

Palm Valley Academy: Week of 8/25 – 8/29

Good Evening, PVA Community,

Our third week of school is here and it's a busy one which includes Curriculum Chats for Elementary and Middle School, Boys Volleyball Tryouts, and a holiday weekend ahead. Please take time to review the below information, reminders and upcoming events.

Until next weekend, take care and 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)

Curriculum Chats THIS WEEK! 📅

We're excited to welcome families to our **Curriculum Chats** this week! These evenings are a great opportunity for parents to connect with teachers, learn more about classroom expectations, and see what students will be experiencing this year. We look forward to seeing you there!

Elementary School – Tuesday, August 26

🕒 Two sessions available:

- Session 1: **5:00–5:45 PM**
- Session 2: **5:45–6:30 PM**

(Parents may choose to attend either session.)

Middle School – Thursday, August 28

🕒 **5:30–7:20 PM**

- Parents will **walk their student's schedule** and hear presentations from all of their teachers.

Front Office Deliveries **NEW POLICY******

We kindly ask for your support as we work to minimize classroom disruptions and keep our front office running smoothly. Unfortunately, we simply do not have the staff capacity to continually receive and deliver items to students throughout the day. This creates a burden on our office team and interrupts valuable learning time. Thank you for helping us protect instructional time and support our front office!

Moving forward, please note:

- **Items dropped off by 10:00 AM** will be delivered to your student the same day.
- **Items dropped off after 10:00 AM** will be held in the office and delivered the following school day.

PTO, PTO, PTO!!

Palm Valley Academy and the PVA PTO share the same vision for success, which is only accomplished by leaning and relying on the strength of everyday working relationships between students, parents and staff. The effort the parent-members, chair-members, and board members put forth daily to support our students, staff and school is nothing less than extraordinary. On behalf of everyone here at PVA, we sincerely thank all our PTO members who work so hard year-round to ensure a safe and educationally enriched environment here at PVA. [Please consider joining our PTO HERE!!!](#)

September's School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting

SAC is a school-based group intended to represent the school, the community, and those people closest to the students. The group shares responsibility for guiding the school toward continuous improvement. PVA's School Advisory Council meets on the **second Thursday** of each month at 3:45pm in the library. Meetings usually last 30-45 minutes and are open to the community. Our first meeting is Thursday, September 11th @ 3:45pm in the library. Join us as PVA's 2025-2026 School Improvement Plan will be presented. SAC is open to anyone who is interested in helping our school succeed! We hope to see you there.

A Dress-Code Reminder

As students get more and more comfortable with their peers and with the daily routine of school, there historically has been an increase in dress code violations. Please note that as a school we are aligned to the district dress code policies as defined in the Student Code of Conduct. However, the below reminders seem to be what we are most commonly addressing. Please review with your students to try and reduce dress-code violations.

- All shoes, sandals, or other footwear of any kind MUST have a "back" (Slides/Slippers are not permitted).
- Shirts must cover the midriff area.
- Hats, hoods, or other headwear is not permitted.
- Pajama pants are not permitted.

Family Bingo Night:

Join us for a Musical Twist on Bingo Night on Friday, Sept 12 from 5-7:30 pm. Preorder Papa John's for \$9 a pie, enjoy a sweet treat and win fun prize baskets! Space is limited so make sure you reserve your spot here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4EACA928A7F58-58078782-bingo>



Meet the Counselor – Mrs. Kristi Frick

Hi PVA families! I'm Mrs. Kristi Frick, and I'm so excited to be starting my third year as the school counselor for our amazing K–5 students here at Palm Valley Academy! Before joining the PVA family, I spent many years in New Jersey as both a teacher and a school counselor. Outside of school, I'm a proud mom to three wonderful kids—two grown sons (ages 24 and 22) and a 17-year-old daughter who keep life full of love and laughter.

At PVA, my goal is to make sure every student feels seen, heard, and supported. You'll find me in classrooms leading fun, meaningful lessons; working with small groups to build skills and friendships; and meeting individually with students whenever they need a listening ear. I truly believe we are a team—parents, teachers, and counselors—working together to help our children grow.

My door (and inbox!) is always open, so please feel free to reach out with any questions, concerns, or just to say hello. I can't wait to connect with you and your children as we make this an incredible school year!



ELEMENTARY INFO (K-5)

No news to report this week 😊

MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO (6-8)

Middle School Transitions/Book-Bags

As your students begin to dig into the curriculum, their backpacks and belongings are going to become more and more cumbersome. Please remind students to clean out backpacks as often as necessary and to make use of their lockers. Just a reminder, locker information (including combinations) have been assigned and are uploaded on HAC for student access.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes is starting back soon!!

Our first meeting will be Friday, September 19. FCA is for 6-8 grade students. It is a nation-wide club that unites the two passions of faith and athletics, to impact the world for Jesus. We learn, grow in Christ, and serve our school and community to show who Jesus is. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AN ATHLETE TO ATTEND! Meetings are to be held on the first and third Friday of every month in Mrs. Coulter's classroom (room 208) from 7:30-8:20 am. Breakfast is always provided. For more information, or if you are interested in your middle schooler attending, please email Mrs. Coulter @ jenney.coulter@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Middle School Boys Volleyball Try-outs THIS WEEK!

Sign-ups for try-outs are posted on the school website under the Athletics tab **ALL STUDENTS MUST BE SIGNED UP TO PARTICIPATE.**

WHO: 6th, 7th, & 8th grade BOYS interested in trying out for PVA volleyball team.

WHEN: Monday, August 18th (Tryout)/Tuesday, August 19th (Call back only)

WHERE: PVA Gym

TIME: 3:20pm – 5:30pm

Bobcat Brigade

Calling all Middle School parents! We are in need of volunteers to sign up to become Bobcat Brigade families for the 25/26 school year. This initiative allows PVA families to show appreciation to Middle School teachers and professionals who don't have traditional room parents to coordinate gifts like in Elementary classrooms. By volunteering, you agree to provide 3 gifts (suggested value \$25 each) plus 1 \$25 Venmo donation which will be used to purchase a Birthday gift card for your assigned teacher/professional. If you are interested in volunteering, please click [here](#) to get started! Email bobcatbrigade@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you for helping!

PTO HAPPENINGS (ALL GRADES)

- Thank you to all who joined us last Wednesday for our first PTO GENERAL MEETING of the year. We love having you all in the building and look forward to working together to keep building a strong community!
- This is the LAST WEEK to order spirit wear. Our shop closes 8/31. Get your student some Bobcat Swag before it's too late! Get all your PVA Spirit wear TODAY! [SHOP ALL THE GEAR HERE!](#)
- Be on the lookout for more information regarding our Charleston Wrap fundraiser!! A perfect way to get gifts for friends and family, decorate your home AND support our school!!
- MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ANNOUNCEMENT! Join the PTO & Help Support PVA! From September 1–5, we'll be tracking how many parents sign up for PTO membership. The grade with the most parent sign-ups wins a Pizza Party & Hat Day! Your membership helps the PTO support PVA at the highest level—and gives your child a chance to celebrate with their classmates!
- TRUNK OR TREAT IS BACK! We know it still feels like summer but it's never too early to start planning for our favorite Fall event...Our Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat!! Grab your friends, pick a theme, and decorate your car so the kids can get candy during our much anticipated Trunk-or-Treat!! Join the fun and [SIGN UP HERE FOR A TRUNK!](#)

THIS WEEK'S DATES OF NOTE:

- Monday, August 25th
 - Boys Volleyball Tryouts – See info above for details
- Tuesday, August 26th
 - Elementary Curriculum Chats @ 5:00-6:30pm
- Wednesday, August 27th
 - Early Release
- Thursday, August 28th
 - Middle School Curriculum Chats @ 5:30-7:20pm

That's all for this week!

Sincerely,

Zach Strom

PVA School Principal



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PVA Middle School CURRICULUM CHAT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28TH

HR

Doors open at 5:30pm

5:30-5:40 Transition to 1st Period Class

01

1st Period

5:40-5:50

02

2nd Period

5:55-6:05

03

3rd Period

6:10-6:20

04

4th Period

6:25-6:35

05

5th Period

6:40-6:50

06

6th Period

6:55-7:05

07

7th Period

7:10-7:20

Follow your student's schedule and meet their teachers.

Friendly reminder - paper schedules will not be provided. Schedules are available on HAC.

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COMING SOON!

Our Charleston Wrap 2025 Fall Fundraiser!



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