

# Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

November 18, 2022

## CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Pillar of the Month:  
November — Citizenship

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.

## Important Dates

**November 23-25**  
Thanksgiving Break -  
Student/Teacher  
Holiday

**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

### School Hours

7:30am-1:50pm

Wednesday Dismissal @  
12:50pm

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



FCMS Families,

As we approach Thanksgiving next week, I wanted to share a few things I am thankful for this year. I am thankful our students are here at school, learning, growing and thriving. I am thankful for our amazing faculty and staff who care deeply for our students and will go the extra mile to help nurture and teach our students. I am thankful for our support staff who fill in the all the spaces in between classes with kindness and thoughtfulness in all that they do for our students, staff, and families. I am thankful for our administrative staff. They come in early and stay late on a regular basis so that everything gets done! I am thankful for our PTO for the constant and unwavering support. Finally, I am thankful for the support our families give to all of us here at FCMS. We are able to be the best for your child each day because of the support you provide.

I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving break!

Take care,

*Kelley*

Kelley Jacobson

## 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.

**SAFETY  
FIRST**

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.

## SAC News

SAC will be meeting Tuesday, December 13, 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:** December 13, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 7, Apr. 11, May 9

## B6 Club News



Upcoming Meetings:

Thursday, November 17 – 1:55- 2:55

Thursday, November 24 – **NO MEETING**

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

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 in JAN 19, 2023**

**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 15 – 1:55- 2:55

Tuesday, November 22 – **NO MEETING**

Tuesday, November 29 - 1:55- 2:55

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 in JAN 17, 2023**

**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/>

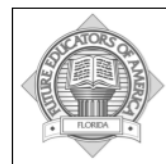
## Future Educators of America Club

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

Meetings:

November 21

NO MEETING 11/28 OR 12/5



## Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club



FCA began Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> and will continue on 2 Wednesdays a month.

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.



## Coins for the Cure



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Red Ribbon/Coins for a Cure Week. We raised a total of **\$2011.77**, which is all being donated to the American Cancer Society. The top three homerooms with \$120.32, Ms. Schmidt, next with \$176.74, Ms. Byrd, and the winner of the doughnut party with \$197.42 is Ms. Doemel's class.

If you would like to join our Relay for Life team, please click here: <http://main.acevents.org/goto/fruitcovemiddleflyers>

If you have ideas for ways we can raise money for our team, please contact [Cheryl Sweet](#). Last year we were the top school for the First Coast Relay area.

## 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](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.



## 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.

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

## Cross Country News

Congratulations to a wonderful Cross Country Season!

Our TOP FCMS 10 girls and boys are as follows:

### **GIRLS**

- 1-EK Longmire 11:42 \*\* State Team Competitor----Medalist/Team State Champions
- 2-Brynn Jenkins 12:40 \* State Team Competitor----Medalist
- 3-Sabrina Densmore 13:23 \* State Team Competitor
- 4-Ellie Collette 13:54 \* State Team Competitor
- 5-Scarlett Latimer 13:59 \* State Team Competitor
- 6-Claire We 14:38
- 7-Eva Adams 14:56 \* State Team Competitor
- 8-Dylan Finocchio 15:21
- 9-Evelyn Wasdyke 15:33
- 10-Camille Andrews 15:53



### **BOYS**

- 1-Chase Petrick 11:03 \* State Team Competitor----Medalist/Team State Champions runner up
- 2-Cameron Newkirk 11:14 \* State Team Competitor-----Medalist/Team State Champions runner up
- 3-Aaron Collette 11:30 \* State Team Competitor----Medalist/Team Open 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- 4-Jayce Garmon 12:00 \* State Team Competitor
- 5-Braydon Scott 12:14
- 6-Casey Conover 12:54 \* State Team Competitor
- 7-Gavin Canter 13:11
- 8-Brody Blazer 13:15 \* State Team Competitor
- 9-Zach Thomas 13:18
- 10-Daniel Itkin 13:29 \* State Team Competitor

Congrats also to our State Championship competitors and Medalists!!!

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

## HEADPHONES NEEDED FOR COMPUTER USE

Parents, students using school computers in labs or classrooms will need to bring their own headphones or ear buds. Headphones are only provided for online testing. We are asking each student to bring headphones or ear buds to school to keep in his/her backpack.



These devices do not need to be expensive and can be something that costs less than \$5.00.



# SELF-SOOTHING FOR ANXIETY

@THEHEALINGTHERAPIST



Squeeze an ice cube



Go on a 10 minute brisk walk



Plant a small tree or flowers



Watch a funny movie



Scream into a pillow



Swim, jog, or bike



Dance to your favorite song



Sing out loud



Rearrange your bedroom



Do a good deed



Jump up and down or jump rope



Brush your hair

## Yearbook News

**TODAY  
ONLY  
HAPPENS  
ONCE**

» BUY A YEARBOOK TODAY

[Order your yearbook here!](#)

Use school code 10456



# 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

## PTO is looking for

- 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](mailto:fcmsptopresident@gmail.com). Donations due by November 25th!



## *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.



## PTO NEWS



SPIRIT WEAR IS STILL AVAILABLE! The weather is starting to get a little chilly and everyone needs a hoodie right?! We still have hoodies for sale in the spirit shop. Be sure to use the this link to purchase:

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/fcmsspiritwear?cart=808b8097-b16a-483a-942f-a5ba519edcb8%21%2141706826&fbclid=IwAR1UewXtJWdPuIq8xwKP1RuCTs-DtL4OrXrb9vDHx89JdpEECzcq3hdsYPc>

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 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

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

or use this link to donate gift cards to help make the 12 days of Christmas a success.

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



Donations are due by December 9th to the front office. Thank you in advance for always supporting the PTO.

# 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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