

Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

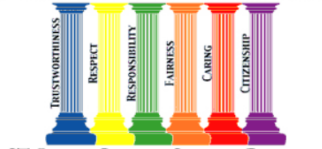
November 4, 2022

3180 Racetrack Rd

"HOME OF THE FLYERS"

904-547-7880

CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month:
November — Citizenship

Important Dates

November 7
NJHS Induction 6pm

November 8
SAC Meeting 2:40pm

November 11
Veterans Day - Student/
Teacher Holiday

November 17
Interims Issued

November 17 & 18
Drama Auditions
2:00-4:30

November 23-25
Thanksgiving Break -
Student/Teacher
Holiday

December 21
Second Quarter/First
Semester Ends
12:50pm Dismissal

School Hours

7:30am-1:50pm

Wednesday Dismissal @
12:50pm

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

Mission Statement

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

Student Drop-Off

Please help us keep our students safe and our car drop-off line moving smoothly by not having your student exit the vehicle in a non-designated area, such as Plantation Park and school entrance intersection area. This is creating a safety hazard and interrupts the traffic flow.



We ask that you use the parent drop-off line that begins at the east entrance of Plantation Park, located off Durbin Creek Blvd, and drop students off at the designated area in front of the school building.

NJHS News



The National Junior Honor Society will be holding our induction ceremony on Monday, November 7 in the school auditorium. It will begin at 6PM. All inductees need to be at school by 5:45. All members need to be dressed nicely. No jeans or shorts please. NJHS members from last year, may wear their NJHS shirt if they are planning to help with greeting members and families. Officers will need to dress up 😊

SAC News

SAC will be meeting Tuesday, November 8, at 2:40 in the Media Center. Please join us. Contact yicki.barfoot@stjohns.k12.fl.us for more information.

Future Meeting Dates: November 8, December 13, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 7, Apr. 11, May 9, 2023

Future Educators of America Club

Where: Ms. Carroll's Room 660

When: 3rd Wednesday Each Month @ 1pm

How: Applications available from Ms. Carroll or Coach Richardson

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



Marine Science Club

Marine Science Club will have its first meeting Monday, November 7th after school from 1:50pm – 2:50pm. Only students with complete applications submitted to Ms. Byrd can attend meetings. If you would like to have a shirt for the club, you will need to bring in a white or gray shirt (can be short/long sleeve or a hoodie) that is prewashed.



B6 Club News



Upcoming Meetings:

Thursday, November 10 – 1:55- 2:55

Thursday, November 17 – 1:55- 2:55

Thursday, November 24 – NO MEETING

At this time, membership is closed – we are no longer accepting applications. Only students who have submitted their applications and have been added to the schoology group can participate in B6 Club.

FCMS Chess Club



Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, November 8 – 1:55- 2:55

Tuesday, November 15 – 1:55- 2:55

Tuesday, November 22 – NO MEETING

At this time, membership is closed – we are no longer accepting applications. Only students who have submitted their applications and have been added to the schoology group can participate in Chess Club.

2022-2023 Sunshine State Young Readers Award Program

The SSYRA Program has begun! Interested students will be added to an SSYRA Course in Schoology **after** the [parent permission form](#) is returned. Registration is ongoing until December 2, 2022. Students will read an SSYRA book and take a 25-point quiz on the book. They will have 2 attempts and must score over 60% (cumulative) to receive credit for the book. Successful quizzes are rewarded with a Schoology badge and a PBIS point. The program ends on March 9, 2023.

When information is available regarding a District Middle School Battle of the Books, I will let you know. If we do participate, the team of 5 students and 2 alternates will be chosen based on the number of titles read and the overall score earned on the Schoology quizzes.

See the media center website for more information:

<https://www-fcs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/sunshine-state-young-readers-program/>

Drama News



The classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed to his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity.

Beauty and the Beast auditions are being held Nov 17th and 18th in the auditorium from 2:00-4:30pm. Students auditioning are required to sing at least a 1-minute song from a musical, movie, or show. They **MUST** bring their own bluetooth speaker to play their song from their own device. If they do not have a device, a computer will be provided for them. (IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL STUDENTS USE A KARAOKE TRACK FROM YOUTUBE FOR THEIR AUDITION).

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at david.mechoso@stjohns.k12.fl.us

AUDITIONS

Disney
**BEAUTY
AND THE
BEAST**

Nov 17th & Nov 18th
2:00PM-4:00PM IN THE AUDITORIUM
PREPARE A 2-MINUTE SONG

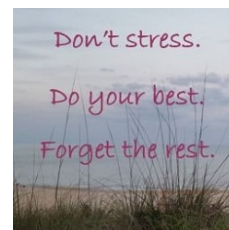


Scan and register today



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 2022 FSA Student Score Reports are available for parents and students in HAC. If you would like a hardcopy of the score report, please contact guidance.



AB Honor Roll Cards

The St. Johns County School District Honor Card program has gone digital! If your child is on the A/B honor roll, you have the opportunity to receive discounts at some very fun and exciting places in St. Johns County. Instead of paper honor cards, you will now show business participants your phone and receive these discounts. Below are the steps to using the new system.

1. On your smart phone go to <https://myhonorcard.com>. The following screen will appear. Place your child's student ID number and date of birth in the boxes.
2. When your child's name appears, you will show your phone to the participating business representative, to receive your discount.

A list of participating businesses and their offerings are also on a different tab on the website.

If you have any questions, please call
904-547-3945 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday – Friday.

Library News



Welcome to the 2022/2023 School Year!

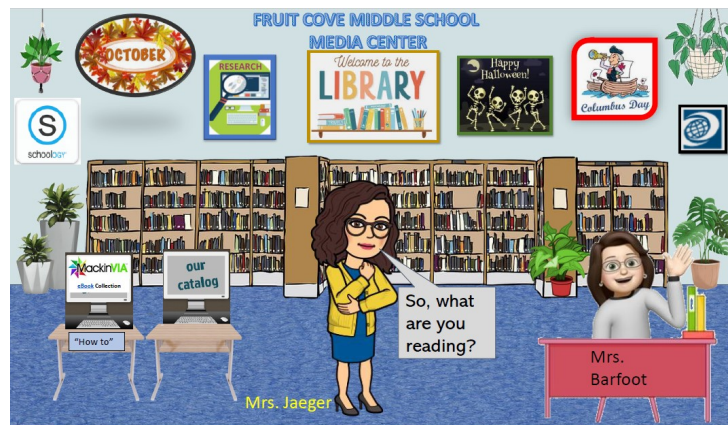
Hours: 7:10am—1:50pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
7:10am—12:50pm Wednesday

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. Links are available at the



bottom of the Media Center website. 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](#)

SCHOOLPAY FOR LOST OR DAMAGED LIBRARY BOOKS

Before paying for a lost book, please contact [Mrs. Jaeger](#) to make sure the book has not been reshelfed.

SchoolPay: Paperback Library Book

SchoolPay: Hard Cover Library Book

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.



*FELLOWSHIP OF
CHRISTIAN ATHLETES
CLUB (FCA)*



(Sponsored by Coach Richardson, Coach Brown, Ms. Carroll, Coach Jill Benavides, and Coach Zeke Benavides)



Who: Open to all FCMS students, especially athletes

What: fun and fellowship with your peers

Where: Gym

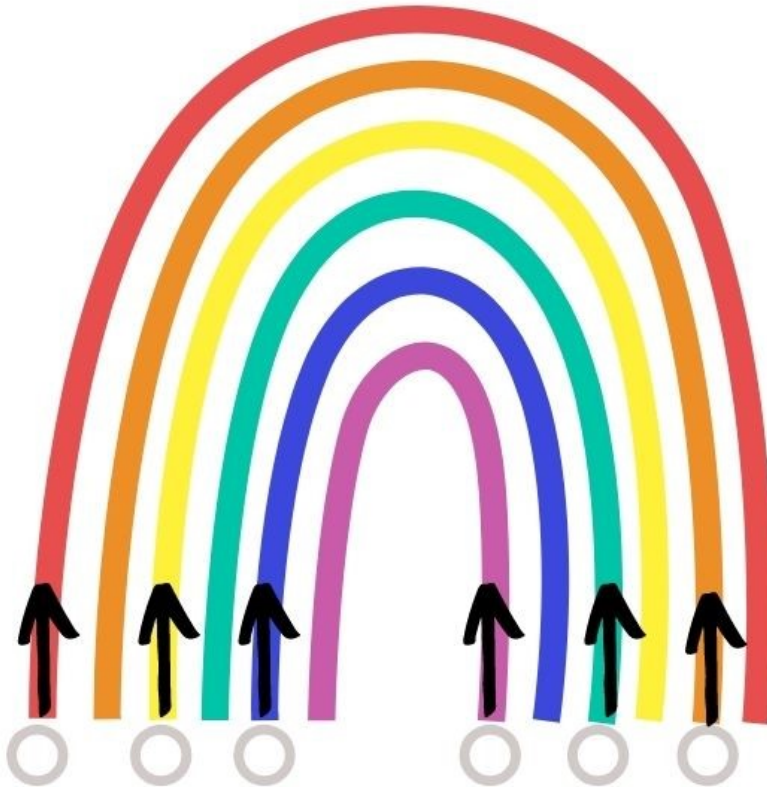
When: Starting Wednesday, November 16th from 1pm to 2pm.

GRAB A FRIEND AND COME JOIN THE FUN!

For more information, please see Coach Richardson, Coach Brown, Coach Jill Benavides, and Coach Zeke Benavides.



Deep Breathing EXERCISE



Place your finger on a white dot. Trace the arrow and take a deep breath in. Pause at the end of the color. Trace the next arrow and breathe out. Continue around the image several times.



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Yearbook News

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ONLY
HAPPENS
ONCE**

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Use school code 10456

Sports Information

FRUIT COVE VOLLEYBALL 2022



Tuesday, November 8: Playoff Semi-Final – 1 vs 4 and 2 vs 3

(*Highest Seeded Team Hosts)

Thursday, November 10: Championship Games

GO FLYERS!



FRUIT COVE BASKETBALL 2022-2023

Girls Coach: Amy Brown

Boys Coach: Preston Davis

GIRLS BASKETBALL INFORMATION

***An Athletic waiver is required for tryouts

OPEN GYM

Tuesday November 8 and Thursday November 10 (2-3pm)

TRYOUT INFORMATION

6th Grade	Monday December 12 (2-4pm)
7th Grade	Tuesday December 13 (2-4pm)
8th Grade	Thursday December 15 (2-4pm)
Call backs	Friday December 16 (2-4pm)

BOYS BASKETBALL INFORMATION

***An Athletic waiver is required for tryouts

OPEN GYM

Monday November 14, Tuesday November 15 and Thursday November 17 (2-3pm)

TRYOUT INFORMATION

6th Grade	Monday December 5 (2-4pm)
7th Grade	Tuesday December 6 (2-4pm)
8th Grade	Thursday December 8 (2-4pm)
Call backs	Friday December 9 (2-4pm)

SEASON PRACTICE INFORMATION

***A physical is required if a student makes the team

PRACTICE BEGINS - THURSDAY JANUARY 5, 2023

Girls Practice – 2-4pm

Boys Practice – 4-6pm

SEASON GAME INFORMATION

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

Game days are Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning January 18th.
On Game days the students will go home and meet at the game 45 minutes prior to the start of their game.

Visit our website for more information !
<https://www-fcs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/athletics/>

2022 Flyers PTO News

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PTO Meetings In the Media
Center
January 24 6:30-
February 28 7:30 pm

PTO is looking for

- We are looking for donations of gift cards for the 12 days of Christmas event for teachers and staff. Be on the look out for more information coming soon.
- PTO is looking for old Christmas ornaments you may not use anymore for a competitive Christmas tree decorating contest. There is a bin in the front office for drop off or you can email fcmsptopresident@gmail.com



Thank you!!!

THANK YOU to all the Welcome Back Dance volunteers, teachers, and parents.

THANK YOU to all who donated to our food drive for HUGS St. Johns

THANK YOU to all who purchased our Socks for a Cause. We donated \$150 to real men wear pink!

PTO NEWS

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





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