

# Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

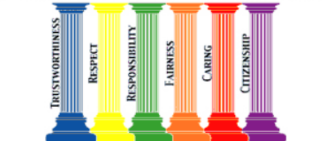
December 2, 2022

3180 Racetrack Rd

"HOME OF THE FLYERS"

904-547-7880

## CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month:  
December — All Pillars

### Important Dates

#### December 10

Jazz Ensemble 6-7pm  
Jacksonville Icemen Game

#### December 12

Jazz Ensemble Winter  
Concert  
6:30pm FCMS Auditorium

#### December 13

SAC meeting 2:40

#### December 13

Jazz Ensemble 7:45pm  
Chick-Fil-A San Jose Blvd

#### December 21

Second Quarter/First  
Semester Ends  
**12:50pm Dismissal**

#### Dec. 22-Jan. 3

Winter Break - Student/  
Teacher Holiday

#### January 4

Teacher Planning Day-  
Student 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.

**ALERT:** February 6<sup>th</sup> will be a hurricane make up day. It was originally a teacher inservice day and a student holiday. This day will now be a regular school day where students are expected to be in attendance.

## Cookies & Cards

WELCOME ALL Sixth Graders! Your WEB leaders are sponsoring a fun after school event Wednesday, Dec. 7 from 1pm to 1:45pm. Cookies and Cards! Come enjoy some cookies, music and fun while we make cards for deployed American soldiers. Sign up here so we know is able to attend. Hope to see you there!




<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D49A4A629A0F94-cookies>

## 6th Grade Health Screenings

6<sup>th</sup> grade health screenings will be Monday 12/5.  
If you do not want your student screened, please send in a written note.

## Spelling Bee News

 Congratulations to our FCMS Spelling Bee winner, Krishna Kooloth. After a hard-fought battle of excellent spellers, Krishna will represent Fruit Cove at the St. Johns County District Spelling Bee on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Best of luck Krishna!

## Food Drive News

NJHS, WEB, and B6 Club held a food drive at FCMS before Thanksgiving. We were able to collect numerous items which were distributed to local families as well as food pantries. Thank you all for being so generous and thoughtful with your donations!



## SAC News

SAC will be meeting Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 2:40 in the Media Center. Please join us. Contact [vicki.barfoot@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:vicki.barfoot@stjohns.k12.fl.us) for more information.

**Future Meeting Dates:** Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 7, Apr. 11, May 9

## 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.

## B6 Club News



Upcoming Meetings:

Thursday, December 8 - 1:55- 2:55

Thursday, December 15 - 1:55- 2:55 CLUB PARTY Students will sign up on Schoology for items to bring. **See you JAN 19, 2023**

## FCMS Chess Club



Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, December 6 - 1:55- 2:55

Tuesday, December 13 - 1:55- 2:55 CLUB PARTY Students will sign up on Schoology for items to bring.

Tuesday, December 20 - NO MEETING **See you JAN 17, 2023**

## Future Educators of America Club

We are still looking for new members who are interested in learning more about education and helping tutor young students at Durbin Creek Elementary School. Even if you are not interested in becoming a teacher one day, you can gain leadership experience. There are also opportunities to become an officer and make decisions to guide our group.



Please see Ms. Carroll (Rm 660) or Coach Richardson for more information and an application. Officer elections will take place in the New Year so **DO NOT DELAY!**

Regular meeting or tutoring days are the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

**WE WILL NOT MEET IN DECEMBER** due to Winter Break! See you January 18th in Room 660 where we will start fresh in the New Year by creating a new bulletin board!

## Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club

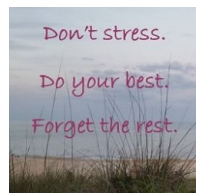


Next Date: Dec 7<sup>th</sup>

The club is open to all FCMS athletes and students. If you would like to have fun and fellowship with your peers, please come on out. **GRAB A FRIEND AND COME JOIN THE FUN!** Please, make sure you coordinate your transportation pick-up at 2pm in front of the school. See Coach Richardson, Coach Brown, Ms. Carroll, Coach Jill Benavides, and Coach Zeke Benavides if you have any questions.

## 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.



## 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 reshelved.

SchoolPay: Paperback Library Book

SchoolPay: Hard Cover Library Book

## Yearbook News



[Order your yearbook here!](#)

Use school code 10456

## 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.

## School Website

<<http://www-fcs.stjohns.k12.fl.us>>

Visit often for up-to-date information about our school!

Check out our new Instagram Pages @ FCMSWEB!

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

## Sports Information



### 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

Monday November 28, Tuesday November 29 and Thursday December 1 (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.

## Track & Field News

2023 Track and Field Season begins Jan 9<sup>th</sup>. Pre-Season training, highly recommended for anyone planning to compete in the 2023 Track season, is available through Coach Benavides as well as participation forms for the 2023 Track and Field Season. Please contact Coach Benavides for more information and forms. [Jill.benavides@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Jill.benavides@stjohns.k12.fl.us)



Visit our website for more information !

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





Time to think. . .

# High School!

Make informed decisions about high school with a few simple steps:

- Visit the Career and Technical Education website and explore the various programs
- Attend the High School Showcase on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, between 3:30-7:00pm.
- Attend the Academy Nights at your schools of choice. Meet the teachers and other students! All are at 6:00pm except SJTHS (5:30pm).

|            |                            |            |                                 |
|------------|----------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| January 11 | Bartram Trail High School  | January 24 | Beachside High School           |
| January 12 | Creekside High School      | January 25 | Ponte Vedra High School         |
| January 17 | Pedro Menendez High School | January 26 | St. Augustine High School       |
| January 18 | Tocoi Creek High School    | January 26 | St. Johns Technical High School |
| January 19 | Nease High School          |            |                                 |

- Discuss your options as a family
- Apply through the student's **Home Access Center (HAC)** account between January 5, 2023, and January 31, 2023, at 5:00pm.
- **Auditions** for those applying to the St. Johns County Center for the Arts at St. Augustine High School will be held Saturday, January 21, 2023. Audition information can be found at [www.sicca.org](http://www.sicca.org).

*\*Note bus transportation is only provided to ZONED schools and St. Johns Technical High School. If attending a high school other than your zoned school or SJTHS, transportation must be provided by the family.*

**Online application through the student's Home Access Center (HAC) account are necessary for:**

Career Academies, Junior ROTC, St. Johns County Center for the Arts, Early Career Academic Acceleration Programs – AICE, IB, & Early College Program

To learn more, visit: <https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>

## Thoughts from the Guidance Department

### Career Academies & Programs of Choice

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| <p><b>Allen D. Nease High School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academy of Hospitality and Tourism</li> <li>• Communications Academy               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ TV Production strand</li> <li>◦ Digital Design strand</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Stellar Academy of Engineering</li> <li>• International Baccalaureate (IB)</li> <li>• Navy JROTC</li> </ul>  | <p><b>Bartram Trail High School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design Academy               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Interior Design strand</li> <li>◦ Fashion Design strand</li> <li>◦ Architectural Design strand</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Information Technology Academy</li> <li>• VyStar Academy of Business               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Finance strand</li> <li>◦ Entrepreneurship strand</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Air Force JROTC</li> </ul>                           |
| <p><b>Beachside High School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academy of Global Logistics &amp; Supply Chain Management</li> <li>• Academy of Information Technology</li> <li>• Academy of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Veterinary Science strand</li> <li>◦ Biomedical Science strand</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cambridge AICE Program</li> </ul>   | <p><b>Creekside High School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academy of Emerging Technology               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Digital Media Technology strand</li> <li>◦ Cybersecurity strand</li> <li>◦ FinTech strand</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Academy of Engineering &amp; Environmental Science               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Engineering strand</li> <li>◦ Environmental Science strand</li> </ul> </li> <li>• St. Johns County Academy of Future Teachers</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Pedro Menendez High School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academy of Architectural &amp; Building Sciences               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Building Construction strand</li> <li>◦ Drafting strand</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Flagler Health+ Academy of Future Healthcare Professionals</li> <li>• VyStar Academy of Business               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Business strand</li> <li>◦ Digital Design strand</li> </ul> </li> <li>• International Baccalaureate (IB)</li> <li>• Early College Program</li> </ul> | <p><b>Ponte Vedra High School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academy of Biotechnology &amp; Medical Research</li> <li>• Academy of Information Technology</li> <li>• Academy of International Business &amp; Marketing               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ International Marketing strand</li> <li>◦ International Business strand</li> </ul> </li> <li>• St. Johns County Academy of Future Educators</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>St. Augustine High School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academy of Aviation and Aerospace               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Aviation Maintenance strand</li> <li>◦ Aerospace Studies strand</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Academy of Law and Homeland Security</li> <li>• St. Johns County Academy of Future Teachers</li> <li>• St. Johns County Center for the Arts</li> <li>• Cambridge AICE Program</li> <li>• Army JROTC</li> <li>• Early Career</li> </ul>   | <p><b>St. Johns Technical High School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academy of Aquaculture</li> <li>• Academy of Culinary Arts</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Tocoi Creek High School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academy of Innovation in the Built Environment</li> <li>• Academy of Leadership in Emerging Technologies</li> <li>• Flagler Health+ Academy of Future Healthcare Professionals</li> <li>• Early College Program</li> </ul>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>To learn more, visit:</b><br/> <a href="https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/">https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/</a></p>   |

Want to take the PSAT? <https://ordering.collegeboard.org/testordering/publicSearch>

## PTO NEWS

### 2022 Flyers PTO News

Follow FCMS  
PTO on  
Facebook



Follow FCMS  
PTO on  
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*PTO Meetings* In the Media  
Center

January 24

6:00-

February 28

7:00 pm

#### NEWS

We are happy to announce we will be having a spring dance date. The date is TBD but if you would like to be part of the dance committee, please email [Fcmsptodance@gmail.com](mailto:Fcmsptodance@gmail.com)



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

#### *12 days of Christmas*

Every year we try to make it special for our teachers before Holiday Break. This year we are putting together gift baskets for teachers to win during a scavenger hunt.

We want to be able to give every teacher a gift card during a special lunch that's sponsored by tutor time.

THANK YOU so much to all that have donated for the 12 days of Christmas!! We have a few spots left to complete our sign up request. Every year we try to make it special for our teachers before Holiday Break. This year we are putting together gift baskets for teachers to win during a scavenger hunt. We are also hoping to gift each teacher a gift card during a special holiday lunch. Please use this link to see and sign up for the different items requested for the baskets or the link to donate gift cards to help make the 12 days of Christmas a success. Donations are due by December 9th to the front office. Thank you in advance for always supporting the PTO.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ca9aa2aa3fccf8-merry>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ca9aa2aa3fccf8-abiscuit>



 Mandarin

# DRIVE THRU SPIRIT DAY FUNDRAISER



for Fruit Cove Middle School  
Wednesday, December 7th 6:00AM - 8:00PM



Visit Chick-fil-A Mandarin's Drive Thru any time for breakfast, lunch, and/or dinner on **December 7th** and mention **Fruit Cove MS** when ordering. 20% of the school's net sales will be donated back to them. Visit between 4-7pm and wave to some of your favorite FCMS administration staff.

Must mention the school or fundraiser when ordering

**Christmas Tree Lane**

Enjoy Christmas trees decorated by various schools and businesses from Mandarin and St John's County including **FRUIT COVE MIDDLE SCHOOL**.

Trees will be lit from dusk until 9:00pm each night.

  
Mandarin

3280 Oak Bluff Lane  
Jacksonville, FL 32257  
904.292.4668



# PTO NEWS

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





# FORTIFYFL

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