A View from the Valley

Palm Valley Academy: Week of 1/20 - 1/24

Dear PVA Families,

Happy Sunday! I hope you all have enjoyed a long and wonderful weekend! This past week, we celebrated many student achievements and saw great engagement in our classrooms. A big thank you to our teachers, staff, and families for their continued support in making our school a positive learning environment.

Looking ahead, don't forget about the ongoing NJHS Clothing Drive that concludes this Friday, our TWO home Basketball games (Tuesday and Thursday) and next week's Celebration of Literacy (see flyer below).

Wishing everyone a fantastic week ahead. Stay safe, stay engaged, and as always, GO BOBCATS!

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)

SJCSD Character Counts 6K/3K

Join the CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee for its 12th Annual CHARACTER COUNTS! 6K/3K Run/Walk on Saturday, February 1, 2025, at 9 a.m. The run/walk will begin and end at Palencia Elementary School, located at 355 Palencia Village Drive, St. Augustine. Walkers and runners will enjoy a course running through the neighborhoods of Kensington and Las Calinas and can choose to participate in the 6K (3.73 miles) or 3K (1.86 miles) distance. Registration forms and more information are available online.



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Awesome Academic Achievements

I am thrilled to share the incredible academic achievements happening at our school! As we wrap up the mid-year testing window, our students continue to excel in all areas, demonstrating dedication, creativity, and a passion for learning. A special congratulations to our K-2 group for their outstanding accomplishments in Literacy. They've come leaps and bounds from where they've started the year and are leading the way for our K-8 cohorts. Thank you to our amazing teachers, staff, and families for supporting our students in reaching new heights. Let's continue to celebrate and inspire success together!

PVA and NJHS

Are reaching out to the community for help.

Clothing Drive

To help Hurricanes survivors.

Start going through those closets and drawers and look for any gently used clothing that does not fit any longer or you are looking to get rid of.

Donations will go directly to hurricane victims in Steinhatchee, Fl who are still recovering from the devastation of the hurricanes this past year.

Specifically targeting children's clothes and jackets.

The drive will run from January 6 - January 24

Donation boxes can be found in the front office and where students walk into the building.



PVA's January Service Project ENDS THIS FRIDAY!

For this month's service project, NJHS has organized a clothing drive to benefit those in Steinhatchee, FL as they are still recouping from the devastating hurricanes that passed through that area last Fall. Our drive runs from now through January 24th. While they will accept all clothes, they are specifically in need of gentle used children's clothing and jackets. As you clean out those closets and drawers for the new year, please keep this in mind for all your gently used clothing that may not fit your kiddos any longer! See the flyer below for additional details.

ELEMENTARY INFO (K-5)

Class Photo Day

PVA's Elementary Class Photo Day is next Thursday (1/30) and Friday (1/31). Some of you may have gotten an email saying it is tomorrow, but that is indeed incorrect. We will follow the below schedule for next week:

Thursday, Jan. 30th: Grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 Friday, Jan. 31st: Grades K and 5

Parent Volunteer Opportunities

January Volunteer Opportunities

MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO (6-8)

Parent Volunteer Opportunities

January Volunteer Opportunities

High School Academy Nights - *8th Grade Parents

Is your 8th grader interested in applying for one of the academies offered throughout the district? If so, please see the below flyer for upcoming SJCSD High School Academy Nights and additional information. Also, January 24th is the last day for students to sign up for a Program of Interest. More information can be found on the academies and how to apply at https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/apply/

SJCSD High School Academy Nights

Academy Nights offer students the opportunity to:

- meet students and teachers from each academy
- see classrooms and lab spaces
- ask questions and gather information









8th Grade Yearbook Ads

The submission deadline for the 8th Yearbook ads is next Friday, January 31st.

8th Graders - HOPE Virtually

Any 8th grader wanting to sign up for HOPE virtually, please see the ATTACHED letter with more information.



THIS WEEK'S DATES OF NOTE:

- Tuesday, January 21st
 - o PVA Basketball HOME vs. FCA. Girls tipoff at 5:30pm with boys to follow.
- Thursday, January 22nd
 - o PVA Basketball HOME @ TCA. Girls tipoff at 5:30pm with boys to follow.
- Friday, January 24th
 - o Final day for NJHS Clothing Drive

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE: ITS CELEBRATE LITERACY WEEK!

- Monday, January 27th
 - ITS CELEBRATE LITERACY WEEK! See the flyer below
- Tuesday, January 28th
 - o PVA Basketball AWAY @ POA. Girls tipoff at 5:30pm with boys to follow
- Thursday, January 30th
 - o Class Photo Day (1, 2, 3, 4)
 - o PVA Basketball AWAY @ LPA. Girls tipoff at 5:30pm with boys to follow.
- Friday, January 31st
 - Class Photo Day (K, 5)

CELEBRATE LITERACY WEEK - January 27th - January 31st



Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!

January 27-31, 2025

District: St. Johns

School: Palm Valley Academy

See Book List/Writing Prompts about Leaders!

Monday, January 27 th	Building Readers and Writers *The staff's favorite children/young adult novels and authors will be displayed in the halls! - Take a Gallery Walk and Discuss Discoveries - See Scavenger Hunt & Follow-Up Questions
Tuesday, January 28 th	Building Speakers and Listeners *Stop, Collaborate, and Listen! - Model and Integrate (at least) one Kagan Structure - See "What's on Your Playlist?" - See Book List focused on Friendships and Dynamic Duos
Wednesday, January 29 th	Building Words *Wear a shirt with school-appropriate words! - Dream Big! Set Goals and Choose a "Word of the Year" - See List of Links and Links to Word Games - Enhance Vocabulary with List of Wild Words
Thursday, January 30 th	Building Character and PVA Pride *Character Counts Breakfast for RESPECT & Award EXTRA PBIS Points for being Prepared, Respectful, Inspired, Determined, Engaged! - See Book List/Writing Prompts focused on Characte
Friday, January 31 st	Building Purposeful Leaders Where Everyone Shines Through Achievement It's the PVA Way! GO BOBCATS! *Wear PVA colors or Bobcat gear!

That's all for this week!

Sincerely,

Zach Strom

PVA School Principal

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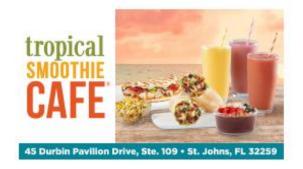






















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