A View from the Valley

Palm Valley Academy: Week of 12/2 – 12/6

Dear PVA Families,

I hope your Thanksgiving holiday was filled with joy and quality time with loved ones. As we enter December, the excitement of the season is in the air, and there's much to look forward to at our school.

This month brings opportunities to celebrate our students' hard work, reflect on their growth, and enjoy the spirit of community that makes our school so special. Thank you for your ongoing partnership in supporting their success.

Have a great week!

Sincerely, Mr. Strom

> <u>PVA Vision Statement</u> Building purposeful leaders where everyone shines through achievement.

> > We <u>P</u>ursue Excellence. We <u>V</u>alue All. We <u>A</u>chieve Success.

> > > We are PVA!

INFO FOR ALL (K-8)

PVA's Holiday Giving and Drive Collections

I am thrilled to announce that our school, in partnership with NJHS will be hosting a Toy Drive and Bike Drive this holiday season. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a community to spread joy and support families in need. Starting on December 2, we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys and gently used or new bicycles of varying sizes. 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 <u>AMAZON WISH LIST FOUND HERE</u>. All items will be delivered directly to the school.
- **Bike Donations:** Bicycles can be gently used or new. Please see the <u>PVA HOLIDAY BIKE</u> <u>DRIVE SIGN-UP HERE</u> 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!

PTO Candy Cane Lane - Holiday Shop! Volunteers Needed!

Interested in signing up to assist in this year's holiday shop? PTO's CANDY CANE LANE starts this week! Limited spots remain if you are interested in volunteering- <u>CLICK HERE TO SIGN-UP FOR</u> <u>CANDY CANE LANE</u>

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!



OMING 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! <u>These special prices are only available through the fundraiser. This offer is not instore or online.</u>

💢 Renewals - \$50 for Club Card, \$100 for Club+ Card. We will add the 12 months to your current expiration date.



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!

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.

Basketball: TRYOUTS THIS WEEK – MUST SIGN-UP

This week's 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. 2nd 3:30-5:30 P.M.
- Tuesday, Dec. 3rd 3:30-5:30 P.M.
- Wednesday, Dec. 4th 3:30-5:30 P.M.

GIRLS' TRYOUTS

- Thursday, Dec. 5th 3:30-5:30 P.M.
- Friday, Dec. 6th 3:30-5:30 P.M.





Girls **Middle School Basketball Tryouts**

Who: 6th, 7thand 8th grade girls

Thursday, Dec. 5th 3:30-5:30 P.M. Friday, Dec. 6th

3:30-5:30 P.M.

Where: PVA Gym

Ouestions: Email

Coach Gue nicole.gue@stjohns.k12.fl.us or Coach Lindsay allyson.lindsay@stjohns.k12.fl.us

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



MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS



Who: 5th 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 <u>School Pay</u> on our website



**If you are interested in being a chaperone, please email <u>Javme Storko@storks k12.fl.us</u> 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: 7th 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

**All field trips can be found and paid for

on School Pay on our website**



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Who: 8th 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**



** If you are interested in being a chaperone, please email Jayma.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)

6TH GRADE WILD ADVENTURES



7TH GRADE BUSCH GARDENS



8TH GRADE GRADVENTURE



PTO HAPPENINGS (ALL GRADES)

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

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:

- Monday, December 2nd
 - Boys Basketball Tryouts @ 3:30-5:30pm
- <u>Tuesday, December 3rd</u>
 - Boys Basketball Tryouts @ 3:30-5:30pm
 - SAC Meeting in Library @ 4:00pm
- Wednesday, December 4th
 - 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 5th
 - o Girls Basketball Tryouts @ 3:30-5:30pm
- Friday, December 6th
 - o 3rd Grade Field Study
 - Girls Basketball Tryouts @ 3:30-5:30pm

On the Radar:

- <u>Cookies and Cocoa: A Holiday Event and Art Show</u>
 - Wednesday, December 18th from 6:00-7:30pm

That's all for now, Bobcats.

Zach Strom

PVA School Principal



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