

Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

September 11, 2020

CHARACTER COUNTS!



Pillar of the Month:
September—Fairness

3180 Racetrack Rd

"HOME OF THE FLYERS"

904-547-7880

Mission Statement

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

Welcome to the 2020-2021 School Year!

Important Dates

September 24
Open House 6pm

September 30
Interims Issued

October 30
First Quarter Ends

November 3
Teacher Planning Day
Student Holiday

November 11
Veteran's Day
Student/Teacher Holiday

November 18
Report Cards

November 25-27
Thanksgiving Break

Principal's Corner

Hello FCMS Families!

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! More than ever, communication is so important. We strive to offer many modes of communication to help keep families involved. We email our school newsletter to our families every other Friday. We also post information on our Instagram account (fruitcove_flyers), our school website (<https://www-fcs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>), and we regularly send emails to share important information. Finally, we post our morning announcements on our website so students and parents can reference them as needed. I encourage all students and parents to read the morning announcements if you are a distance learner or if you missed the morning announcements for any reason.

I am so very proud of our students for following our new health and safety practices and protocols. Our students are well-behaved and cooperative as they are participating in a school year filled with many new rules and expectations. Thank you to our parents and families for all your hard work in supporting our students. Our students' positive behavior is a direct result of your hard work in raising children who are growing up to be responsible and caring young adults.

I look forward to partnering with you as we navigate this school year together. Our teachers are working so hard to teach both brick and mortar and distance learning students. In turn, we know our students and families are also working hard on their end. We must rely on each other to help all our students find success this school year. Together, we can accomplish great things!

School Hours
7:30am-1:50pm

Wednesday Dismissal
@ 12:50pm

The building is open
from 7:00am to
3:00pm.



NATIONAL
JUNIOR
HONOR
SOCIETY

NJHS

National Junior Honor Society will be taking applications through Friday, September 25th for this school year. Anyone wanting to join, needs to complete an application. Application forms are available on our website:

<https://www-fcs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/students/njhs/>

or they can be picked up in the front office or Mrs. Doemel's room (Rm 560)

School Advisory Committee

Parents, Please Join Us!!!

FCMS' School Advisory Council (SAC) is looking for members for the 2020-2021 school year.

What is SAC?

o A council of parents, school faculty and staff, and other community and business members that meet to address the needs of the school, as related to the school improvement plan.

FCMS SAC meets once a month, on the second Tuesday of each month at 3pm. Meetings will be held virtually this year until further notice. Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13th at 3pm via Zoom.

What are the duties of parent, business, and community representatives?

o Members act as a resource for SAC in the areas of community related issues that affect the school and its students.

Members serve as a communications link between SAC, business, community, and parent groups.

You can log on to the FCMS website to learn more about us. If you are interested in joining, please contact Dean Wellington at Emmanuel.Wellington@stjohnsk12.fl.us

2020 Hispanic Heritage Month Theme and Student Contests



Student essay contest winners will receive a 4-Year Florida College Plan scholarship provided by the Florida Prepaid College Foundation

Tallahassee, Fla. – Today, First Lady Casey DeSantis announced that the theme for Hispanic Heritage Month will be “Celebrating Untold Stories and Contributions of Hispanic Americans in Florida” and released information regarding the student art and essay contests and Excellence in Education awards. Hispanic Heritage Month is recognized and celebrated in the United States from September 15 to October 15.

About the Student Essay Contest

First Lady Casey DeSantis' Hispanic Heritage Month Essay Contest is open to all 4-12 students in Florida. Each student will submit one essay no longer than 500 words based on this year's theme. Three winners will be selected: one elementary school student (grades 4-5), one middle school student (grades 6-8) and one high school student (grades 9-12). Each winner will receive a 4-Year Florida College Plan scholarship provided by the Florida Prepaid College Foundation.

About the Excellence in Education Award

First Lady Casey DeSantis' Hispanic Heritage Month Excellence in Education Award Contest is open to all full-time educators in an elementary, middle, or high school in Florida. Three winners will be selected: one elementary school teacher (grades K-5), one middle school teacher (grades 6-8) and one high school teacher (grades 9-12). Nominations may be submitted by a principal, teacher, parent/guardian or student.

Contest Entries and Nominating Forms and Guidelines

Student contest forms and educator nomination forms must be mailed to Volunteer Florida or submitted online at www.FloridaHispanicHeritage.com.

All entries must be received by 5 pm (ET) on September 25, 2020.

For more information about the contests please visit www.FloridaHispanicHeritage.com.

Sports Information

VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE 2020-2021

TRYOUTS: 2:00-4:00 Tryouts for the 2020 boys and girls volleyball teams will be held on these dates: A physical waiver must be turned before the tryout date. A FHSAA physical will be required for any student who makes the team.



Monday, September 21	6th grade girls
Tuesday, September 22	7th grade girls
Thursday, September 24	8th grade girls
Friday, September 25	All boys

GAME SCHEDULE

5:30 girls 6:30 boys

OCTOBER 13	AWAY	GAMBLE ROGERS
OCTOBER 15	HOME	MILL CREEK
OCTOBER 20	HOME	PALM VALLEY
OCTOBER 22	BYE	
OCTOBER 27	AWAY	SEBASTIAN
OCTOBER 29	AWAY	SWISS POINT
NOVEMBER 3	HOME	VALLEY RIDGE
NOVEMBER 5	AWAY	PACETTI BAY
NOVEMBER 10	HOME	LANDRUM
NOVEMBER 12		PLAY OFF
NOVEMBER 17		PLAY OFF
NOVEMBER 19		CHAMPIONSHIP

Athletic Website: www-fcs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/athletics

Library News



The library works a little differently this year!

Students may borrow books from our library collection, but they need to put them on hold using our [online catalog](#). The books will be delivered to them in the classrooms. They may also checkout eBooks from our digital collection available on [MackinVia](#).

Please check the [Media Center homepage](#) for more directions and information or watch this video!

[FCMS Library 2020](#)

If you have any library books from last year, please return them as soon as possible. Email notices will be sent on **Monday, September 14**. NO FEES OR CHARGES are due. There is a bin outside the main doors into the library for book return.

Join the Library Schoology group for more information and programs all year!
Access Code = T9XN-ZSHZ-CZJQZ

Yearbook Information



FOOTBALL PLAYERS!
Yearbook need your pictures!



Please upload any pictures of games and/or players to www.hjeshare.com
School Code: fcflyers

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A stylized hawk logo consisting of a single letter 'H' with a curved line underneath it.

FCMS Open House

FCMS *Open House* will be on Thursday, September 24 at 6:00pm.
Open House will take place virtually this year.
More information will be coming out soon.

iReady Information

For our Distance Learner students and parents, here is the website we use for iReady.

<https://i-readycentral.com/view-resource/?id=35541>

Schoology Parent Access Codes

If you need your parent access code, please email your child's homeroom teacher.

FCMS WEB NEWS

Check out our new Instagram Pages @ FCMSWEB!

School Website

<<http://www-fcs.stjohns.k12.fl.us>>
Visit often for up-to-date information about our school!

Don't forget to check the Peachjar
for eflyers about community events.



FINALLY!! At last our students are back in our schools and there are sounds of learning and laughter ringing in the hallways. I am so grateful for the excellent start to the 2020-2021 school year. If ever the term TEAM applied, it is this year. Reopening could not have been possible without the never ceasing work of our district team, our principals, teachers and staff, and our wonderful parents. It is unusual to begin the year with 70% of our students in school and 30% of them participating in distance learning, but it is working. Students on the first day were masked up and ready to learn, and our teachers were so very glad to have them back! Thank you to everyone for a very smooth start. There will always be start up bumps in the road, and I ask you to grant us grace and patience as we work through the challenges of distance learning, long parent pickup lines, and bus adjustments.

We continue to experience strong growth in SJCS. First day student count revealed an increase of almost 1000 students. Growing by a school a year necessitates adding student stations every year. On August 31, we opened a new academic building at Liberty Pines Academy and began work on a cafeteria expansion there. At the same time, we are in process of building high school HHH and K-8 MM that will open in August, 2021. Even with these new schools, the needs are not fully met, so we are in process of designing high school III with a goal of opening in August, 2022. High school HHH, located to the east of Mill Creek Academy, will give relief to Nease High School, currently almost 1000 students over capacity. K-8 MM will give relief in the Nocatee area. This new school is located on Pine Island Road at the very south end of Nocatee. High school III will be situated in the Beach Walk community and will relieve Bartram Trail as well as providing further relief to Nease.

As your school board representative, I want you to know that I am always open to hearing from you and addressing concerns that you might have. My email is Beverly.Slough@stjohns.k12.fl.us. Please feel free to contact me at any time. In addition, our school board has opened all our meetings to the public via Webex. You may find the link to join the meetings at www.stjohns.k12.fl.us. Our regular business meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 9 am. In addition, we have regularly scheduled workshop sessions on the first and fourth Tuesdays at 9 am. Public comment is welcomed at all our meetings. If you would prefer to attend in person, you are welcome to do so. The meetings are held at 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine.

I will write periodic articles as things of interest to our parents and staff occur. Thanks to our principals for including them in school communications.

Thank you to each of you for your part in making our schools the excellent places of learning that they are. Without our supportive parents and hardworking staff, we could not provide the opportunities that our students enjoy. I am grateful!

Best regards,
Bev Slough

St. Johns County School Board, District 1



St. Johns County
School District

NOTICE

St. Johns County School District prohibits discrimination against students, employees and applicants on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, age, ethnicity, national origin, marital status, disability, political or religious beliefs and national or ethnic origin.

In accordance with the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act 20 U.S.C. § 7905, the School Board shall not deny equal access to District facilities or discriminate against the Boy Scouts of America or any youth group listed in Title 36A patriotic society.

The St. Johns County School District Board Policy 2.16 contains the grievance procedure related to harassment and discrimination for employees, students, and applicants.

If you believe that you have been harassed or discriminated against contact

Your School or Department Administration
Or
A member of the Equity Committee

Equity Committee Members

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A copy of Policy 2.16 can be found at
http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/board/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2015/02/2_16.pdf
Rules and Policies are at each school location including the District Office at 40 Orange Street.