

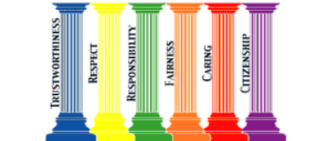
Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

January 27, 2023

CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month:
January — Respect

Important Dates

February 2
Interims Issued

February 14
SAC meeting 2:40p

February 20
Presidents Day -
Student/Teacher
Holiday

February 28-March 3
PTO Book Fair

March 9
Third Quarter Ends

March 10
Teacher Planning Day -
Student Holiday

March 13-17
Spring Break - Student/
Teacher Holiday

March 20
Classes Resume for
Students

School Hours
7:30am-1:50pm

Wednesday Dismissal @
12:50pm

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

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.

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.

Yearbook News

[Order your yearbook here!](#)

Use school code 10456

Buy an 8th Grade Dedication Here
<https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/>



Prepare for FAST!



The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is administered to students in grades VPK-2 and 3-10. Use the link below to take a sample test or find resources for students and families to prepare for the FAST.

<https://flfast.org/families.html>

Family Portal Score Reporting Updates

FAST Grades 3-10 Assessments:

Student scores for FAST PM2 are currently available in the Family Portal. Families can see and print their student's scale score, achievement level, and a bar graph indicating the student's scale score and where it falls in the achievement level.

Note: PM2 and ISRs will be available in the Family Portal by the end of February. These ISRs will include percentile ranks and will include the students who tested in January.

Access codes for students in grade 3-10 are available in HAC under the Registration tab.

You can access the Family Portal directly using this link (<https://fl-familyportal.cambiumast.com/#/>) or by clicking on the Family Portal link on the Students and Families page on the FAST portal.

NJHS News



National Junior Honor Society collection of Valentine's Day decorations for Wolfson's Children's Hospital continues through January 31. All members are asked to bring in cards, boxes of Valentines, banners, hearts, ribbons, stickers, posters etc.. to help decorate the children's ward at Wolfson. Any type of decoration, card or small gift is appreciated. **PLEASE NO FOOD ITEMS.** All donations must be given to Mrs. Doemel or Ms. Farbo by Tuesday, January 31.



NJHS will be offering tutoring services for core subjects after school on Thursdays and Fridays. Please email or stop by and see Ms. Doemel or Ms. Farbo to sign up! Tutoring will occur from 1:50-2:50pm and schedule of locations and topics are as follows:

- Thursdays: Math and/or Science (Ms. Farbo's room, 335)
- Fridays: Social Studies and/or Language Arts (Ms. Doemel's room, 560)

Students must register with Ms. Doemel or Ms. Farbo before the tutoring session.

SAC News

SAC will be meeting Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 2:40 in the Media Center. Please join us. Contact vicki.barfoot@stjohns.k12.fl.us for more information.

Future Meeting Dates: March 7, April 11, and May 9

Track & Field News

REMINDER! TRACK and FIELD 2023 Began Jan 9th! There is still time to sign up. Contact Coach Benavides at jill.benavides@stjohns.k12.fl.us or stop by her classroom 715 for forms.

Visit our website for more information!

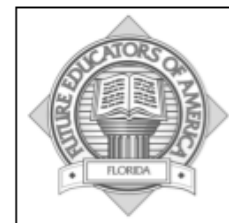
<https://www-fcs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/athletics/>



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!



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.

FCMS Chess Club



Upcoming Meetings:

Meeting time: 1:50-2:40

Tuesday, January 24, 2023
Tuesday, January 31, 2023

B6 Club News



Upcoming Meetings:

Meeting time: 1:50-2:40

Thursday, January 26, 2023
Thursday, February 2, 2023

Tabletop Gaming & Hobby Club



The FCMS Tabletop Gaming & Hobby Club will have begin meeting on Fridays after school in room 460, beginning on February 10th. If you missed our information sessions a few weeks ago and need a permission slip, or would like to know more, stop by to see Mr. Blanton in room 460. Members, be sure to bring any projects you're working on or games you'd like to play!



Thoughts from the Guidance Department

Reminders for overthinking [@calmkabira](#)



Making
mistakes is
part of life



Your thoughts
and fears are
not facts



All you can
control is
the present
moment



These racing
thoughts will
not last
forever



You are doing
the best you
can and it's
enough



Things can
workout
better than
you think

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! 

Library News



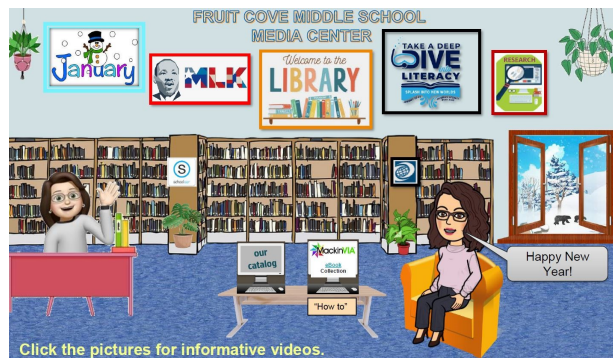
Welcome to the 2022/2023 School Year!

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](#). Several titles were added to the eBook collection over Winter Break! Check them out!

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.

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

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.

[Library Book Access Form](#)

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!

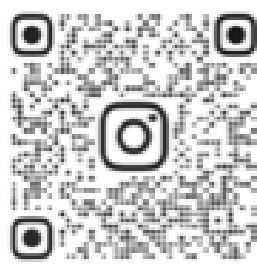
Don't forget to check the *Peachjar* for eflyers about community events.

2023 Flyers PTO News

Follow FCMS
PTO on
Facebook



Follow FCMS
PTO on
Instagram



PTO Meetings In the Media
Center
February Date - TBD

What's Next:

8th Grade Semi-Formal -
Feb 26th

Spring Dance - Date TBD

Fence Decorator position
immediately needed. Once a
month and all supplies provided.

If interested please email
fcmsptopresident@gmail.com



What we've been doing!

For Thanksgiving PTO bought 7 turkeys for the teachers and staff. The cafeteria staff cooked them and sides were a potluck from teachers.

In December PTO decorated the teacher's lounge, hung a backdrop for Winter Pictures, collected items for the basket scavenger hunt, collected gift cards for a fun punch board, bought Carrabas lunch for the teachers, and woke up early to serve them coffee and breakfast one morning. We supported Web with gift cards for students. We had to buy new banners for the business partner fence as they were destroyed in the storm - Kessler Creative gave us a generous discount.



*We are excited to offer a
spring dance this year*

PTO IS LOOKING FOR

*Spring Dance Committee
Members*

email:
fcmsptodance@gmail.com
if interested in helping

Tickets are on sale now! Purchase using this
link <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/2023-8th-grade-semi-formal?cart=b8fcb631-5ba1-4923-aafe-92a321ad1897%21%2145592988>

A vertical poster with a dark background. At the top, there are strings of warm white string lights. The Eiffel Tower is depicted in a golden silhouette on the right side. The text is written in a mix of elegant cursive and bold, sans-serif fonts. The overall theme is a Parisian evening event.

*An
Evening
in Paris*

8TH GRADE SEMI FORMAL

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 • 6-8PM

St. Johns Golf & Country Club
205 Saint Johns Golf Dr., St. Augustine 32092

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
PURCHASE VIA CHEDDAR UP

\$35

DEADLINE TO PURCHASE IS 2/20



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

**FEBRUARY 28TH - MARCH 3RD
AUDITORIUM STAGE**

E-WALLET SET UP:

[HTTPS://BOOKFAIRS.SCHOLASTIC.COM/CONTENT/FAIRS/HOW-EWALLET-
WORKS.HTML?FAIRID=5243756](https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/content/fairs/how-ewallet-works.html?fairid=5243756)

**IF YOU HAVE AN E-WALLET FROM OUR FALL BOOK FAIR, YOU
CAN ROLL OVER YOUR BALANCE TO BE USED FOR THIS FAIR!**

- CLICK THE ABOVE LINK & SIGN IN USING THE SAME USER NAME & PASSWORD
- FOLLOW THE PROMPTS TO ADD FUNDS & SELECT "FUND WITH E-GIFT CARD
BALANCE."

****ONLY ACCEPTING E-WALLET & DEBIT/CREDIT CARDS THIS YEAR****



VISIT THE BOOK FAIR

- WITH YOUR ELA CLASS
- AFTER SCHOOL



PTO NEWS

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



St. Johns County School District



we're

HIRING!

Teacher Recruitment and Job Fair

Saturday, February 25, 2023

8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Nease High School
Media Center

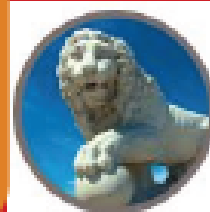
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✓ **Register at:**

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/recruitment/jobfairs/>

Must have a complete application at
<https://www.applitrack.com/stjohns/onlineapp/>



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