

Palm Valley Academy: Week of 12/8 – 12/13

Dear PVA Families,

I hope you're all having a wonderful week. As we move into a busy and exciting stretch of the season, I want to thank you for staying connected and engaged with all that's happening across our school community. Please take a moment to look through this week's updates and celebrations, there's a lot to be proud of in the Valley!

Wishing you a great week ahead,

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)**

**PVA's Holiday Giving and Drive Collections**

Our NJHS Toy Drives are both off to a great start, and ongoing! We are currently 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, or to your homeroom teacher.
- **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 started Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and conclude with our Cookies and Cocoa Art Show and Holiday Event on the evening of Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

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!

**Candy Cane Lane: Volunteers Needed!**

We are in need for some additional volunteers for our annual holiday shop where the kiddos get to come in with their classes and shop for gifts for family and friends! (Middle Schoolers come during their lunchtime if they are interested). It is such a joy to see them pick out special gifts for their loved ones! We do ask that you DO NOT volunteer when your child is coming to shop so as to not spoil the surprise!! **Signup here: [2025 PVA Volunteers: Candy Cane Lane Volunteers 2025](#)**

## 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... And YES, there will be artwork from all grades on display!

Event Details:

- **Date:** Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>
- **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

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!

## Cookies and Cocoa Volunteers Needed!

Please join us for our Cookies & Cocoa holiday event! We're looking for volunteers to help serve treats and spread some festive cheer. The event begins at 6:00 p.m., and we ask volunteers to arrive by 5:45 p.m. for setup. [CLICK HERE TO SEE THE AVAILABLE SLOTS AND TO SIGN UP!](#)

## December'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. This month's meeting is this **Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 3:45pm** in the library. SAC is open to anyone who is interested in helping our school succeed! We hope to see you there.

## ❄️ Join Us for PVA's Winter Holiday Themed Days! ❄️

We're excited to celebrate the season with a full week of festive fun from December 15–19! All students and our PVA community are invited to participate in our daily holiday-themed spirit days. Check out the flyer below for the full schedule, and get ready to show your Bobcat holiday cheer!



## ELEMENTARY INFO (K-5)

### 🎁 K-5 Toy Drive Update! 🏠

Our Holiday Toy Drive is still going strong! This is a friendly reminder that the **top 12 K-5 classes** with the most donated toys will earn a spot at the **Venardos Circus** performance at school next week 📺🐘 Please continue to send in **new, unwrapped toys for all ages**—every donation makes a difference and brings us closer to our goal. Thank you for your generosity and support!

### 🍎 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)

### 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.

### 🎉 8th Grade Fence Banners – ORDER TODAY! 🎉

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 15<sup>th</sup>. (All orders placed during this window will be sent off to print following the December 15 deadline)

#### 🌟 Pricing:

- \$80 for PTO members
- \$100 for non-members

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



## 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!
- The December PTO Calendar is out! See below!



# 8TH GRADE

# 2026



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## PALM VALLEY ACADEMY

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Candy Cane  
Lane Opens

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Staff Breakfast

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General PTO  
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Candy Cane  
Lane Last  
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Cookies and  
Cocoa

Art Show

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Early Release

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## **DATES OF NOTE:**

### This Week:

- Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>
  - MS SOS Meeting from 8:00-9:00am
  - MS Make-ups/Retest Study Hall During 1<sup>st</sup> Period
  - General PTO Meeting @ 9:00am in Café (Online Link to be sent out)
- Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>
  - PVA SAC Meeting @ 3:45pm in Library
- Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Last Day for Candy Cane Lane!
  - Last Day for K-5 Toy Drive Contest to attend Circus!

### On The Radar:

- Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>
  - THEMED DAY: TIME TO ACCESSORIZE & OUTSIDERS DAY!
- Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>
  - THEMED DAY: SHINY AND BRIGHT!
- Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>
  - THEMED DAY: FEELING FROSTY AND VESTIVE!
  - MS PBIS Morning During 1<sup>st</sup> Period (Staff vs. Students VB Game and Holiday Activities)
  - Early Release
  - LAST DAY FOR HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE
  - **Cookies and Cocoa Art Show Event @ 6-7:30pm**
- Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>
  - THEMED DAY: HOLIDAY CHARACTER DAY!
  - K-5 Vernados Circus for select classes @ 9:00am in gymnasium
- Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>
  - THEMED DAY: TWAS' THE NIGHT BEFORE BREAK!
  - Early Release

That's all for this week!

Sincerely,

Zach Strom

PVA School Principal

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# Tis' The Season!

## Themed Days

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DECEMBER

### OUTSIDERS DAY/Accessorize!

Whether you're a Greaser or a Soc, come dressed to represent your side—with a holiday twist, of course! Add festive accessories to complete the look! Or just accessorize as you wish!

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DECEMBER

### Shiny and Bright

Shine bright like the star you are! Wear something that lights or shines bright!

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DECEMBER

### Feeling Frosty & Vestive

Wear your favorite holiday sweater or vest!

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DECEMBER

### Holiday Character Day

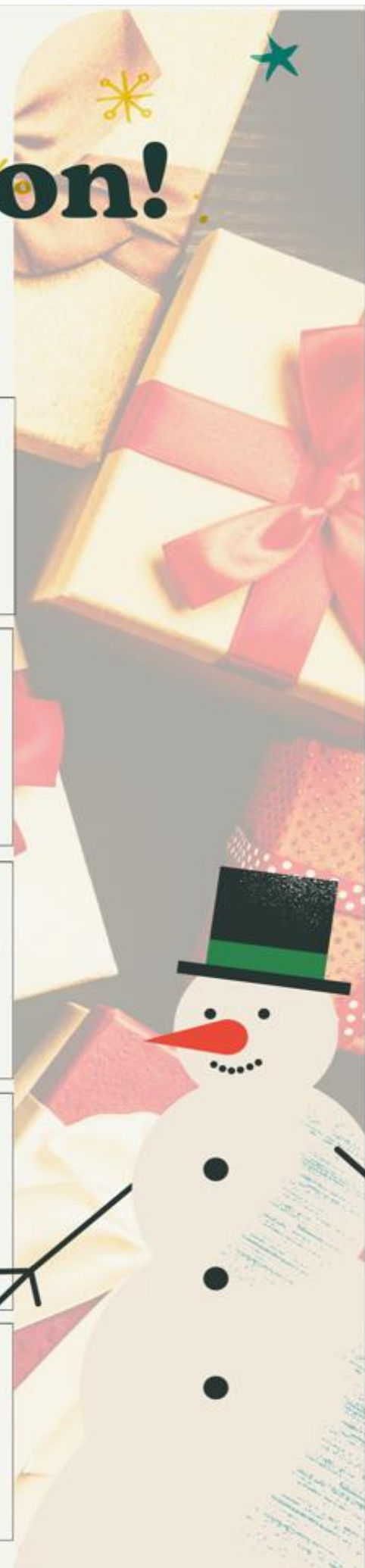
Scrooge, Rudolph, Buddy the Elf, the Grinch, or another WHO from Whoville— Dress up as your favorite character!

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DECEMBER

### Twass' the Night Before Break...

Its a PVA tradition! Wear your pajamas and tune-in to Polar Express during the day!



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