

Welcome Back, PVA Community!

I hope everyone had a wonderful and refreshing Spring Break! As we return, we look forward to an exciting and productive final stretch of the school year. There's so much ahead—learning, growth, and memorable experiences for our students and families. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Let's finish the year strong together!

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.

We are PVA!

INFO FOR ALL (K-8)

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>



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! Tomorrow, 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
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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**

A Note of Safety from Deputy Wilson

Our safety patrollers have been handing out "Helmet Tickets" recently, which are redeemable for PBIS points. If your child has been spotted wearing their helmet, KUDOS!! Let's keep up the good work. 100% is our goal.

While our kiddos are out of school this week and there are so many fun things going on, please remember these safety reminders:

GOLF CARTS - May not be operated by any middle school or elementary child. Florida Statute 316.212 (7)(a) states no person shall operate a golf cart under the age of 18 unless they possess a valid learner's or operator permit.

E-BIKES - Florida statute 316.2065 mandates that all bicycle riders under the age of 16 wear a properly fitted helmet which meets federal safety standards. If your e-bike is capable of speeds over 20mph it is highly recommended to wear a helmet which would be suitable for a motorcycle. <https://www.cyclingnews.com/features/best-electric-bike-helmets/>

Working together, we can keep our kiddos safe and happy.

Deputy Wilson

Reading Land SPRING BOOKFAIR is here!

We need volunteers to help students find books, make sure they stay within their budget and to answer general questions. If you would like to volunteer when your child attends the book fair, please reach out to your teacher to find out when their scheduled date/time is. [SIGN-UP TO VOLUNTEER HERE!](#)

FAST Assessment Letters to ALL FAMILIES

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring system that is administered three times per year to track your student's progress in learning the Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards throughout this school year. The state asks that we send out official letters notifying parents of upcoming state testing. Please see the attached letters and let us know if there are any questions.

ELEMENTARY INFO (K-5)

We NEED Your HELP!

As we approach our upcoming testing season, we are in need of volunteers to serve as **testing proctors** to help ensure a smooth and successful testing experience for our students. Your support is invaluable in maintaining a secure and organized testing environment. No prior experience is necessary, and we will provide all the guidance you need. Thank you for your time and dedication to our school community—we truly appreciate your support!

If you are available to assist, please sign up [USING THIS LINK HERE!](#)

5th Grade YARD SIGNS ARE HERE!

Order your 5th Grade Congratulatory PVA Yard sign [HERE!](#) Don't delay, deadline is 4/5!



HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR KINDERGARTEN?

Enrollment Open for the
2025-2026 School Year



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 – THIS FRIDAY!

Our Middle School Glow Bolt is this Friday, March 28th from 6-8pm. Please note the time change as we adjusted for Day Light Savings Time. Students should bring a towel! Those picking up are encouraged to bring trash bags- It WILL BE MESSY!

8th Grade YARD SIGNS ARE HERE!

Order your 8th Grade PVA Yard sign [HERE!](#) But don't delay, deadline is 4/5!

CONGRATULATIONS

20 25

8TH GRADE GRADUATE

SAVE THE DATE

8th Grade
Semi Formal

Under the
Stars

FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH
6:30PM TO 8:30PM
THE LINK

DRESS TO IMPRESS



NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

**** TENTATIVE DATE ****

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

Sponsor: Ms. Stofko

MARCH



2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

SPRING WEEK
MARCH 03 - 07

- Monday** Holiday Day
- Tuesday** Swap Day
- Wednesday** Blackout Day
- Thursday** Recreate a Picture Day
- Friday** College Day



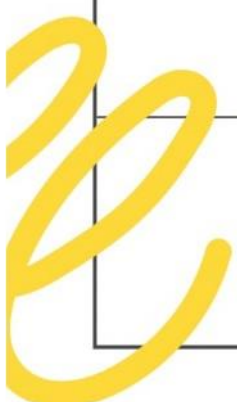
MS TAILGATE
8TH GRADE NIGHT



PTO GENERAL MEETING
9AM
PVA CAFETERIA



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 24th
 - Guest Speaker – Mr. John Halligan presents to 7th and 8th graders @ 8:45-9:45am
 - Mr. Halligan presents to all K-8 Parents and Community Members in Café @ 6:00pm
- Tuesday, March 25th
 - Middle School Battle of the Books
- Wednesday, March 26th
 - Early Release
 - Character Counts Breakfast @ 7:25am
 - NJHS Induction Ceremony @ 6:30pm
- Thursday, March 27th
 - Elementary Battle of the Books
 - 4th Grade to Kennedy Space Center
- Friday, March 28th
 - PTO's Elementary BIN-GLOW in café 5-7pm
 - Middle School GLOW BOLT! 6-8pm

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:

- Tuesday, April 1st
 - 5th Grade FAST Writing Assessment
 - PVA SAC MEETING @ 4:00pm
- Wednesday, April 2nd
 - Early Release
 - Kacie Cooper Shower @ 2:30pm
- Thursday, April 3rd
 - 6th Grade Field Trip to Wild Adventures
 - 4th Grade FAST Writing Assessment
- Friday, April 4th
 - MS FAST Writing Assessment

That's all for this week!

Sincerely,

Zach Strom

PVA School Principal

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