

Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

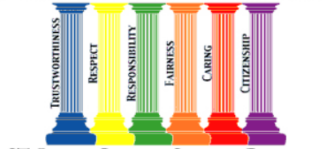
December 16, 2022

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 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

January 5
Classes Resume for
Students - Second
Semester begins

January 16
MLK Day - Student/
Teacher Holiday

January 18
Report Cards

February 2
Interims Issued

School Hours
7:30am-1:50pm

Wednesday Dismissal @
12:50pm

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

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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 6th 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.

Principal's Corner

FCMS Families,

As we head into the last few days of the second quarter of the school year, I want to encourage our students to finish strong. I have visited many classrooms over the last couple of weeks and the teachers and students are working hard. Keep up the hard work! 😊

A HUGE thank you goes out to our PTO and all the parents who helped with showering our teachers and staff with love and joy this holiday season. We appreciate the donations of gift cards, treats, and parents volunteering their time to help make it all happen! We are so blessed with a supportive community! Thank you, thank you!

I want to take a moment to wish all our FCMS families a wonderful holiday season filled with rest, relaxations, friends, family, and fun! My hope is that you get to enjoy all the things that fill your heart with joy.

Looking forward to a wonderful 2023!!!

Kelley

Kelly Jacobson
Principal

Thank You!

On behalf of the Administration and staff, we would like to thank our PTO, parents, families, and students for all of their donations and support of our 12 Days activities. We are blessed to have such kind, caring, and wonderful community members who support Fruit Cove Middle School. We hope you all have an amazing holiday break!



Congratulations, WEB!

Congratulations to Ms. Alford and our WEB Leaders for winning the *Len Mattiace Stop the Bullying Campaign!* Their month long Kindness campaign was recognized as being the most amazing entry in this contest.

Their slogan was *Kindnes is in our Hands*. They are true role models for all our students here at FCMS! I am thankful for all our that WEB Leaders do for our school under the leadership of Ms. Alford!

This was a great surprise this morning!! They were presented with a check for \$1,000! This will go a long way in supporting all they do for our school!



NJHS News



NJHS will be starting tutoring sessions for third quarter. Any interested NJHS member may contact Mrs. Doemel or Ms. Farbo to sign up for tutoring.

Tabletop Gaming & Hobby Club

Come Build, Paint, Play, and Belong!
Open to all students from all grades!

Learn how to play tabletop games like *Warhammer 40,000*, *Age of Sigmar*, *Star Wars* or bring your own to teach someone else!

Learn how to be a hobbyist: building, painting and photographing your miniatures and models.

Stop by one of two informational meetings: Monday, January 9th or Tuesday, January 10th in Mr. Blanton's room, room #460. See you there!



Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club



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.

B6 Club News



Upcoming Meetings:

Thursday, JANUARY 19, 2023 - Resume meetings

Thursday, JANUARY 26, 2023

Thursday, February 2, 2023

Track & Field News

2023 Track and Field Season begins Jan 9th. 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



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

FCMS Chess Club



Upcoming Meetings:
Tuesday, December 20 - NO MEETING
Tuesday, JANUARY 17, 2023 - Resume meetings
Tuesday, JANUARY 24, 2023
Tuesday, JANUARY 31, 2023

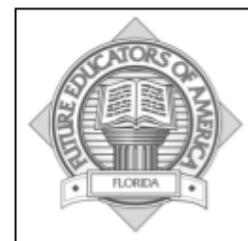
Future Educators of America Club

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!



SAC News

SAC will be meeting Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2022, at 2:40 in the Media Center. Please join us.

Contact vicki.barfoot@stjohns.k12.fl.us for more information.

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

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.



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POSITIVE &
COMPASSIONATE
PEP-TALK

GRATEFUL HEART

CLEAR INTENTIONS
FOR THE DAY

DO THINGS THAT
SPARK JOY

JOURNAL YOUR
THOUGHTS

SETTING HEALTHY
BOUNDARIES

SCHEDULE TIME TO
CLEAR YOUR MIND

TAKE CARE OF YOUR
WELL-BEING



Sports Information



FRUIT COVE MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL 2022—2023

SEASON PRACTICE INFORMATION

Practice begins—Thursday, January 5, 2023

Girls Practice: 2-4:00pm

Boys Practice: 4-6:00pm

SEASON GAME INFORMATION

Girls game starts at 5:30pm Boys game starts at 6:30pm

Game days are Tuesday and Thursdays beginning January 18.

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/basketball/>

2023 FCMS Basketball Schedule

Tuesday January 17	-	LMS @FCMS
Thursday January 19	-	SMS @ FCMS
Tuesday January 24	-	FCMS @ SPMS
Thursday January 26	-	FCMS @ MMS
Tuesday January 31	-	FCMS @ PBMS
Thursday February 2	-	BYE
Tuesday February 7	-	GRMS @ FCMS
Thursday February 9	-	MMS @FCMS
Tuesday February 14	-	FCMS @ LMS
Thursday February 16	-	FCMS @ SMS
Tuesday February 21	-	SPMS @FCMS
Thursday February 23	-	PBMS @ FCMS
Tuesday February 28	-	BYE
Thursday March 2	-	FCMS @ GRMS

PLAYOFFS:

SEMI-FINALS Tuesday March 7th
#1 VS #4 #2 VS #3

HIGHEST SEEDED TEAM HOSTS

FINALS Thursday March 9th
HIGHEST SEEDED TEAM HOSTS

2022-23 Basketball Teams

GIRLS: Alle Alcaraz, Nataleigh Barnett, Caroline Cottrill, Elarie Desuyo, May Geerdes, Hope Gisel, Ashley Hafer, Alaina Jesseman, Charlotte Kinkade, Lindsay Leonard, Courtney Owens, Evie Vallas, Sarah-Beth Walters, Natalye Wilson

BOYS: Dhruv Battula, Max Cockermann, Sloan Davis, Jacob Frazier, Trae Gisel, Jayden Hawkins, Declan Jackson, Coleman Jordan, Harrison Leddy, Harris Oliver, Cooper Paxton, Bernardo Polynice, Nixon Poppinga, Marco Rippa, Kellen Tinker

Managers: Abbey Lobel, Olivia Tucker

GO FLYERS! A large graphic with the text 'GO FLYERS!' in a bold, blue, outlined font. To the right is a logo featuring a basketball with a stylized 'W' underneath it, all in black and white.

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, 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.

2022 Flyers PTO News

Follow FCMS PTO on Facebook



Follow FCMS PTO on Instagram



PTO Meetings In the Media Center

January 24	6:00-
February 28	7:00 pm

NEWS

THANK YOU to all who donated ornaments for the Christmas Tree Lane. We no longer need ornaments. Make sure to visit Chick-fil-A Mandarin to see the FCMS Candy Land Tree!



THANK YOU
THANK YOU

Thank you to all the donations for the 12 days of Christmas. We were able to give every teacher and staff a gift card. The teachers loved the baskets. They enjoyed a fun scavenger hunt for an elf to win a basket.

Thank you to Tutor Time for proving an amazing breakfast for teachers

Chick-fil-A's Christmas Tree Lane voting is happening now until 12/21!!! Fruit Cove is excited to showcase their candy land tree this year. Please see the flyer below for a picture of our amazing tree, as well as the QR code and link for voting. Be sure to visit Chick-fil-A Mandarin to see our tree in person and make sure to cast your vote by 12/21!

<https://forms.gle/wnzka3xmw52pNGYz8>



Christmas Tree Lane

Voting has started for the Chick-fil-A Christmas Tree Lane. Use the QR code to vote for FCMS Candy Land Tree!

Voting ends 12/21



PTO NEWS

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





St Johns County School District

Next Hiring for Substitute Teachers

Posting Dec. 19, 2022 – Jan. 2, 2023

in AppliTrack Application System

**SJCSD is ready to hire substitute teachers who are
ready to make a difference for students in**

Pre-K - 12th grade

The substitute teacher role provides:

- **Opportunity to put your degree to work.**
- **Flexibility – you pick the days and schools.**
- **An opportunity to work with diverse student populations.**
- **An opportunity to contribute to the learning and development of the students in our school district.**

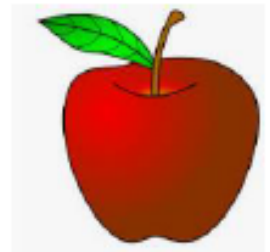
Come join our team.

Applicants who hold a minimum of an Associate degree or equivalent of 60 credits or higher and who are 20 years of age or older are eligible to apply. Preferences given to applicants that have graduated or are graduating from an Education program. All applicants will be reviewed for strong teaching potential, above average references, experience in critical need areas, and/or an education degree.

For full job description, requirements and to apply online,

Visit: <https://www.applitrack.com/stjohns/onlineapp/>

**Questions? Please call 904-547-7636 Substitute Helpdesk or
application questions call AppliTrack helpdesk 547-7631**





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