

# **PALM VALLEY ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**



**WELCOME TO MIDDLE SCHOOL!**

**WEDNESDAY, FEB.23, 2022**

# AGENDA FOR TONIGHT

- **CURRENT ADMINISTRATIVE  
STAFF**
- **OVERVIEW OF COURSE  
PROGRESSIONS & ELECTIVE  
OPTIONS**
- **SJMSAA/SPORTS  
INFORMATION**
- **IMPORTANT DATES &  
TIMELINES**

# **YOUR PVA MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPORT TEAM**

- **PRINCIPAL**
- **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**
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- **COUNSELOR (A-L)**
- **COUNSELOR (M-Z)**
- **DEAN**
- **INSTRUCTIONAL LITERACY  
COACH**

**DR. JOY REICHENBERG**

**MR. ZACH STROM**

**MS. D'NIESSA SLOCUM**

**MR. BRIAN GREEN**

**MS. DAWN ANZUALDA**

**MS. MONICA FERGUSON**

**MR. RYAN VELSOR**

**MS. AMIE MILLER**



# 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 TEAM! THE ADMINISTRATORS, DEAN, 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!**

# PROGRESSION CHANGES

**Current progression of US History and Civics has changed.**

**Current progression: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – World History, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Civics, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – US History**

**Transition year (School Year 2022-23) progression: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – World History, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade - US History, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – US History**

**New progression starting School Year 2023-24: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – World History, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – US History, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Civics**



# PROGRESSION CHANGES

**Current progression of ICT (Information Computer Technology) classes has changed.**

**Current progression: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Computer Science Discoveries, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – ICT 1, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – ICT 2**

**Transition year (School Year 2022-23) progression: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – ICT 1, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – ICT 1, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – ICT 2**

**New progression starting School Year 2023-24: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – ICT 1, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – ICT 2, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – CSD**

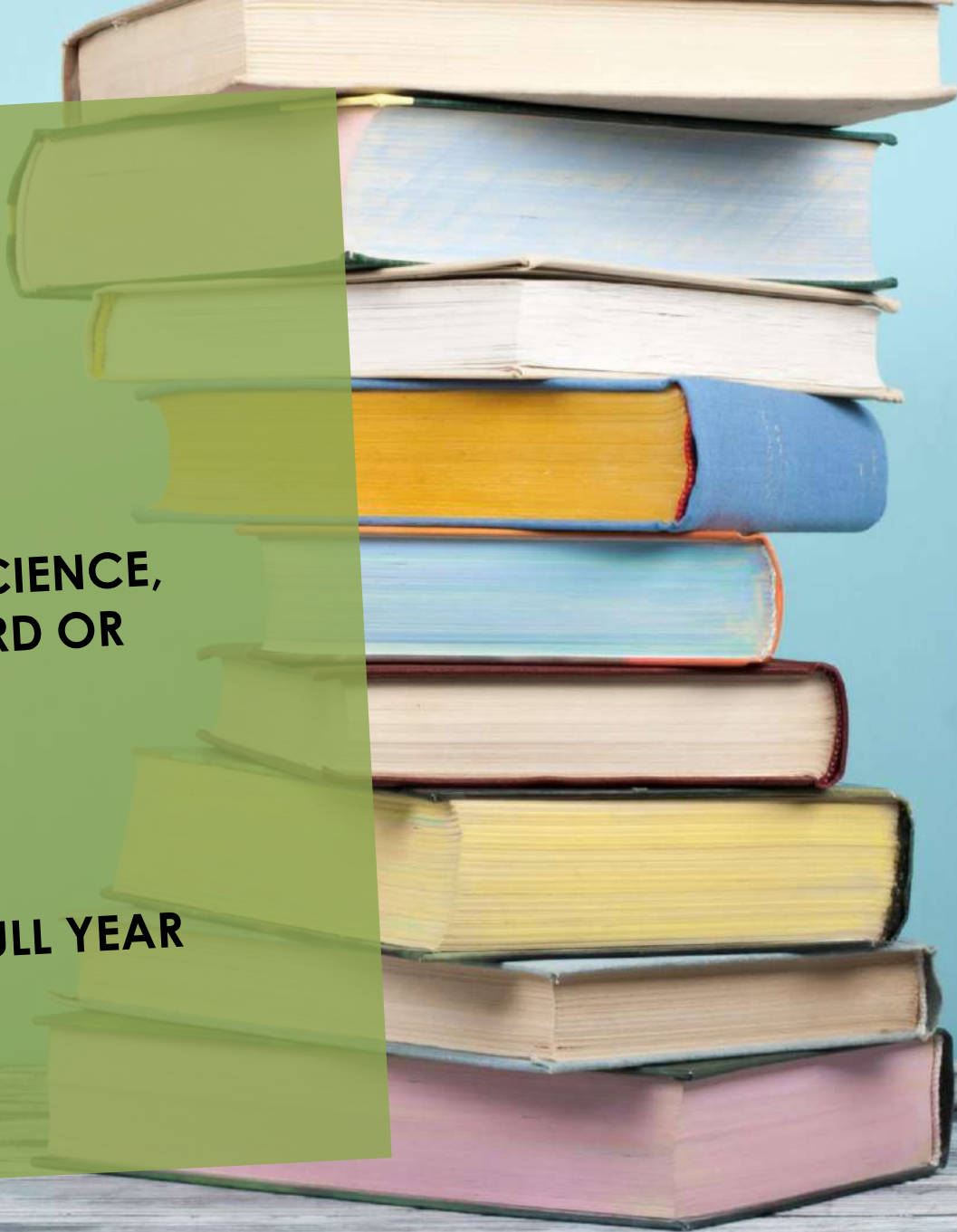
# **6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

## **CORE SUBJECTS:**

- LANGUAGE ARTS, MATH, SCIENCE, WORLD HISTORY (STANDARD OR ADVANCED)

## **REQUIRED NON-CORE:**

- ICT-1 - FULL YEAR
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION – FULL YEAR



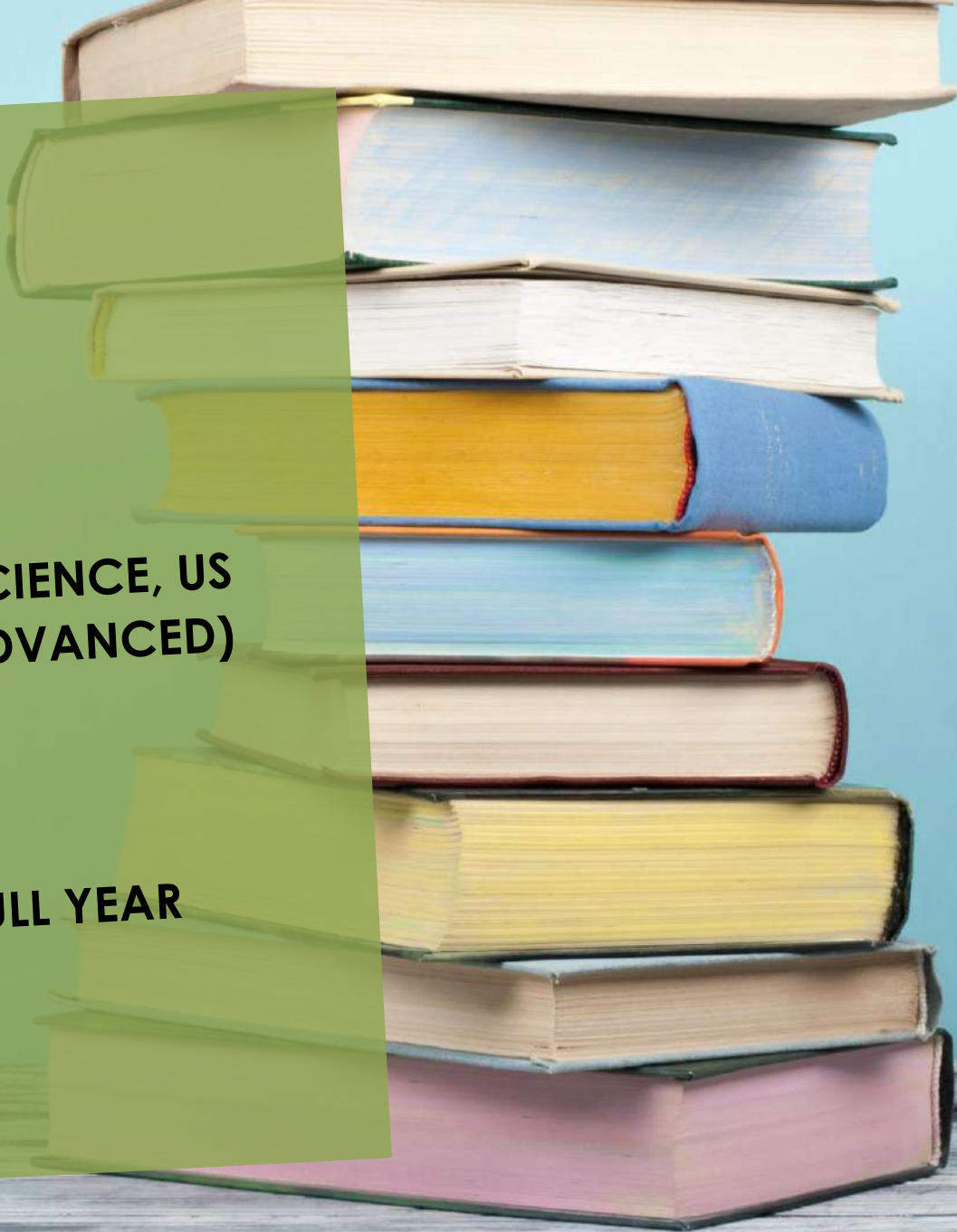
# **7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

## **CORE SUBJECTS:**

- LANGUAGE ARTS, MATH, SCIENCE, US HISTORY (STANDARD OR ADVANCED)

## **REQUIRED NON-CORE:**

- ICT 1 - FULL YEAR
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION – FULL YEAR





# **8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

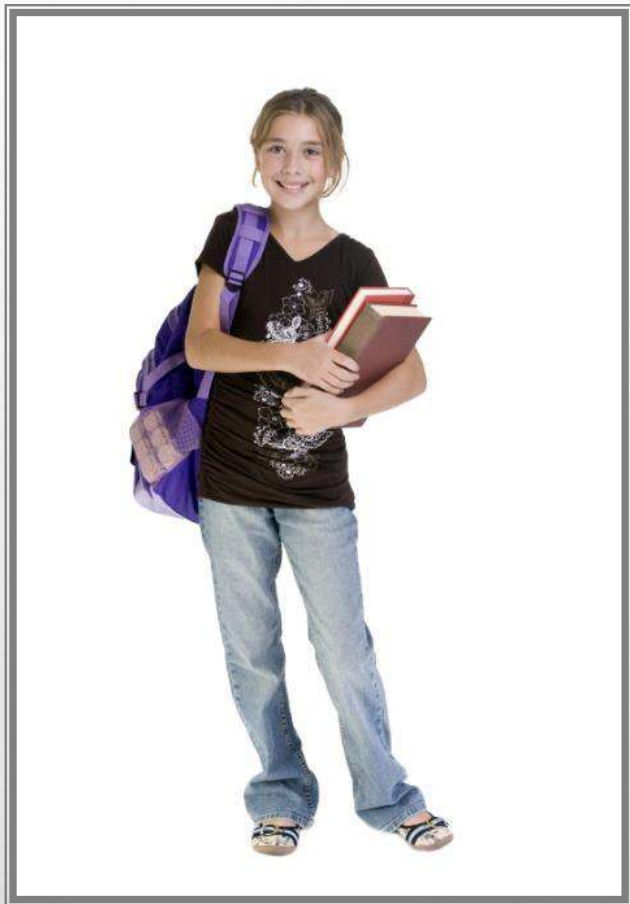
## **CORE SUBJECTS:**

- LANGUAGE ARTS, MATH, SCIENCE, US HISTORY (STANDARD OR ADVANCED)

## **REQUIRED NON-CORE:**

- ICT 2 - FULL YEAR
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION – FULL YEAR





## WHAT ARE THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT OPTIONS FOR MY CHILD?

- **PVA OFFERS OPTIONS FOR MIDDLE GRADES STUDENTS DEPENDING ON THEIR INDIVIDUALIZED LEARNING PATH:**
  - **6<sup>TH</sup> STANDARD/ADVANCED**
  - **7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STANDARD/ADVANCED/ ALGEBRA 1 HONORS**
  - **8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STANDARD/ADVANCED 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 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS WILL BE PLACED IN 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STANDARD OR 6<sup>TH</sup> ADVANCED MATH BASED ON THEIR MATH FSA SCORES, AND FINAL MATH GRADES FROM 5<sup>TH</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math	n/a	n/a	n/a	Passing	N	6 <sup>th</sup> Standard
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade math	4+	3+	n/a	A or B	N	6 <sup>th</sup> Advanced
6 <sup>th</sup> Standard	n/a	n/a	n/a	Passing	N	7 <sup>th</sup> Standard
6 <sup>th</sup> Standard	4+	3+	Passing	A or B	N	7 <sup>th</sup> Advanced
6 <sup>th</sup> Advanced	n/a	n/a	n/a	Passing	N	7 <sup>th</sup> Advanced
6 <sup>th</sup> Advanced	5	4+	Passing	A	Y	Algebra 1 Honors
7 <sup>th</sup> Standard	n/a	n/a	n/a	Passing	N	Pre-Algebra
7 <sup>th</sup> Standard	5	4+	Passing	A	Y	Algebra 1 Honors
7 <sup>th</sup> Advanced	n/a	n/a	n/a	C or D	N	Pre-Algebra
7 <sup>th</sup> Advanced	4 +	4+	Passing	A or B	Y	Algebra 1 Honors
8 <sup>th</sup> Pre-Algebra	4+	3 +	Passing	A or B	N	Algebra 1 Honors
8 <sup>th</sup> 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 yearlong course.
2. Computer Class — REQUIRED for all students. This is a yearlong course.
3. Choose ONE of the following electives:

6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
M/J Exp Spanish – M/J 2D Art	Art 2	Art 3
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade STEM 1 **	M/J Spanish Beginning	M/J Spanish Intermediate
M/J Band 1 *	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade STEM **	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade STEM **
	M/J Journalism 2 **	M/J Journalism 3 **
	M/J Band 1 *	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).

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

If a student is required to take Intensive Reading or Intensive Math, the second and/or third elective (non-core) course may be replaced with these necessary intervention courses.



# MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVES

- **ELECTIVE CHOICE INFORMATION WILL BE EMAILED ON MARCH 1ST**
- **ELECTIVES CHOICES WILL BE COMPLETED THROUGH HOME ACCESS CENTER (HAC).**
- **ENROLLMENT IN ELECTIVES ARE NOT GUARANTEED, BUT BY USING THIS PROCESS, WE WILL BE ABLE TO OPEN 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**

# **COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS & CHANGE REQUESTS**

- **IN APRIL, YOUR STUDENT WILL BRING HOME A COURSE VERIFICATION FORM THAT HAS THEIR 2022-2023 MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSE PLACEMENTS. YOUR STUDENT'S COURSE REQUESTS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE IN HAC. THESE PLACEMENTS WILL BE BASED ON THE CULMINATION OF TEAM-DEVELOPED FORMATIVE AND SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENTS, IREADY DATA, PREVIOUS FSA SCORES, AND STUDENT PERFORMANCE IN THE CLASSROOM THROUGHOUT THIS SCHOOL YEAR.**
- **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT A CHANGE IN PLACEMENT REQUEST, PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON YOUR STUDENT'S COURSE VERIFICATION FORM AND SUBMIT THE REQUEST WITH THE GIVEN PROTOCOLS. REQUESTS MADE IN CONFERENCES, EMAILS, OR PHONE CALLS CANNOT BE HONORED AT THIS TIME. PLEASE NOTE: REQUESTS DO NOT GUARANTEE A CHANGE IN PLACEMENT. ADMINISTRATION WILL REVIEW ALL REQUESTS ONCE FSA SCORES ARE RETURNED THIS SUMMER.**

# 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 2022!  
MORE INFORMATION TO  
COME SOON!





# IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **TUESDAY, MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>**

- ELECTIVE OPTIONS OPEN IN HAC; ACCESS INFORMATION WILL BE EMAILED ON THIS DATE.

- **FRIDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>**

- ELECTIVE OPTIONS DUE IN HAC. LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

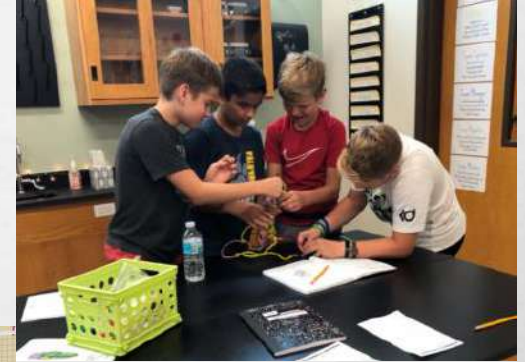
- **APRIL 2022**

- 2022-2023 STUDENT COURSE VERIFICATION FORMS WILL BE SENT HOME

THANK YOU FOR  
JOINING US TONIGHT.

WE ARE CONFIDENT  
YOUR CHILDREN WILL  
HAVE A WONDERFUL  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
EXPERIENCE!

OUR EXPERIENCED  
TEAMS ARE READY TO  
HELP YOUR CHILD  
BECOME A SUCCESSFUL  
AND INDEPENDENT  
LEARNER!



# DIRECTIONS FOR ELECTIVE REQUEST ENTRY VIA PARENT/GUARDIAN HOME ACCESS CENTER (HAC)

1. Log into Home Access Center (HAC) with your login ID and password. If you do not know your username and password, please reach out to Mary Dominguez, Computer Operator, at [mary.dominguez@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:mary.dominguez@stjohns.k12.fl.us)
2. In HAC, select the **Classes** icon.
3. Select the **Requests** tab.
4. You will see a list of Class Departments.
5. To choose a course, go to **Electives** and select the edit button on the right side. Click the box next to the desired course and hit save.
6. **Please do not choose more than one elective or try to make any changes to any other courses.**
7. Once you have made your selection, you can log off.
8. **The deadline to make your selections in HAC in March 11<sup>th</sup>.**

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