

Palm Valley Academy: Week of 5/12 – 5/16

Dear, PVA Families,

On behalf of everyone at Palm Valley Academy, I want to start off by extending heartfelt wishes for a very Happy Mother's Day to all the incredible mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, and maternal figures out there in our community. I know it's a day late, but it's certainly worth saying...



Mother's Day is a special time to honor and celebrate the love, sacrifices, and support that mothers provide every day. Your influence and care make a profound impact on our children and families.

To all the mothers in our community, we recognize and appreciate the dedication, patience, and love you pour into shaping the lives of our future leaders. Your strength and resilience inspire us all.

I hope your day was filled with love and last memories with loved ones. Albeit belated, Happy Mother's Day!

As always, there is a lot going on this week as we close in on the end of the year. Please take time to read the below so you are aware of all the happenings this week.

Thanks, 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)

Parent Input Forms – STUDENT FEEDBACK FOR CLASS PLACEMENTS (K-4)

We spend a lot of time creating elementary classes & middle school master schedules for our students. We truly believe that finding that right match and creating the opportunity for a solid relationship between a student and a teacher is the basis for a successful school year. We want you to know that throughout the process, we discuss each child individually and strive to make that best match. We cannot promise that we do not make any mistakes, but we do want you to know that many hours are spent on this process, and we do our very best for each of your children. Please know, we do not take teacher requests. However, if you would like the opportunity to share your child's specific needs and the type of teacher that you feel they need, please complete this form by the last day of school, Friday, May 30th. [Complete the parent input form for your student HERE!](#)

2025-2026 Rising Kindergarten SNEAK PEEK!

If you have a current pre-k student or know anyone who does, please help spread the word about our Kindergarten Sneak Peek- Join us in the PVA Café Tuesday, May 20 from 5:30-6:30pm to meet some of our fantastic teachers, hear about our amazing resources, tour the school, and get a glimpse of all the fun and learning that awaits your child at PVA. See the flyer below! Feel free to share!

PALM VALLEY ACADEMY INVITES ALL PRE-K FAMILIES



Join Us for Kindergarten Sneak Peek!

Come meet some of our fantastic teachers, hear about our amazing resources, tour the school, and get a glimpse of all the fun and learning that awaits your child at PVA.



JOIN US!

TUESDAY, MAY 20
5:30 – 6:30 PM
PVA Cafeteria

For more info: www-pva.stjohns.k12.fl.us/

Contact us at: (904)547-4200

2025-2026 Kindergarten Registration 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.

End of the Year Cafeteria Accounts – A Message from Mr. Parker

It is that time of year again where all cafeteria accounts need to be paid off. Please check on your PayPams account or email Mr. Parker at: christopher.parker@stjohns.k12.fl.us for information on your child's account. Current monies left in students meal accounts will roll over to the next school year if they remain in Saint John's School District. If your student is transferring out of the district and you would like to request a refund for any balance left in the account please contact food service at (904)547-8931.

2025-2026 Extended Day Registration is NOW OPEN!

Planning ahead for the 2025–2026 school year? Registration for PVA's Extended Day Program is now open! Spaces are limited and fill quickly, so be sure to secure your spot early. For more information and to register, please visit our Extended Day page on the school website or click the link [HERE](#)!

Attention Parents: Volunteer Access Sign-Up Reminder!

If you haven't signed up for volunteer access since August 1st, now is the time! All volunteers must be approved through the new system, which takes 2-4 weeks for processing. Please note that approvals can no longer be completed in the front office, so be sure to submit your application as soon as possible to avoid delays. Your involvement makes a huge difference in our school community, and we appreciate your support! Sign up today to ensure you're ready to volunteer. For more information or to complete your application, [CLICK HERE TO APPLY!](#)

Order your School Supplies for 25-26 Today!

We're excited to share that the link to purchase school supplies for the upcoming school year is now open!

Save time and skip the store—order your child's grade-level supplies online and have everything delivered directly to the school (or your home, depending on your provider).

 Order Here: <http://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/gs/1178049>

Thank you for planning ahead with us. We're looking forward to a great year ahead!



MIDDLE SCHOOL PE CLASSES (6-8)

As we approach the end of the year, please note that Friday, May 16th will be the last day to dress out for PE. Instead, classes will meet in the gymnasium daily, unless otherwise noted. Coaches will be taking this into account when planning activities, especially considering the increasing temperatures as we near summer.

Good luck to our MS Girls Softball Team!

Our undefeated softball team is heading to the District Championship on Wednesday, May 14 at 4:30 at Beachside High School. Coached by second grade teacher (and college softball player) Katie Sandvick, our girls finished the regular season with an impressive 10-0 record and crushed it in the post-season as well landing 2-0 in the playoffs. Just one game left for this team, let's head out to the game to show them our support and cheer them to victory!



Hold the Date! 6th Grade Orientation This Summer!

We are excited to welcome our newest middle school Bobcats! Students will have a chance to tour the middle school, meet peer mentors, practice/learn all things middle school, and get a head start on an amazing school year.

More details will be sent out soon — but for now, mark your calendars for Thursday, July 31st.

We can't wait to meet our future 6th graders!

6TH GRADE ORIENTATION

THURSDAY

SAVE
The
DATE

JULY 31

<https://www-pva.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>



PALM VALLEY ACADEMY BOBCATS

Kindergarten

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)

ATTN: CURRENT 7th GRADE (Rising 8th Grade Students)

SUBJECT: Your student is invited – please RSVP

We're going to **Washington DC** in Spring 2026, and you're invited! We're excited to tell you more about the trip at our info meeting on Monday May 19th in the cafeteria at 6 pm. Please be sure to register for this info session to be considered for this opportunity:

<https://rsvp.efexploreamerica.com/5wc2csz>

When students travel, they expand their knowledge of the world around them, discover more about themselves, and grow more confident. These skills are critical for creating the global citizens of tomorrow, and we would love to have your student join us on this adventure.

- In this info session, we'll talk about:
- How this opportunity will benefit your student
- What we'll see and do on our trip
- Everything that's included in this experience
- How your child can earn academic credit
- How we're keeping this safe and affordable
- How to enroll on this trip (before it fills up!) during EF's risk-free enrollment period

8th Grade Graduation Update

Hello 8th Grade Parents & Guardians! The 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony is just over 4 weeks away! It will be held Thursday, May 29 at the Nease High School Auditorium. If you have questions, please email: pva8graduation@gmail.com

Event Schedule:

- 5:00PM Students arrive
- 5:15-6:00 PM Doors open to guests, check-in (student drop-off by 5:15PM)
- **6:00-7:30 PM Graduation Ceremony**

Ticket details:

- Each student is initially given 3 tickets to reserve. You do not have to reserve all 3. Children <2 yrs old do not require a ticket but must sit in a lap.
- If there are additional tickets available, families will be allowed to reserve 1 additional ticket (while supplies last) beginning May 5th. Details on the reservation process for any additional tickets will be sent on that date. **Additional tickets are not guaranteed.**
- All ticket reservations close May 9th at midnight.
- There is no cost for tickets.
- Transfer of tickets between students is allowed; however, the party who is giving the ticket to someone else must email pva8graduation@gmail.com to notify the coordinators of the new recipient. Otherwise, the ticket count at check-in for each student will be incorrect and the intended party will not have their ticket.
- Attire for this event is business casual/Sunday best.

8th Grade Graduation Slide Instructions

We are excited to celebrate our amazing 8th graders as they prepare to graduate! As part of the celebration, each student (*with help from a parent/guardian if desired*) will create one personalized PowerPoint slide that will be included in a slideshow before the graduation ceremony.

Slide Guidelines:

- Include the graduate's first name on the slide.
- Personalize your slide! Add pictures, designs, hobbies, fun memories, or anything else that represents you.
- The slide should be titled:
First Name Last Name Graduation Slide
(Example: Joe Smith Graduation Slide)
- Do NOT include any animations or transitions.
- Make sure all images and text are school appropriate.
- Upload the slide to the *Eighth Grade Slide Assignment* on their ELA Teacher's Schoology page by May 15th.

8th Grade GOLD LETTERS: PARENTS- ACTION NEEDED!

We are excited to announce a continued tradition for our 8th graders here at PVA called "8th Grade Gold Letters." As your child approaches their graduation, we believe it's important to celebrate their achievements and provide them with words of encouragement and congratulations as they transition to the next chapter of their lives.

We kindly ask that each family participate by submitting a sealed letter addressed to your child by May 19th. You have the freedom to make this letter as long or as short as you'd like, and it can be typed or handwritten—whichever feels most personal to you. This letter will be a cherished keepsake for your child, filled with your heartfelt sentiments and support.

Mail or bring letters to Palm Valley Academy by May 19th to ensure your child receives the letter at the 8th grade breakfast.

Please DO NOT send packages as we have limited storage space available

Drop off in the front office, OR mail your letters to:

PVA

Attn: Child's First and Last name

700 Bobcat Lane

Ponte Vedra, FL 32081

One last request, please ensure that these "Gold Letters" remain a secret, as they will be kept confidential until they are distributed at the 8th grade breakfast the morning of graduation. We want this to be a surprise that brings them added joy and warmth in the moment and leaves them feeling loved and celebrated as they embark on this important milestone in their lives.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out to Katherine Lacoste at Katherine.lacoste@stjohns.k12.fl.us. We can't wait to see what you create!

PVA Middle School Theatre Spring Play

Get ready for an unforgettable night of laughter, heart, and creativity as our talented middle school performers take the stage in Orange is the New Glass—a fractured fairytale comedy. Staff attend free! We'd love to have you in the audience to support the work our students have put into this production. Just email nicole.blocker@stjohns.k12.fl.us to reserve your ticket and we'll have your name at the door. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$5 on SchoolPay.

Show Details:



Orange is the New Glass



6th/7th Grade Cast – Wednesday, May 14 at 6:30 PM



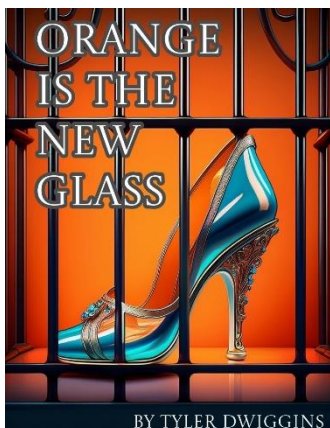
8th Grade Cast – Thursday, May 15 at 6:30 PM



PVA Cafetorium



Runtime: Approximately 1 hour



Join us for an evening of magic, mischief, and modern twists. You won't want to miss it!

THIS WEEK'S DATES OF NOTE:

- Monday, May 12th
 - 4th Grade MATH FAST
 - MS Girls Volleyball Open Gym
- Tuesday, May 13th
 - 5th Grade MATH FAST
- Wednesday, May 14th
 - Early Release
 - Nease/PVHS Seniors Back @ 9:00am for CLAP-OUT!
 - PVA Theater Production *ORANGE IS THE NEW GLASS* @ 6:30pm
- Thursday, May 15th
 - Middle School Math FAST
 - MS Girls Volleyball Open Gym
 - PVA Theater Production *ORANGE IS THE NEW GLASS* @ 6:30pm
- Friday, May 16th
 - 3rd Grade Math FAST

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:

- Monday, May 19th
 - 8th Grade Science Testing (GYM)
 - DC Parent Meeting at 6pm in Café (Rising 8th Graders)
- Tuesday, May 20th
 - 5th Grade Science Testing
 - Middle School Raffle/Ice Cream Social
 - Kindergarten Sneak Peak @ 5:30-6:30pm
- Wednesday, May 21st
 - Early Release
 - PBIS Carnival (Elem.) Day 1
 - Middle School Students vs. Staff Basketball Game
- Thursday, May 22nd
 - PBIS Carnival (Elem.) Day 2
 - Algebra and Geometry EOC in Gym

That's all for this week!

Sincerely,

Zach Strom

PVA School Principal



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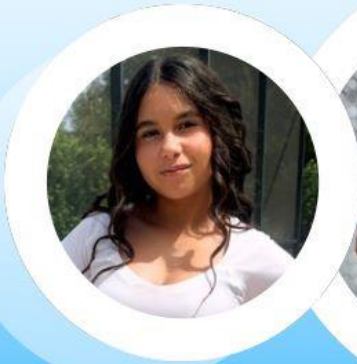
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The advertisement features a dark blue background with a white diagonal line. On the left, there is a red megaphone icon and the text 'FORTIFYFL Suspicious Activity Reporting App'. Below this, the text 'See suspicious activity at your school? Report it.' is displayed. At the bottom left, there are three circular logos: a school building, a person, and a book. On the right, two smartphones are shown displaying the app's interface. At the bottom right, the text 'Visit www.getfortifyfl.com to submit a tip or download the app' is present, followed by the hashtag '#FORTIFYFLORIDA'.

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COME JOIN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS OF PALM VALLEY ACADEMY, PINE ISLAND ACADEMY, VALLEY RIDGE ACADEMY AND LANDRUM MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR A FUN-FILLED CHEER CLINIC IN HONOR OF PVA 7TH GRADE CHEERLEADER, MILA MUNIZ. MILA WAS RECENTLY DIAGNOSED WITH A BRAIN TUMOR. MILA AND HER PARENTS HAVE TRAVELED TO BOSTON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL TO RECEIVE THE BEST CARE POSSIBLE. MILA LOVES BEING A CHEERLEADER SO WE COULDN'T THINK OF A BETTER WAY TO SUPPORT HER AND HER FAMILY DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

\$50

Includes pom poms,
bow and a snack!

ALL PROCEEDS GO
DIRECTLY TO THE FAMILY.

**OPEN TO ALL
K-5TH GRADERS**

SATURDAY, MAY 24th

**9-12:30 | Parent Showcase at 12
PALM VALLEY ACADEMY GYM**

REGISTER NOW!

Questions?

Scan the QR Code to Register!



Email us at pvabobcatscheer@gmail.com

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Summer Camps for Young
Artists and Writers

This camp is being hosted at the University of North Florida.

Story Sparks! | June 9 – 13

Sew Cool! | June 23 – 27

Watercolor Wonders | July 7 – 11 or 21 – 25

Comics Capers | July 14 – 18



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Skybound: Unleash Your Creativity This Summer!

Soar into a world of imagination, creativity and hands-on fun with Skybound, our exciting summer camp program for ages 9 to 16! Whether you have dreams of creating your superhero in Comics Capers, crafting captivating tales in Story Sparks!, painting vibrant masterpieces in Watercolor Wonders or stitching up trendy designs in Sew Cool!, there's a camp to inspire every budding artist and storyteller.



Story Sparks!

June 9 – 13, 2025 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Ignite your imagination! Explore the art of creative writing, from developing dynamic characters to visualizing memorable plots, and let your stories shine through fun, interactive writing exercises.



Sew Cool!

June 23 – 27, 2025 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Stitch your way to style! Practice the basics of sewing, from simple stitching to pattern construction, and be inspired to express your uniqueness through fabric and design.



Watercolor Wonders

July 7 – 11 or 21 – 25, 2025 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Discover the magic of watercolor! Experiment with vibrant color, unique texture and expressive brushwork as you creatively explore various techniques while painting your masterpiece.



Comics Capers

July 14 – 18, 2025 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Unleash your inner superhero! Learn to draw compelling characters, craft suspenseful storylines and bring your comic book ideas to life through hands-on drawing and sequential art techniques.



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Speaker Series: **SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD & YOURSELF: A Q&A WITH SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST MISTIE ELTRICH**

BROWN FAMILY YMCA | May 19th 5:30PM

Join us for a thoughtful and informative Q&A session with Ms. Eltrich, School Psychologist, focused on helping parents and caregivers better understand their child's developmental journey—and their own.

This session will offer clarity and support around:

- Common educational terms and processes (ESE, RTI, IEPs, etc.)
- Understanding your child's emotional and behavioral development
- How to effectively advocate for your child in school settings
- Managing your own mental wellness while navigating parenting challenges

Whether you have specific questions or just want to listen and learn, this is a welcoming, judgment-free space to connect, gain insight, and walk away with helpful tools and community support.



Scan QR Code to Register

Nease Summer Baseball

Mineral City Catamounts

Tryout Week : 5/20/25 4:30 and 5/21/25 @3:30

Week 1: May 27th-May 30th

Practices are typically M, T, TH from 10:00-12:00 with games on Wednesdays at local high schools. Practice can be moved earlier due to heat index.

OFF WEEK: June 30th- July 4th

Last Week: July 28th – July 30th

Who: rising 8th-12th grade that are zoned for Nease HS.

Cost: \$350 for all players. You may Venmo @MineralCityBaseball or write a check payable to Mineral City Baseball LLC.

You may still play with your travel ball team over the summer. This is not an either/or situation.

Football Players are welcome to take part once they are done with their morning football activities.

All players must be cleared – proof of physical.

- Physicals are being held on May 29th in the media center from 5:30-7:00. \$20.

Direct any questions to Jason Hatcher via text or email.

904-806-6922. Jason.Hatcher@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Follow us on Twitter for more info - @NeaseBaseball

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