

Happy 2026 PVA Families,

We sincerely hope that everyone enjoyed winter break and were able to create some wonderful, long-lasting memories with your families over the holidays. However that may have looked for you and your household, we hope it was exactly what everyone needed.

After the time off, our staff has been refreshed, rejuvenated and jumped right back into the swing of things without skipping a beat. We look forward to continuing the positive momentum and making the best of everyday that awaits.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to a great second semester in 2026.

Sincerely,

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)

Dismissal Change Forms

As a reminder, all transportation changes must be made through [PVA DISMISSAL CHANGE FORM](#) on our School Website. Emailed transportation changes to your teacher are not accepted. When completing the online form, please ensure it contains all information necessary and is submitted by the NOON deadline. If you have an emergency same-day transportation change, please telephone the front office at (904) 547-4200 before NOON each day. We will be happy to assist.

The cutoff time for early pick-up from the front office is 2:15 p.m. (Wed.-1:15 p.m.)

DISMISSAL CHANGES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE 12:00PM NOON DAILY DEADLINE

Safety on the Bridge – A Message from Deputy Wilson

With the new year, I feel it important to re-up on our safety reminders for all bridge-goers. If your child rides a bike or a scooter, please help remind them to keep their helmets on until they arrive on campus, pay attention to their surroundings and to slow down when navigating around other pedestrians and bikers. E-bikes and scooters are being operated in increasingly dangerous ways, so we must ask that you help us reinforce bicycle safety and following the "rules of the road".

- Wear your helmet
- Watch for others
- Watch for traffic

We will continue to do our part at PVA by encouraging good, safe habits. One injury is too many, especially when they are preventable. Thank you in advance for helping keep our Bobcats safe!

LET'S WALK & ROLL SAFELY!

Parents, HELP teach kids to RIDE SAFE!

Encouraging our kids to walk or roll (bike, wheelchair, scooter, skateboard, etc.) to school is a good move in the right direction. When they get out of the car and walk, bike or roll, they learn valuable lessons about independence, plus get a healthy dose of exercise and fresh air. Our neighborhoods benefit from fewer cars on the road and less congestion around school.

(1) Get Ready, Get Set...

Start in the right direction by showing them the way. Go on the route with your child. It's the best way to share the rules – not to mention a fun way to spend time together!

(2) Look for the Signs

Your child will need to recognize, remember and obey traffic signs, signals and pavement markings.

(3) Practice Safe Habits

Practice with your child by walking or rolling together. Repeated practice helps kids get better at it and you feel more comfortable with their skills.

(4) Iron Out the Best Route

Identify a safe route to and from school or the bus stop. The school may already have route maps with recommendations. If not, here are some considerations:

- Look for less busy roads and slower speeds.
- Choose crossing locations that have a clear view of traffic.
- Practice the route with your child until you are both comfortable.
- If no sidewalks, choose roads w/ shoulders where people walking can face oncoming traffic.

1

MEASURE YOUR CHILD'S HEAD

Use a soft tape measure to measure the circumference of the child's head about 1" above their eyebrows (or the thickest part of their head).

FIND A HELMET • that includes your child's measurement in its size range.



2

POSITION THE HELMET ON YOUR CHILD'S HEAD

Place the helmet squarely on top of your child's head.

TWO FINGERS TEST • The helmet should sit low on the head – about two finger widths above the child's eyebrows.



3

TIGHTEN FOR A SNUG FIT

Tighten the internal width of the helmet so it's snug, but not uncomfortable.

- Dial-adjust knobs: Turn right to tighten.
- Plastic dial: Turn the thick or thin pads to tighten or loosen the inside.

SHAKE TEST • Have your child shake their head back and forth. The helmet should stay firmly in place.



4

MAKE A 'V' WITH THE SIDE STRAPS

ADJUST THE SLIDERS • so that the straps come together to form a V at the base of the child's ear. This keeps the helmet centered on the head.



5

ADJUST THE CHIN STRAP FOR LENGTH

Adjust the length of the strap so that it's loose enough to buckle it.

1 FINGER TEST • But tight enough that you can fit just one finger between the chin and strap



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)

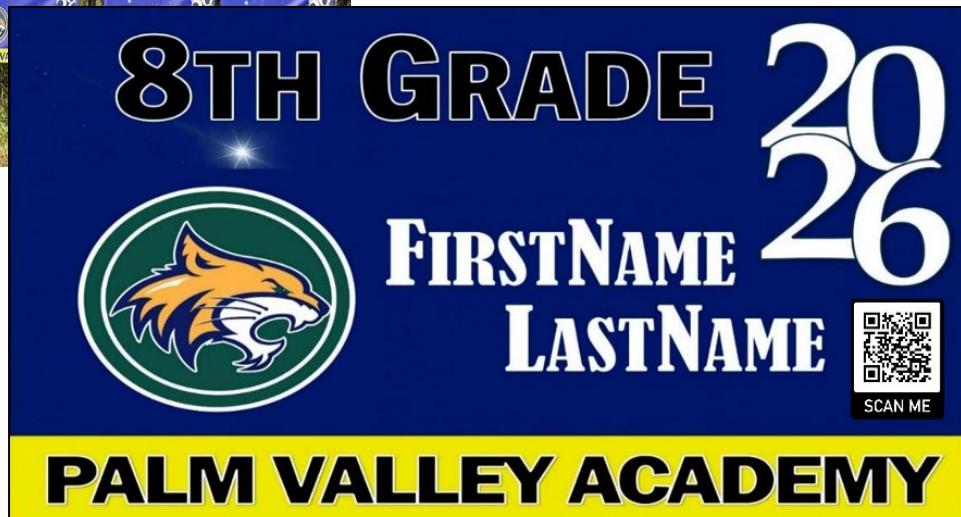
Retesting/Make-Up Work Opportunities

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.



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 above!

DATES OF NOTE:

- Tuesday, January 13th
 - PVA Basketball AWAY @ PIA. Girls tipoff at 5:30pm with boys to follow
- Wednesday, January 14th
 - Early Release
 - MS Study Hall/Retakes (1st Period)
- Thursday, January 15th
 - PVA Basketball AWAY @ LPA. Girls tipoff at 5:30pm with boys to follow.

On the Radar:

- Monday, January 19th
 - NO SCHOOL
- Tuesday, January 20th
 - PVA CLASS PHOTOS
 - PVA Basketball AWAY @ Lakeside. Girls tipoff at 5:30pm with boys to follow
- Wednesday, January 21st
 - Early Release
 - Character Counts Breakfast 7:30-8:00am (Café)
 - PVA CLASS PHOTOS
 - General PTO Meeting @ 9:00am (Café)
 - MS Study Hall/Retakes -AFTER SCHOOL

That's all for this week!

Sincerely,

Zach Strom

PVA School Principal



The advertisement for the FORTIFYFL Suspicious Activity Reporting App features a dark blue background. At the top, there is a red icon of a megaphone and the text "FORTIFYFL" in large white letters, with "Suspicious Activity Reporting App" in smaller white text below it. In the center, the text "See suspicious activity at your school? Report it." is displayed in white, with a circular logo containing a school building and the words "HOME • SCHOOL • COMMUNITY" around it. To the right, there are two white smartphones showing the app's interface, including a map and various reporting options. At the bottom, there is a white banner with three circular icons (a sun, a person, and a book) and the text "Visit www.getfortifyfl.com to submit a tip or download the app" in blue, along with the hashtag "#FORTIFYFLORIDA".



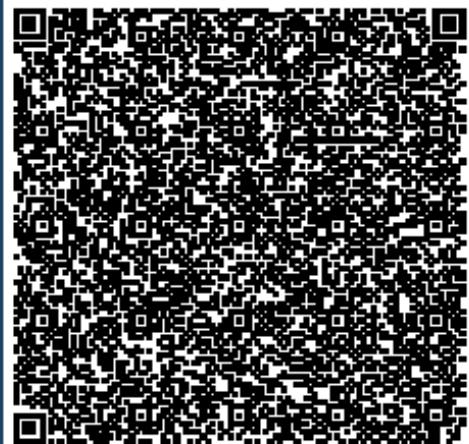
School Budget Transparency Presentation for Taxpayers

VIRTUAL MEETING

**CALLING ALL ST. JOHNS COUNTY CITIZENS FOR
A SPECIAL VIRTUAL PRESENTATION BY
SUPERINTENDENT DR. ASPLEN.**

**MONDAY
JANUARY 12
7:00 P.M.**

[Click to Join](#)



**WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 14
7:00 P.M.**

[Click to Join](#)



PLATINUM PARTNERS

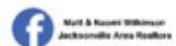


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