A View from the Valley

Palm Valley Academy: Week of 5/19 – 5/26

Dear, PVA Families,

As we approach the end of the school year, here are a few important points to keep in mind:

**End-of-Year Celebrations:** We have planned various end-of-year celebrations and activities to commemorate our students' achievements and hard work. Please refer to the school calendar or communication from your child's teacher, or administration for specific details and timings. As a reminder, ALL volunteers and visitors must be a previously approved and cleared.

**School Closure and Summer Break:** The last day of school is Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> and it is an early release (1:50pm dismissal). We wish all our students a safe and enjoyable summer break filled with fun and relaxation.

**Gratitude to Families:** Your support, encouragement, and involvement in your child's education throughout this year has made a significant difference. Thank you for entrusting us with your student's learning journey and for being active participants in their academic and personal growth.

**Looking Ahead:** As we conclude this school year, we are already looking forward to the exciting opportunities and experiences that the next academic year will bring. Communications for next year will begin rolling out the first week of July. Stay tuned for updates and important announcements regarding the upcoming 2025-2026 school year.

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

<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)

#### 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!



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

All kids have a cafeteria account set up for them. The cafeteria is kindly asking that your child has a positive café balance on there account. If you need to check on the account please check on there paypams account if they have one, if not please email christopher.parker@stjohns.k12.fl.us and Mr. Parker can let you know. All account balances are carried over to the next school year and negative balances need to be paid off by May 28th 2025. If you have any other questions, please contact Mr. Parker.

#### 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: <a href="http://lstdayschoolsupplies.com/gs/1178049">http://lstdayschoolsupplies.com/gs/1178049</a>

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

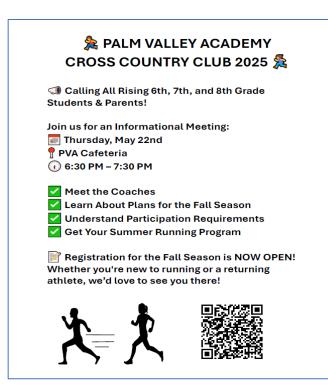


#### MIDDLE SCHOOL PE CLASSES (6-8)

As we approach the end of the year, please note that Friday, May 16th was 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.

# 🟂 Join the PVA Cross Country Club Team! 🟂

Do you love to run or want to challenge yourself in a fun, supportive environment? Come be part of the PVA Cross Country Club Team this fall! Open to rising 6th-8th graders, cross country is a great way to build endurance, make new friends, and represent your school with pride. Whether you're a seasoned runner or just getting started, we'd love to have you on the team! We hope you join us this Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> in the PVA café for an informational meeting. See the flyer below. Please note, this is a school-based club.





#### ■ 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!





#### End of year reminders from the PVA Clinic

If your student currently has medication in the clinic:

• Please use the QR code to select a pickup time for your medication.

District policy does not allow for medication to remain in the school over the summer. It will be important for you to plan to pick up your child's medication since medications may not go home with the student.

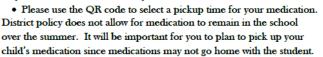
• Any medication left in the clinic after Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. will have to be discarded according to district policy.

#### Paperwork for next year:

- New medication forms must be completed every school year. Forms can be picked up in the clinic when medication is picked up.
- Starting June, medical forms can be downloaded from the PVA Health Clinic Page.
- Paperwork is standardized across all St John's County Schools. Should your student be transferring to high school or another SJCSD school, the forms will be the same.

# End of year reminders from the PVA Clinic

#### If your student currently has medication in the clinic:





#### Paperwork for next year:

- New medication forms must be completed every school year. Forms can be picked up in the clinic when medication is picked up.
- Starting in June, medical forms can also be downloaded from the PVA Health Clinic Page.
- Paperwork is standardized across all St John's County Schools. Should your student be transferring to high school or another SJCSD school, the forms will be the same.



# MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO (6-8)

#### 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
   Children <2 yrs old do not require a ticket but must sit in a lap.</li>
- 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.

#### THIS WEEK'S DATES OF NOTE:

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

#### **UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:**

- Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>
  - MEMORIAL DAY NO SCHOOL
- Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion in Café @ 5:30-7:00pm
- Wednesday, May 28th
  - o Early Release
  - 5th Grade Celebration Day (Pavilion and elementary fields)
- Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>
  - 8th Grade Breakfast, Pep Rally/Clap Out
  - 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony @ Nease
- Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>
  - LAST DAY! 1 hr. EARLY RELEASE!

That's all for this week!

Sincerely,

Zach Strom

PVA School Principal



# COMMUNITY CHEER CAMP



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 7<sup>TH</sup> 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-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

SATURDAY, MAY 24th
9-12:30 | Parent Showcase at 12
PALM VALLEY ACADEMY GYM

REGISTER NOW!

Scan the QR Code to Register!



Questions?

Email us at pvabobcatscheer@gmail.com





# 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.







# 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 4thth

Last Week: July 28th - July 30th

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

<u>Cost:</u> \$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 29<sup>th</sup> 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

