A View from the Valley

Palm Valley Academy: Week of 9/2 – 9/5

Good evening, PVA Community,

Thank you so much for joining us last week for our curriculum chats. We hope you enjoyed meeting with the teachers and gaining insight into the processes and procedures that shape your child's day. It was a pleasure to welcome you onto campus, and we sincerely appreciate your time and involvement.

Please take a moment to review the information, reminders, and upcoming events below.

Until next weekend, take care and Go 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)

#### 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 Membership Drive – Win a Pizza Party & Hat Day! 🕭

From **September 1–5**, sign up for PTO and help your child's grade win a special celebration! The grade level that brings in the **most NEW PTO members** during this week will earn a **Hat Day & Pizza Party** for all students in that grade. Don't miss out—sign up today and support our school while giving your student a fun reward! 

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 11<sup>th</sup> @ 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.

#### Family Bingo Night:

Join us for a Musical Twist on Bingo Night on Friday, Sept 12 from 5:30-7:30 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



#### A Message of Safety from Deputy Wilson (1 of 3)

Hey Parents and Friends of Bobcats everywhere! Please help us keep our students safe. As your school's assigned Deputy, I must ask that everyone please the protocols established for our campus and beyond. There is no perfect solution for everyone, but what is done helps us safely move well over a thousand students and staff, plus buses and cars each day.

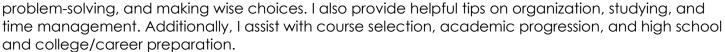
- Designated drop-off zones on campus are pre-planned specifically to ensure cars and children do not mix. Bypassing these measures to avoid the line is extremely unsafe.
- Please do not drop your child off in the bus loop or the overflow lot to avoid the car line, or to
  walk your child in unless you have an appointment. These areas do not have supervision at the
  crosswalks.
- If your child requires special accommodation, please contact the district transportation office as they have buses equipped for most needs.
- Once you enter the school property, cellphones must be HANDS FREE ONLY. I will give you grace if you are parked and waiting but if your vehicle is in motion, PHONES DOWN.

#### Meet the Counselor – Mrs. Corinne Fennelly

Hello PVA Families! My name is Corinne Fennelly, and I am thrilled to be serving as PVA's middle school counselor for the second year in a row. I have worked as a school counselor at various schools throughout St. Johns County, but PVA has truly become my home. I have been fortunate to serve here on and off for the past four years.

I'm a Floridian by way of Pittsburgh and Atlanta, having lived in Ponte Vedra for nearly 10 years. I have a daughter who is a senior and a son who is a sophomore at Nease High School and I am also the mom to two dogs and two cats.

Middle school can be a challenging time for students, and my role as the counselor is to help make this journey a little smoother. I support students in handling daily challenges like conflict resolution,



Before becoming a school counselor, I was a mental health counselor for 20 years, so no story or situation is too big or too small for me to hear or handle. If there's anything I can do to support your student during their middle school journey and help them thrive, please don't hesitate to reach out. My door is always open!

Mrs. Fennelly 904-547-4216 corinne.fennelly@stjohns.k12.fl.us



Families who are going through some sort of a hardship for whatever reason can apply for various different types of assistance at PVA. Please feel free to share this link with those in need or apply and submit today.



-or-CLICK HERE FOR THE PVA HARDSHIP LINK

**ELEMENTARY INFO (K-5)** 



### MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO (6-8)

#### 8th Grade Students - WASHINGTON, DC TRIP STILL OPEN!

DC registration for 8<sup>th</sup> graders is still open! Only a few spots remain! Sign up by September 15<sup>th</sup> and save \$50! Please sign-up by following the follow the link HERE. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. LaCoste at Katherine.lacoste@stjohns.k12.fl.us

#### Fellowship of Christian Athletes is starting back soon!!

There was an error with this post last week.. PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATE! FCA is for 6-8 grade students (5<sup>TH</sup> grade by invitation). 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, BUT our kickoff will be **Thursday**, **September 18**! Meetings are held 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.

#### **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!

# 🧆 8th Grade Banners Are Here! 🦠

Celebrate your 8th grader with a personalized 2'x3' mesh banner that will line the fence at the school entrance! Banners will remain on display throughout the spring, creating a lasting memory for your student's milestone year. DEADLINE TO ORDER AT CURRENT PRICE IS OCTOBER 25<sup>th</sup>

# ☆ Pricing:

- \$60 for PTO members
- \$85 for non-members

Scan the QR code today to place your order and show your Bobcat pride! 🕾



PALM VALLEY ACADEMY

### PTO Happenings (All Grades)

- 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!



**PVA CAFE** 





## **DATES OF NOTE:**

#### This Week:

- Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Early Release

#### On The Radar:

- Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>
  - o MS Band Rhapsody Instrumental Rental Night
- Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Early Release
- Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>
  - o SAC Meeting @ 3:45pm in Library COME JOIN US!
- Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>
  - o PTO Bingo Night 5:30pm 7:30pm

That's all for this week!

Sincerely,

Zach Strom

**PVA School Principal** 





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