

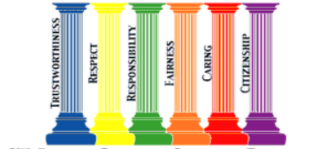
Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

August 25, 2023

CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month:
August — All Pillars

Important Dates

Monday, August 28
6th Grade Parent Night
6:00pm

Wednesday, August 30
Music Store Band Night
6-8pm

Monday, September 4
Labor Day - Student/
Teacher Holiday

Tuesday, September 5
7th & 8th Grade Parent
Night 6:30pm

Friday, September 8
PTO Back to School
Dance 6-8pm

Tuesday, September 12
Interims Issued

Friday, October 13
First Quarter Ends

School Hours
7:30am-1:50pm

Wednesday Dismissal
@ 12:50pm

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

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"HOME OF THE FLYERS"

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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.

FCMS Student Handbook

The updated student handbook is now available.
Click the link below to access this important information.

<https://www-fcs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/FCMS-Student-Handbook-23-24.pdf>

Beginning Band News



Meet the Music Store Band Night
Wednesday, August 30
6:00 – 8:00 PM MPR – FCMS

School Advisory Council News

Please Join Us FCMS Families,
Our School Advisory Council (SAC) needs teacher and staff members for the 2023-2024 school year! Please reach out if you can join us! ☺

What is SAC?

A council of parents, school faculty and staff, and other community and business members who meet to address the needs of the school, as related to the school improvement plan.

A council of stakeholders who vote on expenditures to support the school improvement plan, such as items for PBIS and new computers that were approved and purchased last year.

FCMS SAC meets once a month, on the second Tuesday of each month at 2:30pm. Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12th at 2:30pm in the Media Center.

What are the duties of the teacher, parent, business, and community representatives?

Members act as a resource for SAC in the areas of community related issues that affect the school and its students.

Members serve as a communications link between SAC, business, community, and parent groups.

You can log on to the FCMS website to learn more about us. If you are interested in joining, please contact Tee'ha Carroll at teecha.carroll@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

NJHS



NATIONAL
JUNIOR
HONOR
SOCIETY

Any 7th or 8th grade student who would like to join the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS), may do so until Friday, September 1. Applications are available from Mrs. Doemel or Ms. Farbo. **NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Yearbook News

While
Supplies
Last!

2023-2024

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BOOK**

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7th Grade Science

"Is a double stuffed Oreo really double stuffed?"
Inquiring 7th grade science students want to know!
So they used science to investigate!



Florida Future Educators of America (FFEA)



Where: Ms. Carroll's Portable 4

When: First meeting Thursday, September 21st

How: Applications available from Ms. Carroll or Ms. Kalfa

Why: To learn more about becoming a teacher, demonstrate leadership skills, and make connections with others around you in FCMS. Also, earn volunteer hours.

Requirements: Parental Permission & Teacher Recommendation

B6 News

B6

New membership applications will be available with Mrs. Bass in room 483 and Mrs. McLaughlin in portable 8 **starting MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th**. B6 Club is a leadership club that represents all 6 Pillars of Character Education (Be all 6=B6). Students will need to fill out the application and have 2 teacher recommendations (forms for recommendation are attached to application) in addition to a parent's signature. B6 Club meetings will be held on THURSDAYS after school (1:50-2:50). **Our first official meeting will be held on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th – only students with complete applications submitted to Mrs. Bass or Mrs. McLaughlin can attend meetings.**

Chess Club News



Membership applications will be available with Mrs. Bass in room 483 **starting TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**. Students will need to fill out the application and have 2 teacher recommendations (forms for recommendation are attached to application) in addition to a parent's signature. Chess Club meetings will be held on TUESDAYS after school (1:50-2:50). **Our first official meeting will be held on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th – only students with complete applications submitted to Mrs.**

Bass can attend Chess Club meetings. SPACE is limited to the first 30 students who submit their signed application.

Attention All Runners!



Cross Country and Cross Training began Monday. We will continue to accept runners through next week. Please reach out to Coach Benavides for forms and training details. Jill.benavides@stjohns.k12.fl.us



Volleyball Home Game Schedule

Girls games begin at 5:30 and Boys games begin at 6:30

***Tickets are \$3.00 and need to be purchased on School Pay prior to the game.**

- **Tuesday, September 26:** SPMS@FCMS
- **Thursday, September 28:** GRMS@FCMS
- **Tuesday, October 3:** MMS@FCMS
- **Thursday, October 12:** PBMS@FCMS * **Teacher Appreciation Night**
- **Thursday, November 2:** LMS@FCMS
- **Tuesday, November 7:** SMS@FCMS ***Eighth Grade Night**
- **Thursday, November 9:** Playoff Semi-Final – 1 vs 4 and 2 vs 3
(*Highest Seeded Team Hosts)
- **Tuesday, November 14:** Championship Games

Meet the Guidance Counselors

2023-2024

School Counselors

Fruit Cove
Middle School



How can School Counselors help?

Academic:

teacher support • goal setting • connecting to tutoring and other resources • study skills and organization • identifying strengths and areas for growth

Career:

education on job clusters • interests/skills survey • Naviance • life skills

Personal & Social Skills:

Social skills • Character Counts Pillars • respect of self and others • interpersonal skills • coping skills • problem solving skills • strengths and resiliency

HEATHER KETTERER **6TH GRADE**

FROM: NEW YORK
COLLEGE: HOFSTRA UNIV. & UNF
COLOR: PURPLE AND BLUE
HOBBY: COOKING, SPENDING TIME WITH MY KIDS, GOING TO THE BEACH
NUMBER: 22
QUOTE: "EVERYTHING WILL BE OKAY IN THE END. IF IT'S NOT OKAY, IT'S NOT THE END.
-JOHN LENNON

JENNIFER ENGLAND **7TH GRADE**

FROM: FLORIDA
COLLEGE: UNF
COLOR: YELLOW
HOBBY: BOATING/TRAVELING
NUMBER: 24
QUOTE: "I NEVER LOSE. I EITHER WIN OR LEARN" -NELSON MANDELA

KELLY HOWARD **8TH GRADE**

FROM: TEXAS
COLLEGE: COLUMBIA COLLEGE & UNF
COLOR: BLUE
HOBBY: PAINTING/ART
NUMBER: 3
QUOTE: "YOU NEVER KNOW IF YOU DON'T GO" - SMASHMOUTH

Cafeteria News

Just a reminder that a new application for free or reduced lunch must be submitted yearly. If you have not submitted one for the current 2023-2024 school year, your student's eligibility status will expire end of day on 9/21/2023 and your student will be charged effective 9/22/2023.

All applications submitted will be reviewed to determine the eligibility status for your student. Applications can be found at <https://mealapps.stjohns.k12.fl.us/lfserver/MEALAPPS>



FRUIT COVE VOLLEYBALL 2023



TRYOUT INFORMATION

6TH GRADE GIRLS: Thursday, August 31, (2-4PM)
7TH GRADE GIRLS: Friday, September 1, (2-4PM)
8TH GRADE GIRLS: Tuesday, September 5, (2-4PM)
*****CALL BACKS:** Wednesday, September 6, (1-3PM)

BOYS: Thursday, September 7, (2-4PM)
*****CALL BACKS:** Friday, September 8, (2-4PM)

PRACTICE INFORMATION

Girls and Boys practices will begin on Monday, September 11th from (2-4). There will be a mandatory parent and player meeting on Monday, September 11th following practice at 4PM. Practices will be everyday afterschool from (2-4). Practices on Wednesdays will be from (1-3). After September 18th, 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 19: FCMS@PBMS
 Thursday- September 21: FCMS BYE
 Tuesday- September 26: SPMS@FCMS
 Thursday- September 28: GRMS@FCMS
 Tuesday- October 3: MMS@FCMS
 Thursday- October 5: FCMS@LMS
 Tuesday- October 10: FCMS@SMS
 Thursday- October 12: PBMS@FCMS *Teacher Appreciation Night
 Tuesday- October 17: FCMS BYE
 Thursday- October 19: FCMS@SPMS
 Tuesday- October 24: FCMS@GRMS
 Thursday- October 26: FCMS@MMS
 Thursday- November 2: LMS@FCMS
 Tuesday- November 7: SMS@FCMS *Eighth Grade Night
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GO FLYERS!

Library News

Welcome to the 2023/2024 School Year!

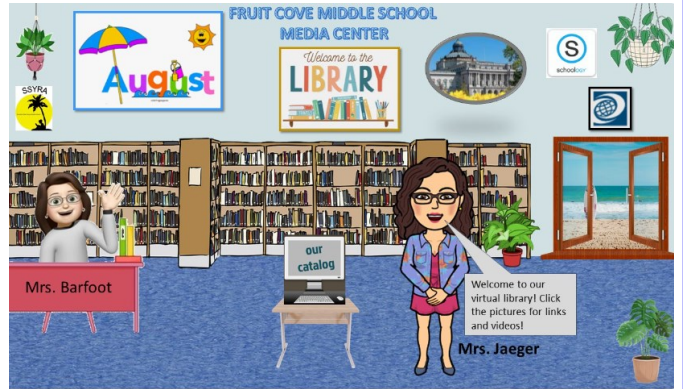
Hours: 7:10am—1:50pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
7:10am—12:50pm Wednesday

Jennifer Jaeger, Media Specialist
Vicki Barfoot, Media Aide

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!

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 (see the website).

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](#)

2023-2024 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 1, 2023. Students will read an SSYRA book and take a 25-point quiz on the book. They must score over 60% to receive credit for the book. Successful quizzes are rewarded with a Schoology badge and a PBIS point. The program ends on Friday, April 26, 2024.

See the media center website for more information:

<https://www-fcs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/sunshine-state-young-readers-program/>

Attendance News

Welcome new and returning students and parents! Please take a few moments to review FCMS's attendance information on our website. There you will find the answers to most of your attendance questions. As a reminder, you have 2 options for letting us know about student absences: use our digital attendance note (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScOk8TqnN9oq4mhdM55FrBUkvF7bCsnOBAlc5hfhbaIgvwS_g/viewform) or send a written note to the front office. If you need any attendance assistance, please contact Ginny Michalski at ginny.michalski@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

School Website

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

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

Check out our Instagram Pages @ FCMSWEB and @FruitCove_Flyers

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

FCMS WELCOME BACK DANCE

BRING YOUR BEST DANCE MOVES TO "KICK-OFF" A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

WHAT

\$10 TICKET INCLUDES:
PIECE OF PIZZA, COOKIE,
DRINK, PHOTO BOOTH,
GAMES, DJ

CANDY/GATORADE AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE

WHEN 9.8.23 | FRI | 6-8PM

ATTIRE

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM
SHIRT OR FCMS SPIRIT WEAR

DRESS CODE APPROPRIATE

GIVE BACK

WE WILL BE COLLECTING
INDIVIDUAL RAMEN CUPS
FOR ST. JOHNS CARES

TICKETS

SIGN-UP ONLINE VIA
CHEDDAR-UP LINK



PTO NEWS

Thank you to our 2023-2024 Partners in Learning!



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PTO NEWS

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FROM THE PTO

AUGUST
2023

FCMS PTO

NEWSLETTER

Why Join the PTO?

- Be a voting member- have a say
- Meet new parents
- Meet admin
- Plan event
- Be the first to know about PTO happenings
- Fund our events for students, teachers and staff

PTO MEETING
AUGUST 28
6:30-7:30PM
IN THE AUDITORIUM



FIRST DANCE



PTO Sponsored!

When: September 8th
Time: 6-8pm
Theme: jerseys & jeans

Show your team spirit and dance!
Pizza & games provided.

my.cheddarup.com/c/welcome-back-dance-2023



NEW DJ: Our partner in learning, Just Jamz Entertainment, will be playing the Jamz!

PIZZA: Our partner in learning, Marcos, will provide the pizza!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- DANCE COMMITTEE
 - fcmsptodance@gmail.com
- FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE
 - fcmsptofundraising@gmail.com
- TEACHER APPRECIATION COMMITTEE
 - fcmsptota@gmail.com
- Email or join us at a meeting

Thank you to everyone who bought Spirit Wear and joined the PTO. There is still time to do both. Visit our website FCMSPTO.COM

**FRUIT COVE
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

IS INVITING YOU TO

**6TH GRADE
PARENT NIGHT**



MONDAY

AUGUST 28

**FCMS AUDITORIUM
6:30PM**

- MEET SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION
- FCMS VISION AND CULTURE
- PTO & SPIRIT WEAR
- SCHOOL SAFETY
- SCHOOLOGY & HAC
- SCHOOL COMMUNICATION
- PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT
- SCHOOL-HOME CONNECTION
- THE MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Family Technology Workshop



Families will learn how to access Digital Platforms in SJCSD & how these tools help students in all grade Levels.

A circular inset image shows a laptop screen with the following text:

5:30pm
Wednesday
August 30, 2023

bit.ly/SJCSD-FamilyTraining

Topics of Discussion:



Schoolology



Clever - Links for Students



Microsoft 365

Presented by St. Johns County Instructional
Resources & Media Services Department

FRUIT COVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

IS INVITING YOU TO

7TH & 8TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT



TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 5

**FCMS AUDITORIUM
6:30PM**

- FCMS VISION AND CULTURE
- PTO
- SCHOOL SAFETY
- SCHOOLOGY & HAC
- SCHOOL COMMUNICATION
- PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT
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