and warm cocoa to enjoy with friends and family.
- 📖 Holiday read louds by guest readers and music to set the mood for a joyful celebration.

We can't wait to celebrate the season together and highlight our students' artistic talents. It's the perfect opportunity to connect with the school community and create lasting memories! We look forward to seeing you there! See the flyer below for additional details!

A Couple of Notes for This Week

- This Friday is an EARLY RELEASE with dismissal starting at 1:50pm. AS A REMINDER, the deadline for an early check-out is 1:15pm on early release days.
- Join us this week as we celebrate the final days of the second semester and 2024 with a few themed "dress-up" days. Everyone is welcome to participate!
 - Monday, Dec. 16th – Shiny and Bright! Shine bright like the star you are. Wear something that lights or shines bright.
 - Tuesday, Dec. 17th – merry Grinchmas! Wear green from head to toe!
 - Wednesday, Dec. 18th – Whoville Day. Do your Whoville hair or wear your Whoville costumes!
 - Thursday, Dec. 19th – Baby its Cold Outside! Wear your "ugliest holiday sweater" or your tacky holiday clothes!
 - Friday, Dec. 20th – Twas' the Night Before Break – School appropriate PJ Day!





JOIN US FOR AN EVENING
OF HOLIDAY FUN AT PVA

**K-8
WINTER
ART
SHOW** **&** **COOKIES
AND
COCOA
WITH SANTA**

**DECEMBER 18, 2024
6PM TO 7:30PM
Palm Valley Academy**

This festive evening will feature:

- Delicious cookies & warm cocoa to enjoy with friends and family
- Holiday read alouds by guest readers and music to set the mood for a joyful celebration

Come view and support the PVA Art students!

Your child's winter themed art has been matted and framed by professionals. You have the opportunity to purchase it for \$35.

A wonderful idea for a holiday gift.

No need to stand in line, view and pre-order online by visiting

<https://artomestore.com/collections/palmvalleyacademy3208>

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
THE PVA ART PROGRAMS**

ELEMENTARY INFO (K-5)

A Note from Ms. Gwaltney

Just a friendly reminder that our In-Person Art Show is fast approaching! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 18 from 6-7:30pm. Don't forget, you can pre-purchase your child's framed artwork as a cherished keepsake. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you at the show!!!

Visit the school's online art show

website: <https://artomestore.com/collections/palmvalleyacademy32081>

MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO (6-8)

8th Grade Yearbook Ads

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

Middle School Field Trips

Our 6th, 7th, and 8th 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.

High School Career Academy Flyers Below!



Time to think. . .

High School!

Make informed decisions about high school with a few simple steps:

- ✓ Visit the Career and Technical Education website and explore the various programs.
- ✓ Attend the High School Showcase on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, between 3:30-7:00pm at the World Golf Village Renaissance Resort and Convention Center.
- ✓ Attend the Academy Nights at your schools of choice. Meet the teachers and other students! All are at 6:00pm except St. Johns Technical High School (5:30pm).

January 7	Pedro Menendez High School	January 21	Beachside High School
January 8	Bartram Trail High School	January 22	Allen D. Nease High School
January 9	Creekside High School	January 23	St. Augustine High School
January 15	Tocoi Creek High School	January 23	St. Johns Technical High School
January 16	Ponte Vedra High School		

- Discuss your options as a family.
- Apply through the student's Home Access Center (HAC) account between January 6, 2025, and January 24, 2025, at 5:00pm. For Academies at St. Johns Technical High School (SJTHS), apply directly with the school.
- Auditions for those applying to the St. Johns County Center for the Arts at St. Augustine High School will be held Wednesday, January 15, 2025. Audition information can be found at www.sjcca.org.

**Note: Bus transportation is only provided to ZONED schools and SJTHS. If attending a high school other than your zoned school or SJTHS, transportation must be provided by the family.*

Online application through the student's Home Access Center (HAC) account is necessary for:

Career Academies (except SJTHS), Junior ROTC, St. Johns County Center for the Arts Academic Acceleration Programs – AICE, IB, Early Career Program & Early College Program

Career Academies & Programs of Interest

Allen D. Nease High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academy of Hospitality and Tourism • Communications Academy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Digital Design strand ◦ TV Production strand • Stellar Academy of Engineering • International Baccalaureate (IB) • Navy JROTC 	Bartram Trail High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design Academy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Architectural Design strand ◦ Fashion Design strand ◦ Interior Design strand • Information Technology Academy • VyStar Academy of Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Entrepreneurship strand ◦ Finance strand • Air Force JROTC
Beachside High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academy of Global Logistics & Supply Chain Management • Academy of Information Technology • Academy of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Biomedical Science strand ◦ Veterinary Science strand • Cambridge AICE Program 	Creekside High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academy of Emerging Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Cybersecurity strand ◦ FinTech strand • Academy of Engineering & Environmental Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Engineering strand ◦ Environmental Science strand • Communications Academy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Digital Media strand ◦ TV Production strand • St. Johns County Academy of Future Teachers
Pedro Menendez High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academy of Architectural Design and Technology • Academy of Future Healthcare Professionals • VyStar Academy of Business • International Baccalaureate (IB) • Early College Program (SJR State) 	Ponte Vedra High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academy of Biotechnology & Medical Research • Academy of Information Technology • Academy of International Business & Marketing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ International Business strand ◦ International Marketing strand • St. Johns County Academy of Future Educators
St. Augustine High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academy of Aviation and Aerospace <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Aerospace Studies strand ◦ Aviation Maintenance strand • Academy of Law and Homeland Security • St. Johns County Academy of Future Teachers • St. Johns County Center for the Arts • Cambridge AICE Program • Army JROTC • Early Career Program (FCTC) 	St. Johns Technical High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academy of Aquaculture • Academy of Culinary Arts <p>St. Johns Technical High School serves the district as a School of Choice. To attend, families must apply directly to the school. Visit https://www.sjths.k12.fl.us to access the application.</p>
Tocoi Creek High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academy of Innovation in the Built Environment • Academy of Leadership in Emerging Technologies • Academy of Future Healthcare Professionals • St. Johns County Academy of Future Educators • Early College Program (SJR State) 	<p>To learn more, visit: https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/</p>

Who: 6th Graders

What/Where: Wild Adventures

When: Thursday April 3, 2025, from 10am to 6pm
Cost: \$115 (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.Stofko@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)

Don't forget to purchase your T-Shirt

that can be used all year!



Who: 7th Graders

What/Where: Busch Gardens

When: Thursday April 17, 2025, from 10am to 7pm
Cost: \$170 (Includes bus, admission, and food voucher including lunch and snack)
Payment Deadline: February 21, 2025

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Who: 8th Graders

What/Where: Gradventure @ Universal Studios
When: Friday May 9, 2025, from 12pm to 12am
Cost: \$205 (Includes bus, admission, and food voucher)
Payment Deadline: March 21, 2025

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PTO HAPPENINGS (ALL GRADES)

- Yearbooks are NOW available! Reserve your copy TODAY! [Buy the Yearbook-Buy the Yearbook](#)

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:

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 - Cookies and Cocoa Art Night @ 6:00-7:30pm
- Thursday, December 19th
 - Its ugly holiday sweater/tacky holiday clothes day!
- Friday, December 20th
 - Schoolwide Pajama Day (Polar Express)
 - Early Release! Dismissal starts at 1:50pm

Have a fantastic winter break and a Merry Christmas/Happy Holidays, Bobcats! We'll see you back for the New Year!

Sincerely,

Zach Strom

PVA School Principal

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