

Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Weekly Newsletter

February 2, 2018

The Character Counts pillar for the month of February is Caring.

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Our Mission

Fruit Cove Middle School will inspire in all students a passion for lifelong learning, creating educated and caring contributors to the world.

FCMS Band

Congratulations to the students pictured below for participating in the 2018 St. Johns County Honor Band this past Sunday! They were fantastic!



Missing Something?

If your son or daughter is missing a jacket or sweatshirt, tell them to stop by the gym. The coaches have quite a collection of jackets, coats, and sweatshirts that have been left behind on the playing fields and the collection grows bigger each day. The coaches have taken it upon themselves to wash all the items and they will be laid out on tables near the gym.



February 16th
8th Grade Dance 7-9pm

February 19th
Presidents Day
No School

February 21st
History Fair

March 1st
FSA Writing Begins

March 1st and 2nd
Drama Production:
Alice in Wonderland
7pm

March 5th
8th Grade Night at
Bartram Trail

School Hours
7:50am-2:00pm

Wednesday Dismissal
@ 1:00pm

The building is open
from 7:15am to
3:15pm.

Club Spotlight: NJHS!

In the first semester, the FCMS National Junior Honor Society has thrived. All members are committed to doing a minimum of 20 hours of school and community service during the year. Under the leadership of the executive committee consisting of President JayJay Singh, Vice President Hallie Spell, Secretary Brooke Benedict, Treasurer Shaan Chudgar, Historian Ava Anderson, and Public Relations Officer Evan Bak, the group has set many goals and expectations for carrying out service projects to provide volunteer opportunities. Through hard work, the results of these projects have exceeded each and every one of those goals attempted thus far.

Two of the core values of the NJHS are citizenship and service, so our members are committed to helping others in the community, near and far. Between Thanksgiving and winter break, NJHS members wrote several hundred holiday greeting cards to American troops overseas. Just before the holidays, members sold candy cane grams to raise money for the A.S.S.I.S.T. Program (Aid and Support to Students in Sudden Transition). As a result, NJHS sent a check for more than \$260 dollars to this group that helps homeless students and families in St. Johns County. With renewed energy in January, NJHS ran a clothing drive and collected more than twenty large trash bags of new and gently used clothes for donation to the Betty Griffin House, which supports survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, and Rethreaded, which works with survivors of human trafficking locally and globally.

Members also realize that sometimes helping people means helping the planet. Accordingly, our recycling committee has been collecting paper and plastic from classrooms every week to help the environment. These collections will continue through the end of the school year. And we have only just begun! As the weather warms, the NJHS gardening committee plans to volunteer on the FCMS campus to do some weeding and other beautification projects.

The organization's ambitious plans extend into the second semester. The members will continue helping people, working with FCMS school administrators and co-sponsors Lisa Hampton, Lisa Kalfa, and Kelly Lossing. For example, NJHS will be selling Valentine candy grams in February. Possible future beneficiaries include Halo Keepers (a nonprofit, volunteer group which creates fun character wigs for pediatric cancer patients) and the American Heart Association. There are also plans for a canned food drive in March to stock a local, St. Johns food pantry. In any case, NJHS members hope that their efforts throughout the year will be felt as a force for good by many in the community.

Fruit Cove Basketball

Girls coach: Amy Brown Boys coach: Steve Whitmer

Remaining Schedule:

Girls games start at 5:30 Boys games start at 6:30

FEB. 6, Tuesday Home VS Murray Middle

FEB. 13, Tuesday @Valley Ridge Academy

FEB. 15, Thursday Home VS Pacetti Bay Middle

FEB. 20 Tuesday Home VS Swiss Point Middle

FEB. 24, Saturday District Championship

Results:

Girls		
Opponent	Result	Score
POA	W	37 - 6
Landrum	W	32 - 15
LPA	W	50 - 11
Sebastian	W	32 - 26
GRMS	W	40 - 6
Murray		
VRA		
Pacetti		
Swiss		

Boys		
Opponent	Result	Score
POA	W	60 - 24
Landrum	L	57 - 30
LPA	W	39 - 31
Sebastian	W	40 - 28
GRMS	W	43 - 34
Murray		
VRA		
Pacetti		
Swiss		

ESE Parent Advisory

St. Johns County School District Exceptional Student Education welcomes:

Lisa D. Bailey, PH.D.

Topic: ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER (ADHD)

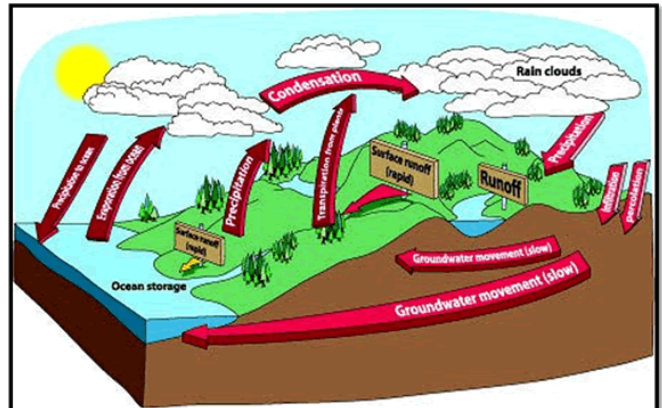
Date/Time: 2/6/18 from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Fullerwood Training Center – 10 Hildreth, St. Augustine, FL 32084

GOAL: To provide parents of ESE, Gifted, and 504 students with information to increase their understanding of ADHD and manage related symptoms. The purpose of the committee is to provide input to district staff regarding our ongoing effort to continuously improve services for students with disabilities. Parents, educators, administrators, and business representatives are invited and encouraged to attend.

Marine Science Summer Program

Applications for the summer Marine Science Program will be passed out by science teachers at all schools during the week of February 12th. Applications will be due back to science teachers by March 5th. Applications can also be downloaded at any time from the website prior to April 13th at <http://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/> and click on the Marine Science link. This summer program is available to all students currently in grades five through seven. Three eight day sessions are held at Gamble Rogers Middle School with bus transportation provided. The dates for the three sessions this summer will be May 29st through June 7th, June 11th through June 21st, and June 25th through July 6th. The Marine Science Program is a carefully designed experience for responsible students who are interested in learning about our local marine environments. Learning is “hands on” in the field with students kayaking, canoeing, boating, hiking, snorkeling, sailing, windsurfing, surfing, SUP, (stand up paddleboarding), etc. Email Kristina Bransford at marinescienceprogram@stjohns.k12.fl.us for more information.





CAREER ACADEMIES of St Johns

Programs of Choice are offered to support a student's interests, career plans, or advanced academic needs. A student who enrolls in a Program of Choice participates in theme-related classes over a multi-year time period. More than 40% of high school students in St. Johns County are enrolled in various Programs of Choice which include Junior ROTC, St. Johns County Center for the Arts, International Baccalaureate and Advanced International Certificate of Education and 19 Career Academy options.

The online application process is now open!
[Click here to view application instructions.](#)

For additional information about SJCSD Programs of Choice, please call the Career and Technical Education Office at 904-547-4870. See the table below for a listing of important dates.

January 29	St. Johns County Center for the Arts AUDITIONS at St. Augustine High School Murray Middle School Arts auditions will be held at Murray Middle School and please bring your printed audition form.
February 8	Registration Deadline – Online – Registration will be closed at 5:00 p.m.
June 1	Last day to appeal

Academy Nights

January 22	Bartram Trail	6:00 – 7:30pm
January 23	St. Johns Technical	5:30 – 6:30pm
January 23	St. Augustine	6:00 – 7:30pm
January 30	Allen D. Nease	6:00 – 7:30pm
February 1	Pedro Menendez	6:00 – 7:30pm
February 5	Creekside	6:00 – 7:30pm
February 6	Ponte Vedra	6:00 – 7:30pm