

A View from the Valley

Palm Valley Academy: Week of 3/10 – 3/14

Dear PVA Families,

I apologize for my delay in getting this out to everyone- Only three days left before Spring Break, so I'll be brief and only highlight the necessary!

Wishing everyone an awesome week. Stay safe, stay engaged, and as always, GO BOBCATS!

Mr. Strom

PVA Vision Statement

Building purposeful leaders where everyone shines through achievement.

We Pursue Excellence.

We Value All.

We Achieve Success.

INFO FOR ALL (K-8)

We are PVA!

Basketball Playoffs THIS WEEK!

A huge congratulations to our Middle School Girls Basketball team on wrapping up a fantastic season! Your hard work, dedication, and teamwork made us all proud. Our Boys Basketball team is still going strong and will continue their playoff run on **Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM**. Let's come out and cheer them on as they fight for another victory! Go BOBCATS!

Kindergarten Registration for 2025-2026 is now OPEN!

Exciting news—Kindergarten registration for the 2025-2026 is now open! We are thrilled to welcome our newest learners to the Palm Valley Academy family and begin this exciting journey together. If you have a child who will be entering Kindergarten next year, or know a family with an incoming Kindergartener, please help us spread the word! Early registration helps us prepare for a fantastic year ahead. For more details on eligibility, required documents, and how to register, please visit <https://www-pva.stjohns.k12.fl.us/> or contact our front office at (904)547-4200. We can't wait to meet our future Kindergarteners! Thank you for helping us share this important information with our community.

March Character Trait: Trustworthiness

This month, as part of our Character Counts program, we are focusing on trustworthiness—being honest, keeping promises, and doing the right thing even when it's hard. At home, you can help reinforce this trait by encouraging open and honest conversations, praising your child for following through on commitments, and discussing real-life scenarios where trust matters. Reading books or watching movies that highlight honesty and integrity can also spark great discussions. Modeling trustworthiness in your own actions shows children the importance of being reliable and standing by their values. Let's work together to help our students build strong character!

PVA's SAC Survey is OPEN! We need your input!

Please use the following link to complete the 2024 – 2025 School Advisory Committee surveys. The data obtained through this survey will allow our team to focus on areas of both strength and needed development during the 2025 – 2026 school year. We truly want to hear everyone's thoughts, ideas, and opinions. Streamlining our focus to the data obtained through these surveys will allow us to have the greatest impact during the next school year. This survey should take no longer than five minutes of your time. Your participation is truly appreciated. <https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=81ML5181>





Jazz Band at the Fall Festival

MIOSM®

For 40 years, March has been designated by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) as Music In Our Schools Month® (MIOSM®). The positive impact of music education in the lives of students lasts a lifetime. Therefore, ensuring equitable access to music education for the youngest members of our society—students—is paramount.

Every day, in classrooms and rehearsal rooms across our school district, music educators dedicate themselves to reaching all students with life-changing musical experiences.



Did you know... the PVA band is home to over 120 middle school students? PVA students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade can learn the Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, French Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, Percussion, and Guitar!



4th Grade Ukulele Lesson



Jazz Band Night of Lights Performance



5th Grade Bucket Drum Lesson



MEET OUR MUSIC TEACHERS!

Mrs. Mattheus is our Elementary Music Specialist! She teaches over 1000 of our Bobcats from kindergarten through 5th grade! She has been playing violin for over 23 years!

Mr. Mattheus is our Director of Bands and Guitar at PVA! He was a top 5 semifinalist for Teacher of the Year in SJCS D this year!



An Amazing Opportunity for our 7th and 8th Graders, as well as ALL K-8 Parents

We are thrilled to share that we have an exciting opportunity for our students and school community! On 3/24, we will be welcoming John Halligan, a distinguished national speaker, to speak with our 7th and 8th Grade Students during the day and **ALL parents in the evening** about the impact of bullying, cyberbullying and youth mental health.

Mr. Halligan suffered the devastating loss of his son, Ryan, to suicide in 2003. Ryan was a victim of bullying both at his middle school and online. Since 2005, when he first shared his son's story, Mr. Halligan has spoken at over 2000 schools throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico, impacting more than 1 million students. His message is both inspiring and educational and directly aligns with our commitment to providing meaningful learning experiences that extend beyond the classroom.

We encourage all 7th and 8th grade students to be present and engaged during this special event (permission slips **MUST BE SUBMITTED BY END OF THIS WEEL**), and **we invite ALL K-8 COMMUNITY PARENTS/GUARDIANS to join the evening session** with us if possible.

Attention all parents and community members:

Please join us as John Halligan, a national speaker and advocate for bullying prevention presents:

RYAN'S STORY

24 March 2025
From 6:00-7:00 PM

Palm Valley Academy
Cafeteria

Ryan's Story is a powerful and emotional presentation focused on the effects of bullying, cyberbullying, and youth mental health. Through the personal story of his son, Ryan Halligan, John shares a heartfelt message about the importance of kindness, resilience, and suicide prevention.

This presentation provides parents with insight into the impact of bullying and cyberbullying, social media dangers, and ways to support mental health challenges.

**This event is open to all K-8 parents and community members.
Adults only**

ELEMENTARY INFO (K-5)

Field Day is HERE!

Elementary Field Days are as follows this week:

Tuesday, March 11th – 2nd and 3rd Grade

Wednesday, March 12th – 1st and Kinder

Thursday, March 13th – 5th and 4th

Field days are open to pre-signed up volunteers only. Thank you to those of you who will be participating!



PALM VALLEY ACADEMY BOBCATS

Kindergarten
ROCKS 'N' ENROLLS

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR KINDERGARTEN?

Enrollment Open for the
2025-2026 School Year

PALM VALLEY ACADEMY

REGISTER NOW!
[HTTPS://WWW.STJOHNS.K12.FL.US/STUDENT/ENROLLMENT/UPDATE/](https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/enrollment/update/)



5TH GRADE PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY

SAVE THE DATE

27 MAY | 5:30 - 7:00PM

MORE INFO TO COME

MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO (6-8)

Middle School Glow Bolt – RESCHEDULED

Due to the forecasted cold weather last Friday, the Middle School Glow Bolt has been rescheduled for Friday, March 28th from 6-8pm. Please note the time change as we adjusted for Day Light Savings Time.

2025 Middle School Field Trips – DON'T MISS OUT!

The deadlines for 6th and 7th Grade Level trips have past. 8th Grade GRADVENTURE is only one still open. Space is limited! If your student wants to go, please sign-up TODAY – [CLICK HERE!](#)

MS PAWS Adjustment (Sign-Ups)

Moving forward, the link for PAWS will be open Friday afternoon until Monday at the end of the day. Students will still sign-up through the PAWS icon on the middle school website. There will be no sign-up the week after Spring Break. All middle school students will participate in our district Character Chats.

Highschool Registration – Tuesday, March 11th (previously communicated)

8th grade students will be meeting with their high school counselors on Tuesday, March 11th. Students need to bring their registration form to the meeting. There will not be an announcement made for the students to go. They will just need to ask their teacher to leave at the appropriate time. Please encourage your student to be on time.

- Beachside students will meet with counselors first thing in the morning and will be informed of their meeting time Tuesday morning.
- Nease students should have a sticker on their registration/class form. Meeting time should be listed on that sticker. These students will meet throughout the day through science classes.
- Ponte Vedra students need to sign up for a meeting time. These students will meet with their counselors during 1st through 4th period. If a student has not signed up for a meeting time yet, they can use the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C48A9AB2AA7FF2-55589412-pvhs>



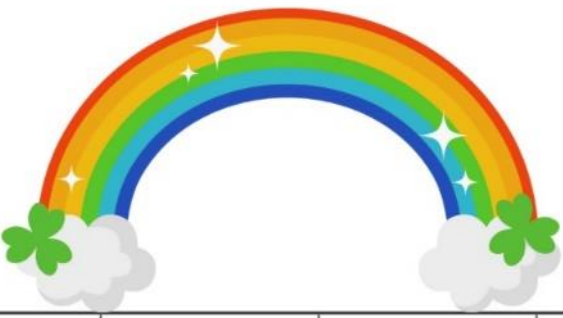
NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

**** TENTATIVE DATE ****

NJHS Induction Ceremony March 26 at 6:30pm in the cafeteria

Sponsor: [Ms. Stofko](#)

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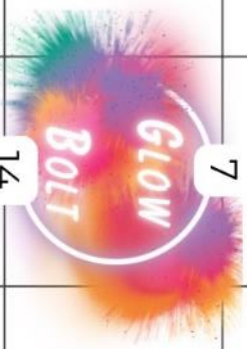


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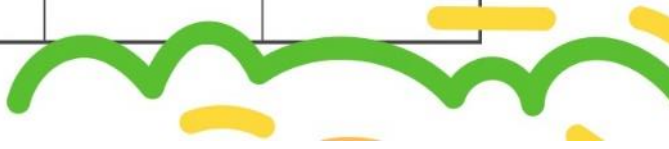
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PTO GENERAL MEETING 9AM
PVA CAFETERIA
Field Day

Scholastic Book Fair
from March 26th
through April 4th.
Shop during the
Movie Night on
March 28th!



THIS WEEK'S DATES OF NOTE:

- Monday, March 10th
 - PVA Basketball – PLAYOFFS ROUND 1 (TBD)
- Tuesday, March 11th
 - 8th Graders – Nease and PV High School on campus for Registration
 - PVA Basketball – PLAYOFFS ROUND 2 (TBD) *if necessary
- Wednesday, March 12th
 - Early Release
 - General PTO Meeting @ 9:00am in Café
 - PVA Basketball – PLAYOFFS ROUND 3 - CHAMPIONSHIP (TBD) *if necessary
- Friday, March 14th
 - SPRING BREAK BEGINS!
 - No School – Teacher Planning Day
 - TPC Parking On Campus – Shuttles run all day!

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:



That's all for this week!

Sincerely,

Zach Strom

PVA School Principal

An advertisement for the FortifyFL app. It features a dark blue background with a white diagonal line. On the left, there is a red and white icon of a megaphone with a checkmark, followed by the text "FORTIFYFL Suspicious Activity Reporting App". Below this, it says "See suspicious activity at your school? Report it." and includes a circular logo for the Palm Valley School Community. On the right, there are two smartphones displaying the app's interface. At the bottom, it says "Visit www.getfortifyfl.com to submit a tip or download the app" and "#FORTIFYFLORIDA".

An advertisement for The Players Championship. It features a dark blue background. At the top, there is a silver heart outline containing a silhouette of a golfer in mid-swing. Below the heart, the text "THE PLAYERS" is written in white, serif font. Underneath, it says "Buy a Ticket to THE PLAYERS Championship to Support Palm Valley Academy". The text "THE PLAYERS Championship" is in a larger, bold, orange font. Below this, it says "Visit THEPLAYERS.com/tickets and use our promo code 748NLC at the time of purchase". The text "748NLC" is in a white font on a dark blue background.



Saturday, March 22, 2025

Doors Open: 6:00PM & Puck Drop: 7:00PM

VyStar Veteran Memorial Arena

Join the Jacksonville Iceman and The St. Johns County School District Exceptional Student Education Department on Saturday, March 22 at VyStar Veteran Memorial Arena for Hockey is for Everyone Night. A portion of each ticket purchase will support programs within the St. Johns County School District Exceptional Student Education Program.

TO PURCHASE TICKETS, PLEASE VISIT:

Jaxicemen.com/sjcsese

Matthew Snider | Matthew@jacksonvilleicemen.com | (407) 432-7455

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