

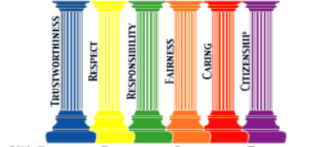
Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

September 2, 2022

CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month:
September — Fairness

Important Dates

- September 5**
Labor Day
Student/Teacher
Holiday
- September 13**
Interims Issued
6th Open House 6-8pm
- September 15**
7th & 8th Open House
6-8pm
- October 14**
First Quarter Ends
- October 17**
Teacher Planning Day-
Student Holiday
- October 25**
Report Cards
- November 11**
Veterans Day - Student/
Teacher Holiday

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.

Open House



6th Grade Open House

Tuesday, September 13 6:00pm

7th & 8th Grade Open House

Thursday, September 15 6:00pm



- ◆ Follow your child's daily class schedule
- ◆ Meet your child's teachers
- ◆ Administrators, deans, and school counselors look forward to welcoming you!

The book fair will be open from 5:00pm-6:00pm on both nights for parents to shop.

1 st Period	6:00pm-6:08pm
2 nd Period	6:13pm-6:21pm
3 rd Period	6:26pm-6:34pm
4 th Period	6:39pm-6:47pm
5 th Period	6:52pm-7:00pm
6 th Period	7:05pm-7:13pm
7 th Period	7:18pm-7:26pm

Beginning Band Rental Night

September 8th
5 PM – 8 PM in the MPR.

Meet with the music stores to obtain your instrument rental.



B6 Club News



New membership applications will be available with Mrs. Bass in portable 8 starting MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th. B6 Club is a leadership club that represents all 6 Pillars of Character Education (Be all 6=B6). Students will need to fill out the application and have 2 teacher recommendations (forms for recommendation are attached to application). B6 Club meetings will be held on THURSDAYS after school (1:50-2:50). Our first official meeting will be held on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th – only students with complete applications submitted to Mrs. Bass can attend meetings.

World Cup Fan Club



Attention World Cup fans! If you are collecting this year's Panini FIFA World Cup sticker album, stop by room 460 to see Mr. Blanton! Get help organizing your collection, learn how to make a spread sheet, trade your duplicates with other students, or just stop by to see what all the fuss is about! Come by any day after school except Wednesdays!

NJHS News



The last day to submit your application for NJHS is 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.



Recycling Wednesday has started at FCMS. Any NJHS member may sign up for recycling on Wednesdays with Mrs. Doemel.

Future Educators of America Club

Where: Ms. Carroll's Room 660

When: 3rd Wednesday Each Month @ 1pm

How: Applications available from Ms. Carroll or Ms. Hilts

Why: To learn more about becoming a teacher, demonstrate leadership skills, and make connections with others around you in FCMS

Requirements: Parental Permission, Teacher Recommendation, and 2.5 GPA



FCMS Chess Club



Membership applications will be available with Mrs. Bass in portable 8 starting MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12. Students will need to fill out the application and have 2 teacher recommendations (forms for recommendation are attached to application). Chess Club meetings will be held on TUESDAYS after school (1:50-2:50). Our first official meeting will be held on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th – only students with complete applications submitted to Mrs. Bass can attend Chess Club meetings.

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. Contact Mrs. Jaeger for details.

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](#)

Media Advisory Committee 2022-2023

The Fruit Cove Media Center is looking for two parents interested in serving on the school Media Advisory Committee for the 2022-2023 school year. The committee will provide feedback on our school's library book collection development. They may also serve if needed in the reconsideration process of any library material. If you are interested, please email Jennifer Jaeger, Jennifer.jaeger@stjohns.k12.fl.us, no later than September 10.



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.

2022 FCMS Cross Country Teams

Congratulations to our boys Cross Country runners Chase Petrick placing 2nd in our first XC meet and Cameron Newkirk, 7th place. Our girls competed fiercely as well with EK Longmire placing 5th and Brynn Jenkins placing 15th out of over 300 runners. Strong start to our XC 2022 season!!

Health Clinic News

Please be aware of this district policy:

NO ONE CAN PICK UP OR GIVE ANYTHING TO YOUR CHILD UNLESS THEY ARE ON THE DESIGNATED EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST.

Please review your list and make any additions/changes necessary. This is for the safety of your child. You may email this information to Marjorie.connolly@stjohns.k12.fl.us with a copy of your (guardians) drivers license and we will update this information. Please provide the names and phone numbers of the contacts

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?

- ◆ 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 available in person and virtually to accommodate needs and preferences. Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13th at 3pm in the Media Center and on Microsoft Teams.

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

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

Attendance

We have an all-new "[Attendance Information](#)" tab on our website! If you have general questions about attendance at FCMS, you will find the answers there. Also, there is information and access to the two ways you can report your student's absences: our digital absence form and a printable absence form. You are required to send one of these to the school within 48 hours of your student returning to school after an absence. If you have further questions about attendance, please contact Ginny Michalski, ginny.michalski@stjohns.k12.fl.us, FCMS Guidance/Attendance Clerk.

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 visit our website to see all level perks.

<https://www.fcmspto.com/>

You can use this link to join:

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/fcmspto-membership>



JOIN MOD IN SUPPORTING:

ORGANIZATION NAME: FRUIT COVE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO

FUNDRAISER DATE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

Bring in this flyer or order online through the MOD app or website, using the provided coupon code.

ADDRESS: 12547 BARTRAM PARK BLVD, SUITE 201
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32258

FUNDRAISER CODE: MODF7794



MOD PIZZA FUNDRAISER is happening September 8, 2022. Please bring in this flyer or order online using the fundraiser code: MODF7794. Fruit Cove will be doing a FUN hashtag competition for a gift card prize. Please post your pictures of the spirit night at MOD using [#fcmsptospirit](https://twitter.com/fcmsptospirit) to be entered into the drawing!!!

FRUIT COVE MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOK FAIR



SEPTEMBER 12 - 16

VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE 20% OFF ALL PURCHASES

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>

PTO News (continued)

A poster for a 'WELCOME BACK DANCE' event. The background is dark blue with four yellow stars at the top. The text is in yellow and white. At the bottom, there are illustrations of various sports balls: a football, a soccer ball, a volleyball, a basketball, and a tennis ball.

Bring your best dance moves to *kick-off* a new school year at FCMS

WELCOME BACK DANCE

Sign-up via Cheddar Up link below
(ONLY 400 SPOTS AVAILABLE)
Ticket Includes: 2 pieces of pizza, cookie, & drink
Snacks available for purchase.

09.30.2022 | FRI | 6-8PM | \$10

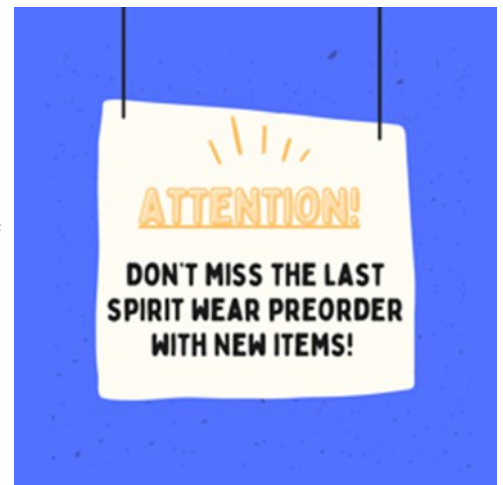
Wear your favorite TEAM shirt or FCMS spirit wear and jeans
all outfits must comply with dress code

WELCOME BACK DANCE! 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 are available to purchase via the link:

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/welcome-back-dance>

Spirit wear pre-sales will open again Monday, September 5 and close Thursday, September 15. Your items will be delivered to the school the first week of October. This will be the last pre-sale this year, so check out the site <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/fcmsspiritwear> to order the sizes you want! There are a few new items being added, including the much-requested zip up hoodie!





September Newsletter

FROM THE PTO

A WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE PTO PRESIDENT

- Hello, I am Joslyn Facemyer your PTO President. I have a 7th grader and have lived in JCP for over a decade.
- This year the PTO is looking to fundraise with a purpose.
- A goal is to not ask parents for money/donations but to use the money when you join to buy things we need for our events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 8 - MOD PIZZA Spirit Night
- September 12 - Fall Spirit Wear Orders
- September 12-16 - BOOK FAIR
- September 19 - Fall Fundraiser starts
- September 30 - WELCOME BACK DANCE 6-8pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Book Fair Sign up genius
- Dance Chaperones and setup/clean up
- Box Top Coordinator Chair
- 8th Grade Fun Day Chair
- Winterfest Committee Chair
- We are always in need of volunteers. If you are interested in helping out, email fcmsptopresident@gmail.com

THANKS FOR JOINING

- PTO bought every teacher a shirt for back to school
- PTO sponsored 3 days of lunches for WEB
- PTO is looking forward to putting on the first dance for the whole school.
- Follow us on Social Media

THE PTO BOARD

- President - Joslyn Facemyer
- VP Membership - Kiki Montjoy
- VP Fundraising - Jennifer Edwards
- Treasurer - Jennie Muniz
- Secretary - Bethany Allen
- Business Partner - Kimberly Osborne

There is still time to join the PTO
Your membership helps us pay
for events for students and staff.

Visit our website
FCMSPTO.com
to join

PTO NEWS

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





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