A View from the Valley

Palm Valley Academy: Week of 9/7 – 9/13

Good evening, PVA Community,

We hope you all had a wonderful weekend and found time to enjoy some rest, fun, and family time! As we step into a new week together, we're excited for the opportunities ahead and grateful for your continued partnership in making PVA such a special place for our students.

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)

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 Message of Safety from Deputy Wilson (2 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.

- Low Speed Vehicles MUST have a Florida tag and be insured (just like an automobile) if you
 wish to drive them on campus.
- Golf carts are NOT permitted anywhere on campus but the golf cart loop
- The streets within Twenty Mile up to "the bridge" are public roadways under the authority of the St. John's County Sheriff, not the school district. If you have concerns, please direct them to: https://www2.sjso.org/form/trafficcomp.html
- Stone Ridge Dr. and Whisper Rock Dr. are not engineered for dropping off children to bypass the line. If school bus transportation is not available, please arrange for your child to be a biker/walker or car line. Extended day is also available if needed.

Charleston Wraps Fundraiser Begins Next Monday!

We're excited to kick off our Charleston Wraps fundraiser starting Monday, September 15. This is a wonderful opportunity to support PVA while shopping for high-quality gift wrap, home goods, and unique items. Every purchase directly benefits our students and programs. Be on the lookout for information coming home with your child on how to register, shop online, and share with family and friends. Thank you in advance for your support in helping us reach our fundraising goals!

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



PVA Hardship Application (Families in Need)

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.

CLICK HERE FOR THE PVA HARDSHIP LINK



ELEMENTARY INFO (K-5)

K-5 Required Instruction (K-5)

This week, our counselors will begin teaching the required safety lessons and will continue throughout the year with all elementary classes. They will be using a curriculum called Safer, Smarter Kids, which follows a developmentally appropriate sequence of instruction for each grade level of an elementary student. Each grade level's theme focuses on developing skills for staying safe, as it relates to the expansion of a child's world. This curricula includes videos, in-classroom activities and parent education materials. To learn more about this program, visit www.SaferSmarterKids.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO (6-8)

8th Grade Students – WASHINGTON, DC TRIP STILL OPEN!

DC registration for 8th graders is still open! Only a few spots remain! Sign up by September 15th 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

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 25th

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- \$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!!
- Our September PTO meeting is next Wednesday evening, 9/17 at 6:00pm in the PVA Cafeteria. Join us to here all the latest happenings and for priority volunteer sign-up opportunities!
- 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!



CHARLESTON WRAP FUNDRAISER - SEPTEMBER 15TH

GENERAL PTO MEETING -SEPTEMBER 17TH AT 6:00PM PVA CAFE



DATES OF NOTE:

This Week:

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

On The Radar:

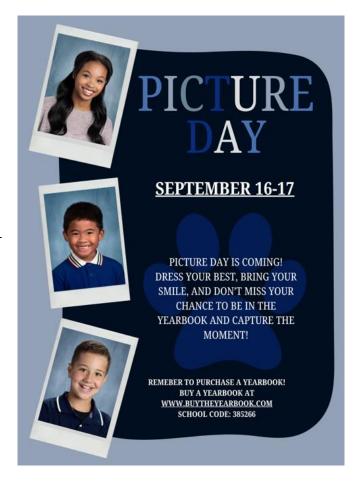
- <u>Tuesday, September 16th</u>
 - K-5 Photo Day
 - MS Volleyball AWAY at FCA @ 5:30/6:30pm
- Wednesday, September 17th
 - o Early Release
 - MS Photo Day
 - o PTO Meeting @ 6:00pm in Café
- Thursday, September 18th
 - SAC Meeting @ 3:45pm in Library COME JOIN US!
 - MS Volleyball AWAY at MCA @ 5:30/6:30pm
- Friday, September 19th
 - NO SCHOOL

That's all for this week!

Sincerely,

Zach Strom

PVA School Principal













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