

Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

August 19, 2022

CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month:
August — All Pillars

Important Dates

September 5
Labor Day
Student/Teacher
Holiday

September 13
Interims Issued

October 14
First Quarter Ends

October 17
Teacher Planning Day-
Student Holiday

October 25
Report Cards

November 11
Veterans Day - Student/
Teacher Holiday

November 17
Interims Issued

School Hours
7:30am-1:50pm

Wednesday Dismissal
@ 12:50pm

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

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.

Principal's Corner

Hello FCMS Families!

It is so great to be back at school together! We have hit the ground running in all areas of school! Teachers have taken the time to get to know their students the first few days of school because they know the importance of building positive relationships. I am thrilled to share with you that we have hired 100% of our instructional staff. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher(s) if your child is struggling in any way. It is so very important to have open lines of communication, especially at the beginning of the year.

A huge shout out goes to our wonderful PTO for their hard work over the summer partnering with us to welcome our teachers and staff back and to also provide amazing spirit wear and opportunities for fun things like *Back to School Bundt Cakes* (on the 2nd day of school) and setting up a spirit day at Chick-Fil-A on the first Friday of the school year. We have some great upcoming opportunities for parents to be involved in different activities so watch for those PTO emails!

Our PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports) will be launched on Monday. Students will be trained on our PBIS program on Friday. Click the link below to view the training Power Point used by our teachers. Students will be able to start earning points on Monday. We have been busy stocking our school store with lots of items our students are going to love!

[Introducing PBIS to FCMS students.ppsx](#)

Finally, I would like to share with you the different ways to plug into what is going on at FCMS:

Check our school website often: <https://www-fcs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>

Here are a few of the ways to stay connected by visiting our school website:

a. Morning announcements: On the left side of our school website is a blue menu of choices: Go to "Morning Announcements" to keep up to date with important student announcements each day.

Principal's Corner (continued)

- b. Schoology information
- c. PTO information
- d. Testing

Instagram: fruitcove_flyers

I look forward to a great year ahead! We are off to a wonderful start!

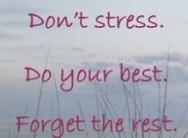
Thank you!

Kelly

Kelly Jacobson
Principal

Testing News

Please check the testing tab on the FCMS Website. There you will find a parent letter that describes the new FAST testing for Reading and Math. Also there you will find calendars that show the testing dates for Progress Monitoring 1 and Progress Monitoring 2. If you have questions, please email our testing coordinator Debra Dill at debra.dill@stjohns.k12.fl.us



Don't stress.
Do your best.
Forget the rest.

Health Clinic News

COVID INFORMATION

There is no longer a dedicated district Covid hotline. All COVID related questions or concerns should be discussed with your child's pediatrician for guidance and recommendations.

Should the pediatrician recommend your child stay home from school, please notify your child's teacher(s) of their upcoming absence. Upon return to school, a parent or doctor's note must be provided to excuse the absence.

You do NOT need to call the school to report Covid and no contact tracing will be done at the school.

School Advisory Council News

Parents, Please Join Us!

FCMS' School Advisory Council (SAC) is looking for members for the 2022-2023 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.
- o FCMS SAC meets once a month, on the second Tuesday of each month at 3pm. Meetings will be available in person and virtually to accommodate needs and preferences. Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 14th at 3pm in the Media Center and on Microsoft Teams.

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.
 - o 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 Vicki Barfoot at Vicki.Barfoot@stjohns.k12.fl.us

B6 Club News



Upcoming Meetings

Upcoming Meeting for current members only is August 18 – 1:50-2:50.
This meeting is for returning members only.
New membership applications will available SEPTEMBER 22.

Relay for Life News



NJHS News



NJHS applications for new members are due on Friday, September 9. No late applications will be accepted.

Current NJHS members must complete a current membership form as well and turn it in by Friday, September 9. If you fail to turn in a new form, we will assume you no longer want to belong, and your name will be removed from NJHS list of active members.

2022 FCMS Cross Country Teams

Boys and Girls Teams

When- Mondays, Tuesday, and Thursday
2:15-3:30 (training) Plantation Park
*****FCMS Meet dates to be announced

Start date- Aug 22nd
MUST bring a completed **SPORTS PHYSICAL EL2** and **Participation Form** on or before the 22nd. May be dropped off to Coach Benavides rm715

***Email or see Coach Benavides with further questions and for REQUIRED FORMS: jill.benavides@stjohns.k12.fl.us



Library News



Welcome to the 2022/2023 School Year!

Hours: 7:10am—1:50pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
7:10am—12:50pm Wednesday

Jennifer Jaeger, Media Specialist
Vicki Barfoot, Media Aide

Please check the [Media Center homepage](#) for updates and visit our **Virtual Library!**
Find informative videos on Schoology, using the library catalog, and much more!

Don't forget to check out our eBook library at [MackinVia](#).

Students may check out three books at a time and keep them for two weeks.
Overdue book notices are sent by email every Wednesday at 9:00am. There are no overdue fees, however, students who lose or damage a book are responsible for the cost of the item. Payments can be made using SchoolPay: \$10 for paperback books, \$20 for hard cover books.

Parents who wish to restrict titles their child may check out in the school library should complete the form linked below and return it to your child's teacher or the media center. This link is also available on the media center homepage. No form is necessary if there are to be no restrictions.

[Library Book Access Form](#)



FCMS Chess Club



Upcoming Meetings

Membership applications will be available on SEPTEMBER 20.
Chess Club will meet on TUESDAYS after school (1:50-2:50).

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.

FRUIT COVE VOLLEYBALL 2022



TRYOUT INFORMATION

6TH GRADE GIRLS: Monday, August 22, (2-4PM)

7TH GRADE GIRLS: Tuesday, August 23, (2-4PM)

8TH GRADE GIRLS: Friday, August 26, (2-4PM)

BOYS: Monday, August 29, (2-4PM)

***CALL BACKS: Tuesday, August 30, (2-4PM)

PRACTICE INFORMATION

Girls' and boys' practices will begin on Thursday, September 1st from (2-4). There will be a mandatory parent and player meeting on Thursday, September 1st following practice at 4PM. Practices will be every day after school from (2-4). Practices on Wednesdays will be from (1-3). After September 19th, there will not be practices on Tuesdays or Thursdays which are game days. Students provide their own transportation home from practices and to all home and away games.

GAME INFORMATION

Girls games start at 5:30pm Boys games start at 6:30pm Tickets are \$3

Tuesday- September 20: LMS@FCMS

Thursday- September 22: SMS@FCMS

Tuesday- September 27: FCMS@SPMS

Thursday- September 29: FCMS@MMS

Tuesday- October 4: FCMS@PBMS

Thursday- October 6: FCMS BYE

Tuesday- October 11: GRMS@FCMS

Thursday- October 13: MMS @FCMS

Tuesday- October 18: FCMS @LMS

Thursday- October 20: FCMS @SMS

Tuesday- October 25: SPMS @FCMS

Thursday- October 27: PBMS@FCMS

Tuesday- November 1: FCMS BYE

Thursday- November 3: FCMS@GRMS

Tuesday- November 8: Playoff Semi-Final – 1 vs 4 and 2 vs 3 *Highest Seeded Team Hosts

Thursday- November 10: Championship Games

GO FLYERS!

2022-2023

School Counselors

Fruit Cove
Middle
School

How can School Counselors help?

Academic: • teacher support • goal setting • connecting to tutoring and other resources • study skills and organization • identifying strengths and areas for growth

Career: • education on job clusters • interests/skills survey • MyCareerShines • life skills

Personal & Social Skills: • Social skills • Character Counts Pillars • respect of self and others • interpersonal skills • coping skills • problem solving skills • strengths and resiliency



Heather Ketterer 6th grade

From: New York
College: Hofstra University & UNF
Color: Purple and Blue
Hobby: cooking, spending time with my kids, going to the beach
Number: 22
Quote: "Everything will be okay in the end. If it's not okay, it's not the end."
-John Lennon



Jennifer England 7th grade

From: Florida
College: UNF
Color: Yellow
Hobby: Boating/Traveling
Number: 24
Quote: "I never lose. I either win or learn" -Nelson Mandela



Kelly Howard 8th grade

From: Texas
College: Columbia College & UNF
Color: Blue
Hobby: Painting
Number: 3
Quote: "You never know if you don't go" - Smashmouth



PTO NEWS

JOIN THE PTO!

We would love to have you join the PTO and support Fruit Cove Middle School. Please see the flyer for all level perks. You can use this link to join. <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/fcmspto-membership>



SAVE THE DATE!

You are invited to join us for the first PTO Meeting of the year which will be held on Monday, August 29, 2022 from 6-7 PM in the media center. If you would like to learn more about the PTO and school activities, please join us at the meeting.

2022-2023 SPIRIT WEAR IS STILL AVAILABLE! There is still spirit wear items for sale. Don't miss out on these new designs for this year. You can purchase via this link: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/fcmsspiritwear>



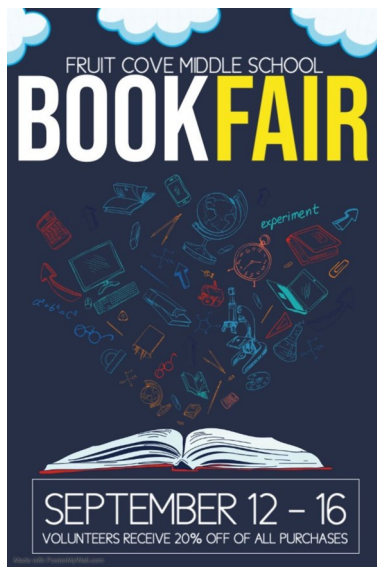
It is BOOK FAIR time! The Fall Scholastic Bookfair will be Monday, September 12th through Friday, September 16th.

NEW THIS YEAR, only accepting e-wallet and credit cards; cash/checks will not be accepted. E-Wallet set up starts August 22nd! Please use this link to set up E-Wallet

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/parent-how-it-works.html?fairID=5154787>

We need volunteers to help assist students in the bookshelf areas and the trinket tables. All volunteers receive a 20% discount on purchases! Please use this sign up genius to see any available spots!

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0e4aa8ac2cabf4c70-fcms>



WELCOME BACK DANCE! Let's get excited - The welcome back dance will be September 30, 2022 from 6-8 PM. Wear your favorite team jersey/FCMS Shirt to represent! Tickets will be \$10 (includes 2 pieces of pizza, drink, and cookie.) Tickets will go on sale August 31 via Cheddar up. Be on the lookout for the link soon!



FCMS PTO



We greatly appreciate your help in making this a terrific school year!

The FRUIT COVE MIDDLE SCHOOL Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) offers three (3) membership levels each with special perks as a THANK YOU for your contribution! Your participation helps us provide support to the FCMS students, faculty and staff.

BLUE ANGEL LEVEL - \$100

- ★ FCMS window decal
- ★ 1 entry to win free Chick-Fil-A for a year
- ★ 4 Icemen tickets
- ★ Tote bag
- ★ \$15 off spirit wear order OR 8th grade yard sign

*you will receive an email with your discount code after placing your membership order
*8th grade yard sign information will be sent in April



GOLD STAR LEVEL - \$25

- ★ FCMS window decal
- ★ Tote bag
- ★ 10% off one spirit wear item

HORIZON LEVEL - \$10

- ★ FCMS window decal

FCMS FACULTY - \$5

- ★ School supply bundle
- ★ Jeremiah's Italian Ice gift card

Member Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email (please print clearly): _____

Student(s) Name, Grade, and Homeroom teacher:

o Visit our website www.fcmspto.com or <https://fcmspto-membership.cheddarup.com> to join online or send form and payment in to your student's Homeroom teacher

PTO NEWS

Thank you to our 2022-2023 Blue Angel Partners in Learning!





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