

# Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

October 21, 2022

3180 Racetrack Rd

"HOME OF THE FLYERS"

904-547-7880

## CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month:  
October — Responsibility

### Important Dates

**October 21**  
PTO Welcome Back  
Dance

**October 22**  
Jazz Performance  
River of Life Fall Festival

**October 24 - 28**  
Red Ribbon Week

**October 24**  
PTO Meeting 6:30pm

**October 25**  
Report Cards

**November 3**  
Volleyball  
FCMS&GRMS

**November 7**  
NJHS Induction  
Ceremony 7pm

**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.

## Mission Statement

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

## Parent Survey

Cognia, the organization that oversees our district's accreditation, is conducting a review of our school district this year. Cognia has created surveys specifically for families in our school district. Please complete Cognia's Family Survey to assist the district in our continuous improvement process.

Please click this link to take the survey:

<https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#!/action/197512/p2065>

Thank you for your feedback!

## 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.

## Jazz Ensemble Performance



Jazz Ensemble performs at the River of Life Fall Festival  
Saturday, October 22, 12:30 – 1:00 PM

## Kindness

Kindness is in our hands! During the month of October, we are celebrating kindness, inclusion and compassion. Our theme this year is "Kindness is in our hands." We are encouraging all of our students to take time to be intentionally kind, include others and show compassion. The WEB team will be posting special messages on the @FCMS WEB Instagram account. Go check it out! Thank you for encouraging these special traits a home!



## SAC News

Thank you to our parent and business members who joined us at the last meeting. Please make plans to attend Tuesday, November 8 at 2:40 in Media Center. If you are interested and haven't already joined, you are welcome to come. Contact [vicki.barfoot@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:vicki.barfoot@stjohns.k12.fl.us).

**Future Meeting Dates:** Nov. 8, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 7, Apr. 11, May 9, 2023

## Future Educators of America Club

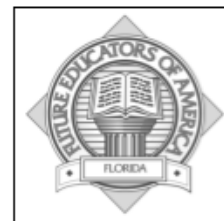
Where: Ms. Carroll's Room 660

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



## AB Honor Roll Cards

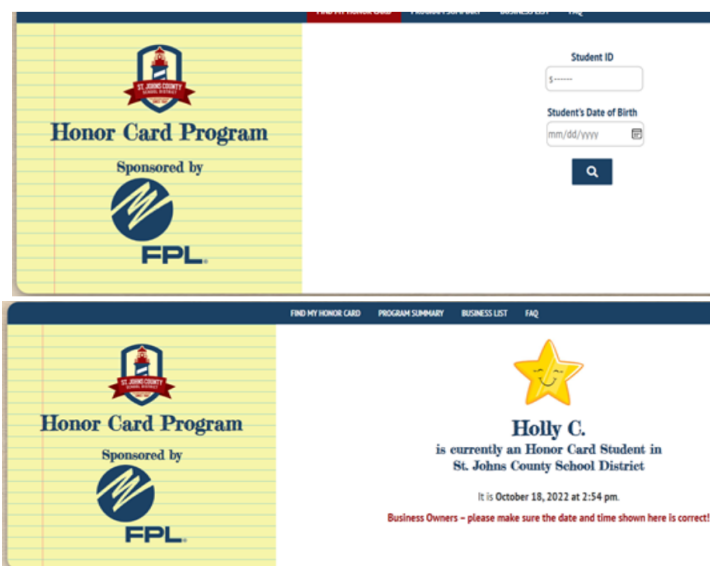
The St. Johns County School District Honor Card program has gone digital! If your child is on the A/B honor roll, you have the opportunity to receive discounts at some very fun and exciting places in St. Johns County. Instead of paper honor cards, you will now show business participants your phone and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



## 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/>

## Marine Science Club

New membership applications will be available with Ms. Byrd in portable 9 starting THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>. Marine Science Club is a place where students can express and share their passion for marine science and the marine environment. Students will participate in projects including (but not limited to) reduce/reuse/recycle posters that can be displayed around the school, research on a marine organism or ecosystem and how to keep it healthy, collecting donations throughout the school year to give to marine organization of choice, and an end-of-the-year beach clean-up. Students will also be able to expand their knowledge on marine life, giving them a base should they choose to take a marine science course in the future. Students will need to fill out the application and have 2 teacher recommendations (forms for recommendation are attached to application). Marine Science Club meetings will be held on MONDAYS after school (1:50-2:50). Our first official meeting will be held on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH – only students with complete applications submitted to Ms. Byrd can attend meetings.



## B6 Club News



### Upcoming Meetings:

Thursday, October 20 – 1:55- 2:55  
Thursday, October 27 – 1:55- 2:55  
Thursday, November 3 – 1:55- 2:55  
Thursday, November 10 – 1:55- 2:55  
Thursday, November 17 – 1:55- 2:55  
Thursday, November 24 – NO MEETING

## FCMS Chess Club



### Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, October 18 – 1:55- 2:55  
Tuesday, October 25 – 1:55- 2:55  
Tuesday, November 1 – 1:55- 2:55  
Tuesday, November 8 – 1:55- 2:55  
Tuesday, November 15 – 1:55- 2:55  
Tuesday, November 22 – NO MEETING

## NJHS News



The NJHS induction ceremony will be held on Monday, November 7th at 6PM in the school auditorium. All inductees need to be at the school by 5:40 to line up for the procession.

Don't forget to visit our Schoology group to fill out the form regarding T-shirt sizes as soon as possible!

## 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!

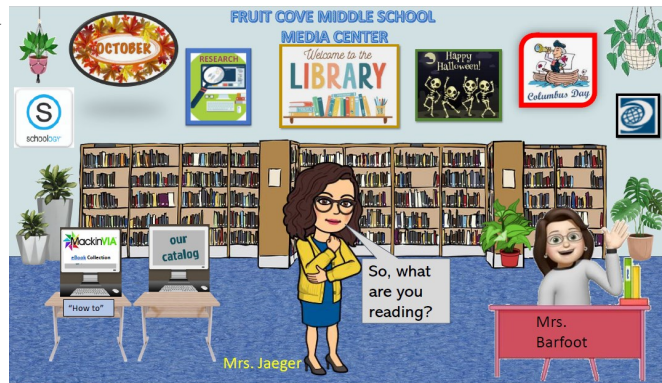
Don't forget to check out our eBook library at [MackinVia](#).

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. 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](#)



## 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](mailto: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.



## 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](mailto: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.

# Red Ribbon Week!



**FRUIT COVE FLYERS**  
**TAKE FLIGHT AGAINST CANCER**  
**COINS FOR A CURE, RED RIBBON, and SPIRIT WEEK.**  
**CELEBRATE LIFE! LIVE DRUG FREE!**



**80's Neon Day, Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> -**

Bring in your lucky pennies – Dress like it is the 80's! Wear your neon!  
 "You're Too Bright for Drugs!"



**School Colors, Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> -**

Bring in your nickels  
 – Wear your school colors!  
 8<sup>th</sup> – Blue  
 7<sup>th</sup> – Yellow  
 6<sup>th</sup> - Gray

"Don't Get Mixed Up with Drugs!"



**Wear Red, Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> -**

Bring in your dimes  
 – Wear your red!  
 "Say NO to Drugs!"



**Favorite Holiday, Thursday, October**

**27<sup>th</sup> -** Bring in your quarters  
 – Dress as your favorite holiday!  
 "Celebrate Being Drug Free!"



**Team Spirit Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> –** Bring

in your dollar bills  
 - Wear your favorite Team Jersey!  
 "Team Up Against Drugs!"  
 On FRIDAY  
 - Wear your favorite **HAT** for **\$1.00**



**The homeroom that raises the most wins a doughnut party!**

ALL PROCEEDS FROM COINS FOR A CURE WILL BENEFIT THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S RELAY FOR LIFE

# Tips For Anxiety



Practice  
breathing exercises



Find a creative  
activity



Take care of your  
sleeping routine



Focus only  
on the present



It's ok to  
ask for help



Stay active

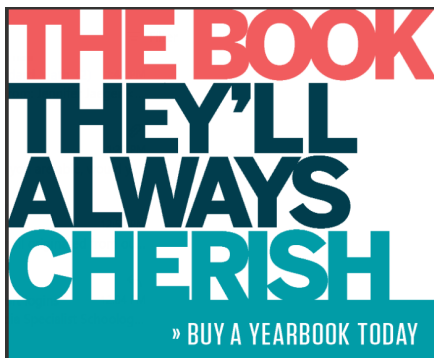


Take a pause



Drink  
cold water

## Yearbook News



[Order your yearbook here!](#)

Use school code 10456

# FRUIT COVE VOLLEYBALL 2022



## TRYOUT INFORMATION

6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS: Monday, August 22, (2-4PM)

7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS: Tuesday, August 23, (2-4PM)

8<sup>TH</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> from (2-4). There will be a mandatory parent and player meeting on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> following practice at 4PM. Practices will be every day after school from (2-4). Practices on Wednesdays will be from (1-3). After September 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 Flyers PTO News

Follow FCMS  
PTO on  
Facebook



Follow FCMS  
PTO on  
Instagram



*PTO Meetings* In the Media  
Center

October 24

6:30-

January 24

7:30 pm

February 28

## Happening Lately

- PTO/FC celebrated our amazing bus drivers with a special lunch for Bus Driver Appreciation Day.
- We wrapped up our Fall Fundraiser and HIT our goal.
- We are excited for our Welcome Back Dance
- Kazu Sushi Durbin Park has partnered with the PTO and all members get 10% off . An email with a special pto card will be sent shortly



## Chick-fil-A Christmas Tree Lane

PTO is looking for old Christmas ornaments you may not use anymore for a competitive Christmas tree decorating contest. There will be a bin in the front office for drop off or you can email [fcmsptopresident@gmail.com](mailto:fcmsptopresident@gmail.com)

The PTO is so excited to partner with Real Men Wear Pink and offer pink FCMS socks for purchase. They are \$12.00. Scan the QR code to purchase. The socks will arrive to school within 2 days of ordering!



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Visit our website to learn about the FCMS PTO. [www.fcmspto.com](http://www.fcmspto.com)



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<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/fcmsspiritwear?cart=02df022e-b07a-4b52-8c7f-a19f8ecae72d%21%2138681489&fbclid=IwAR2wEgzxd7ir4xV48XdVMc5yx1LvBI-dsVv3FW8Zhd6UMTOGu1HljtlzmRs>

PLEASE JOIN THE PTO TO SUPPORT AND HELP  
**REAL MEN WEAR PINK**  
a community fighting breast cancer  
**SOCKS FOR A CAUSE**

Proceeds will go to Real Men Wear Pink charity

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!  
IT'S SO APPRECIATED!

Scan the QR code to purchase!

**\$12.00**

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# PTO NEWS

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





# FORTIFYFL

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



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