

Palm Valley & Pine Island Academies' Middle School Information Night

Welcome to Middle School!

Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021

We will begin at 6:00 pm

Agenda for Tonight

- **For PVA & PIA Families**

- Current Administrative Staff
- Overview of Course Progressions & Elective Options
- SJMSAA Information
- Important Dates & Timelines

- **Q & A**

- PVA – current Zoom link
- PIA – link will be shared at end of presentation

Your PVA Middle School

Support Team

Principal	Ms. Jessica Richardson
Assistant Principal	Mr. Drew Chiodo
Assistant Principal	Mr. Zach Strom
Assistant Principal	Ms. Caitlyn Stewart
Assistant Principal	Ms. D'Niessa Slocum
Assistant Principal	Mr. Brian Green
Counselor (A-L)	Ms. Dawn Anzualda
Counselor (M-Z)	Ms. Monica Ferguson
Dean	Mr. Ryan Velsor
Dean	Ms. Kaneika Nimmons

Projected 21-22 SY: Three Assistant Principals, One Middle School Counselor, & One Dean

Your PIA Middle School Support Team

Principal Ms. Amanda Riedl

Assistant Principal Ms. Rachel Naylor

Assistant Principal TBA

Counselor TBA

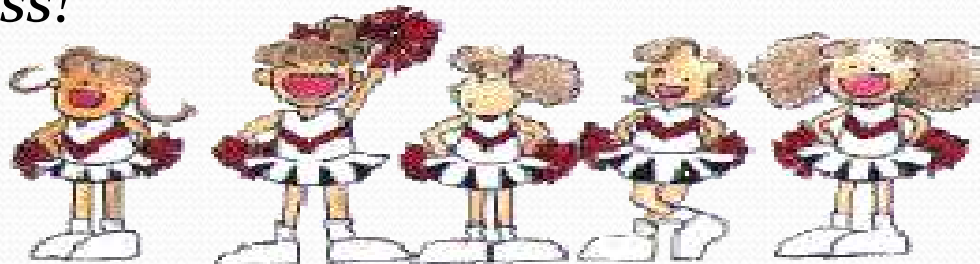
Dean TBA

We are your cheerleaders!



Middle School is an exciting time, but can also be filled with jitters and nervous energy for students and parents.

Be confident in PVA's & PIA's team! The administrators, deans, teachers, counselors, and staff are all committed to supporting your student so they experience a strong work ethic, positive attitude, independence, along with social, emotional and academic success!



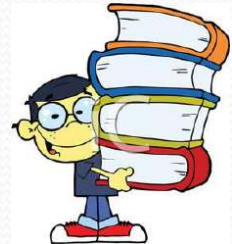
6th Grade Course Requirements

Core Subjects:

- Language Arts, Math, Science, World History (standard or advanced)

Required Non-Core:

- Computer Science Discoveries- full year (PVA)
- ICT I – full year (PIA)
- Physical Education – full year



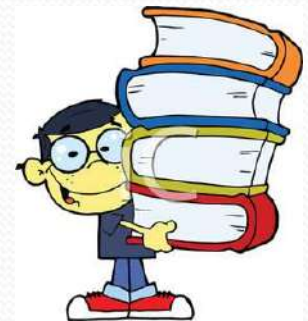
7th Grade Course Requirements

Core Subjects:

- Language Arts, Math, Science, Civics (standard or advanced)

Required Non-Core:

- ICT 1- full year (PVA)
- Computer Science Discoveries- full year (PIA)
- Physical Education – full year



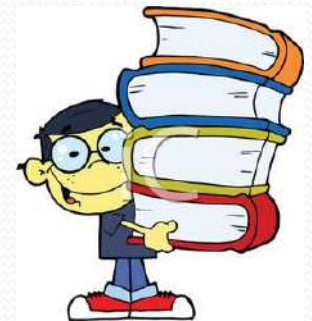
8th Grade Course Requirements

Core Subjects:

- Language Arts, Math, Science, & U.S. History (standard or advanced)

Required Non-Core:

- ICT 2- full year (PVA)
- Physical Education – full year



What are the advanced placement options for my child?

- PVA & PIA offers a variety of options for middle grades students depending on their individualized learning path:
 - 6th Standard/Advanced
 - 7th grade Standard/Advanced/ Algebra 1 Honors
 - 8th grade Standard/Advance, Algebra 1 Honors/Geometry Honors, Physical Science Honors
- All High School Courses have a state developed EOC which is 30% of their final grade
- All 6th grade students will be placed in 6th grade standard or 6th advanced math based on their Math FSA scores, and final math grades from 5th grade



Middle School Math Progression

Current Class	Previous Year Math FSA	Previous Year ELA FSA	Placement Test	Grade in Class	APEX Summer Course Required?	Recommended Placement
5 th Grade Math	n/a	n/a	n/a	Passing	N	6 th Standard
5 th Grade math	4+	3+	n/a	A or B	N	6 th Advanced
6 th Standard	n/a	n/a	n/a	Passing	N	7 th Standard
6 th Standard	4+	3+	Passing	A or B	N	7 th Advanced
6 th Advanced	n/a	n/a	n/a	Passing	N	7 th Advanced
6 th Advanced	5	4+	Passing	A	Y	Algebra 1 Honors
7 th Standard	n/a	n/a	n/a	Passing	N	Pre-Algebra
7 th Standard	5	4+	Passing	A	Y	Algebra 1 Honors
7 th Advanced	n/a	n/a	n/a	C or D	N	Pre-Algebra
7 th Advanced	4 +	4+	Passing	A or B	Y	Algebra 1 Honors
8 th Pre-Algebra	4+	3 +	Passing	A or B	N	Algebra 1 Honors
8 th Pre-Algebra	n/a	n/a	n/a	Passing	N	Algebra 1
Algebra 1 Honors	n/a	n/a	n/a	Passing	N	Geometry Honors
Geometry Honors	n/a	n/a	n/a	Passing	N	Algebra 2 Honors

Elective Options: PVA

Each student will receive three non-core courses.

1. Physical Education — REQUIRED for all students. This is a year-long course.
2. Computer Class — REQUIRED for all students. This is a year-long course.
3. Choose ONE of the following electives:

6 th	7 th	8 th
M/J 2-Dimensional Studio Art 1	M/J 2-Dimensional Studio Art 2	2D Studio Art 3
M/J Exploratory Spanish	M/J Spanish Beginning	M/J Spanish Intermediate
6 th STEM- (M/J Critical Thinking)	7 th STEM- (M/J Research 1)	8 th STEM- (M/J Research 2)
M/J Band 1*	M/J Journalism**	M/J Creative Writing 1**
	M/J Band 2*	M/J Band 2*
	M/J Guitar 1**	M/J Band 3*
		M/J Guitar 1**

*Band requires a fair share fee, along with the cost of purchasing or renting an instrument (additional cleaning fees may apply to some rental instruments).

**The courses will be tentatively offered based on demand and PVA staffing.

Elective Options: PIA

Each student will receive three non-core courses.

1. Physical Education — REQUIRED for all students. This is a year-long course.
2. Computer Class — REQUIRED for all students. This is a year-long course.
3. Choose ONE of the following electives:

6 th	7 th
M/J 2-Dimensional Studio Art 1	M/J 2-Dimensional Studio Art 2
M/J Band 1*	M/J Band 1*
M/J Exploratory Spanish	M/J Band 2*
	M/J Spanish Beginning

*Band requires a fair share fee, along with the cost of purchasing or renting an instrument.

Middle School Electives (1 of 2)

- Electives choices will be completed through Home Access Center (HAC).
- Choices can be entered beginning at 4:00 pm on March 1st.
- Enrollment in electives are not guaranteed, but by using this process, we will be able to open up sections based upon demand and teacher certification.
- All students are required to take the following:
 - Physical Education
 - Computers (CSD, ICT)
 - Elective of Choice
- Exceptions are made on a per student basis (i.e. band auditions, acceleration, etc).

Middle School Electives (2 of 2)

- Our elective offerings are still a work in progress.
- Depending on enrollment, interest, and hiring the best staff, PVA is attempting to offer additional electives.
- As PIA hires staff, additional electives may be offered and will be communicated to families at a later date.

Course Recommendations & Change Requests

- Your student's teacher(s) are completing course recommendations now and will be available in HAC, along with your elective placement, on April 1st.
- Course changes requests will be available, digitally, between April 1st-May 31st.

Middle School Athletics & SJMSAA

School Sponsored Athletics

- Basketball
- Volleyball



SJMSAA Sponsored Events

- Football
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Soccer
- Baseball
- Softball
- Golf
- Tennis
- Please visit the SJMSAA website for more information

Summer Opportunities

- Tours
- Student led events
- Orientations
- All are expected to start in July of 2021. More information to come soon.



Important Dates to Remember

- **Monday, March 1st**
 - Elective options open in HAC; directions will be sent home via school messenger.
 - PDF of today's powerpoint will be sent via school messenger
 - Recording of presentation will be available on PVA's website
- **Friday, March 12th**
 - Elective options due in HAC. Late submissions will not be accepted.
- **Thursday, April 1st**
 - 2021-2022 Student courses available in HAC.

Thank you for joining
us!

Q & A will begin Shortly

PVA- stay on this link

PIA- link will be added
to chatbox.

