

Palm Valley Academy: Week of 11/17 – 11/23

Good evening, PVA Families,

As we head into our final week before Thanksgiving Break, I want to take a minute to express how grateful we are for our incredible PVA community. The energy on campus these past few weeks, from classroom learning to schoolwide events, has been outstanding, and it's a direct reflection of the partnership we share with our families.

Our students continue to grow academically, socially, and emotionally each day, and we're so proud of the hard work happening across every grade level. With one more full week ahead, we look forward to keeping the momentum going and ending this stretch on a strong and positive note.

Thank you for your continued support, your involvement, and the trust you place in us every day. We hope the week ahead is a great one for all of our Bobcats!

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)

Bobcats Doing Big Things!

While we can't explicitly promote local middle school sports associations, we can celebrate the incredible accomplishments of teams made up entirely of our PVA Bobcats! Several groups are closing out their seasons at the top of their leagues and preparing for tournament play, another team brought home a first-place finish this past weekend at their competition, and two more are gearing up for county championships this week!

When these opportunities arise, we encourage our PVA community to fill the stands and cheer on our students. Your support means the world to them and is a great way to show our Bobcat pride!

In fact, schoolwide, let's wear GREEN this Wednesday to support our boys competing on the gridiron at PVHS that evening. Go Bobcats! ❤️🏈❤️

PVA's Holiday Giving and Drive Collections

I am thrilled to announce that our school, in partnership with NJHS will be hosting a Toy Drive this holiday season. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a community to spread joy and support families in need. Starting on December 1, we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for all ages. These donations will go directly to local St. Johns County families in need in effort to ensure every child experiences the magic of the holidays. We invite all families to join us in making this season brighter for others.

How to Participate:

- **Toy Donations:** Please bring new, unwrapped toys suitable for children of all ages. Collection bins will be located in the front office and throughout the building.
- **Amazon Donations:** Choose from desired items on the [AMAZON WISH LIST FOUND HERE](#). All items will be delivered directly to the school. The window to purchase from here end 12/15.
- **Dates:** The drive will start Monday, December 1st and conclude with our Cookies and Cocoa Art Show and Holiday Event on the evening of Wednesday, December 17th.

This initiative not only allows us to give back but also teaches our students the importance of kindness, generosity, and community. We are so grateful for your support and any contributions you can make. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our counselors, Ms. Kristi Frick or Ms. Corinne Fennelly at (904)547-4200. Thank you for helping us make a difference this holiday season!

Holiday Assistance for Bobcat Families

The holiday season is approaching, and we want to ensure every Bobcat family feels supported. If your family is in need of assistance this holiday season, please take a moment to complete the Holiday Assistance Form.  [\[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE FORM\]](#)

 Deadline to submit is Friday, November 21st.

Please fill it out as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly.

If you have any questions, reach out to:

 Corinne Fennelly – (904) 547-4216

 Kristi Frick – (904) 547-4217

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Cookies and Cocoa – A Holiday Event and Art Show

The holiday season is upon us, and we're excited to invite you to our special Cookies & Cocoa Holiday Event and Student Art Show! One of our largest, most successful events last year is coming up soon!

Event Details:

- **Date:** Wednesday, December 17th
- **Time:** 6:00 – 7:30pm
- **Location:** We will start off in the cafeteria

This festive evening will feature:

-  A stunning display of student artwork showcasing their creativity and hard work.
-  Delicious cookies and warm cocoa to enjoy with friends and family.
-  Holiday performances by the Jazz Band and Theater Program, along with 2nd Grade Carolers

We can't wait to celebrate the season together and highlight our students' artistic talents. It's the perfect opportunity to connect with the school community and create lasting memories! We look forward to seeing you there! See the flyer below for additional details!



ELEMENTARY INFO (K-5)

Volunteer for Elementary Lunch Duty

We're looking for family volunteers to help out during **elementary lunch**! Your support makes a big difference in keeping things running smoothly—whether it's assisting with opening snacks, helping students find their seats, or simply being an encouraging presence in the cafeteria. [If you're interested, please sign up HERE!](#) Even just one lunch period helps our staff and brightens our students' day!

MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO (6-8)

Basketball Open Gym Opportunities This Week

Boys Open Gym (ALL MS BOYS ARE WELCOME) Monday, November 17th from 5:30-7:00pm

Girls Open Gym (ALL MS GIRLS ARE WELCOME) Wednesday, November 19th from 3:30-5:00pm

Basketball: TRYOUTS COMING UP – MUST SIGN-UP

Basketball tryouts are scheduled the week of December 1st. Sign-up using the QR code in the below flyer. *ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE SIGNED UP*

BOYS' TRYOUTS

- Monday, Dec. 1st 5:30-7:00 P.M.
- Tuesday, Dec. 2nd 5:30-7:00 P.M.
- Wednesday, Dec. 3rd 5:30-7:00 P.M. (CALL BACK ONLY)

GIRLS' TRYOUTS

- Tuesday, Dec. 2nd 3:30-5:00 P.M.
- Wednesday, Dec. 3rd 3:30-5:00 P.M. (CALL BACK ONLY)

RETESTING/MAKE-UP WORK OPPORTUNITIES

As part of our continued effort to support student success, we're introducing a few new school-wide options for retesting and make-up work. While teachers will continue to provide opportunities within their own classrooms using a variety of strategies, we've also added designated "Study Hall" sessions for students who need extra time to complete or retake assignments.

Study Hall Options:

- **After-School Option:** 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from **2:30–3:20 PM** in the 1002 computer lab (arranged through the teacher)
- **Morning Option:** 2nd Wednesday of each month during **1st period** (arranged through the teacher)

The decision on which session to attend must be worked out between the student and teacher based on need and scheduling. If your student attends the after-school session, pickup will be at 3:20 PM in the bus loop. If they finish early, they will be expected to use the remaining time productively while waiting. We hope these additional options provide flexibility and continued support for students to demonstrate their best work.

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. This first round of ordering at the discounted price has passed, but DEADLINE TO ORDER AT THE NEW PRICE IS DECEMBER 15th. (All orders placed during this window will be sent off to print following the December 15 deadline)



Girls Basketball Team Tryout

Who:

6th, 7th, & 8th grade Girls interested in trying out for PVA basketball team.

When:

Tuesday, December 2nd @ 3:20-5:00pm

Wednesday, December 3rd @ 3:20-5:00pm (Call back only)

Where:

PVA Gym

Questions: Email Coach Hastings Nicole.Gue@stjohns.k12.fl.us

To Register, Complete the Form by Following the Link Below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/sRGYC6sTCf>



Boys Basketball Team Tryout

Who:

6th, 7th, & 8th grade Boys interested in trying out for PVA basketball team.

When:

Monday, December 1st @ 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Tuesday, December 2nd @ 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Wednesday, December 3rd @ 5:30pm – 7:00pm (Call back only)

Where:

PVA Gym

Questions: Jackson Schulz - jackson.schulz23@gmail.com

To Register, Complete the Form by Following the Link Below:

[PVA BOYS Basketball Tryout Registration – Fill out form](#)



PTO HAPPENINGS (ALL GRADES)

- **Papa John's Partnership – Support PVA While You Eat!** We're excited to share an easy way for families to support PVA all year long—just by ordering pizza!
 - **All Year Long:** Use code **PVA10** when placing your Papa John's order, and 10% of your purchase will go back to our PTO.It's a simple (and tasty!) way to support our school while enjoying a family meal. Thank you for helping us bring in extra support for our Bobcats!
- Get your **8th Grade Fence Banners** TODAY! Scan the QR code below!

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This is valid at all locations in Clay, Duval, Nassau, & St John's Counties

DATES OF NOTE:

This Week:

- Monday, November 17th
 - MS Boys Basketball Open Gym (5:30-7:00pm) MUST BE SIGNED UP
- Tuesday, November 18th
 - PVA Spelling Bee
- Wednesday, November 19th
 - Early Release
 - Character Counts Breakfast Celebration @ 7:20am
 - PTO General Meeting @ 9:00am in the café ALL ARE WELCOME!
 - MS Afterschool Retesting/Retakes Opportunity (2:20-3:20pm)
- Thursday, November 20th
 - Picture Retakes throughout the morning

On The Radar:

- Monday, December 1st
 - MS Boys Basketball Tryouts Day 1 5:30pm-7:00pm
- Tuesday, December 2nd
 - MS Girls Basketball Tryouts Day 1 3:30pm-5:00pm
 - MS Boys Basketball Tryouts Day 2 5:30pm-7:00pm
- Wednesday, December 3rd
 - Early Release
 - MS Girls Basketball Tryouts Day 2 3:30pm-5:00pm
 - MS Boys Basketball Tryouts Day 3 (if necessary) 5:30pm-7:00pm
- Thursday, December 4th
 - Winter Band Concert at PVHS (6:00-7:30pm)

That's all for this week!

Sincerely,

Zach Strom

PVA School Principal

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