

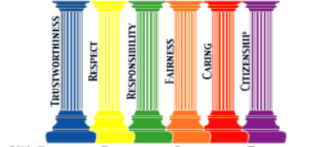
# Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

September 22, 2023

## CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month:  
September — Fairness

### Important Dates

**Tuesday, October 10**  
SAC meeting 2:30pm

**Friday, October 13**  
First Quarter Ends

**Monday, October 16**  
Teacher Planning Day -  
Student Holiday

**Tuesday, October 24**  
Report Cards

**Friday, November 10**  
Veterans Day - Student/  
Teacher Holiday

**Thursday, November 16**  
Interims Issued

**November 22 - 24**  
Thanksgiving Break -  
Student/Teacher Holiday

**Thursday, December 21**  
Second Quarter / First  
Semester Ends

**Dec. 22 - Jan. 3**  
Winter Break - Student/  
Teacher Holiday

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.

## FAST Score Portal

Parents can access FAST scores in the state provided [Family Score Portal](#).

[Directions are available here](#)

## PBIS Wish List



PBIS Rewards is a schoolwide management system that assists our school with Positive Behavior Interventions and Support. This platform makes it easy to continuously recognize students for meeting and exceeding behavior expectations from anywhere in the school! We love using PBIS and are looking for your help to stock our school store using the Amazon Wish List below!



[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/12ZC1TLXAE366?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/12ZC1TLXAE366?ref_=wl_share)

## Congratulations!

2023-24  
Teacher of the Year  
**Bailey Thall**

School Related  
Employee of the Year  
**Joellen Coggeshall**

Rookie Teacher of the  
Year  
**Brittany Byrd**



## Join Us!



### Meet Stacy Vaughan,

A social worker and educator with two master's degrees, finishing her Doctorate and nearly 30 years of experience in the child welfare and prevention field, Stacy has educated thousands of adults and children on various child protection issues and has managed multiple community and agency projects related to child protection.

Her current work includes topic research and resource development, curriculum design and updates, and facilitator training, alongside providing community awareness events and professional development training.

**MONDAY, SEPT. 25TH**  
**6:30 PM**  
**FCMS Auditorium**

**NAVIGATING SOCIAL MEDIA**

**Moving in the RIGHT DIRECTION**

**TOGETHER.**



## Sock Drive

NJHS, WEB, and the B6 club were able to collect over 750 pairs of socks for the homeless shelters in our area. Great job by our students and parents!



## NJHS



The induction ceremony for new NJHS members was held on Thursday, September 21, 2023. We are excited to have over 80 new members this year. Upcoming events are the Veteran's Day door decorating contest and the Food Pantry collection both beginning the first of November and running through November 9.

**NATIONAL  
JUNIOR  
HONOR  
SOCIETY**

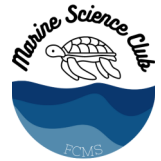
## Art Club



Art Club is starting soon! If you want to have fun and be creative this is the club for you! Art club meets every Tuesday after school beginning October 2. Art Club exists to enhance our school community through creative projects. Pick up a form in room 755 to apply.

## Marine Science Club

Marine Science Club will be starting back up for the 2023 – 2024 school year. All interested students must pick up an application from Ms. Byrd in portable 9. Applications must be turned in by October 6<sup>th</sup> with teacher recommendation letters. Only 25 applicants will be accepted into the club, so make sure to get your applications turned in as soon as you can. The club will meet every other Monday (excluding holidays) throughout the entire school year, with the first meeting taking place on Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Get ready to learn more about marine organisms and their environment!



## Florida Future Educators of America



Florida Future Educators of America (FFEA) is looking for new members interested in learning more about the teaching profession and leadership. See Ms. Carroll in portable 4 or Ms. Kalfa in room 370 for paperwork if you're interested in joining. Information is also available in the front office. FFEA will meet on the 1st Thursday of each month. You must have signed paperwork to attend. **DO NOT DELAY – JOIN TODAY.**

## Fellowship of Christian Athletes



Fellowship of Christian Athletes club will begin Oct 4<sup>th</sup> from 1-2pm in the weight room. Please download the following required form to attend FCA. If you have any questions please reach out to Coach Richardson, Coach Brown, Coach Benavides or Coach J Benavides for more information.

- [2023 FCA Parent Permission \(Club/Student Organization\)](#)
- [2023 Parent Permission \(Guest Speaker/School Sponsored Event\)](#)

## B6 News



New membership applications will be available with Mrs. Bass in room 483 and Mrs. McLaughlin in portable 5. B6 Club is a leadership club that represents all 6 Pillars of Character Education (Be all 6=B6).

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. Those students have been added to the Schoology group. Further information regarding meeting dates will be posted on the group page.

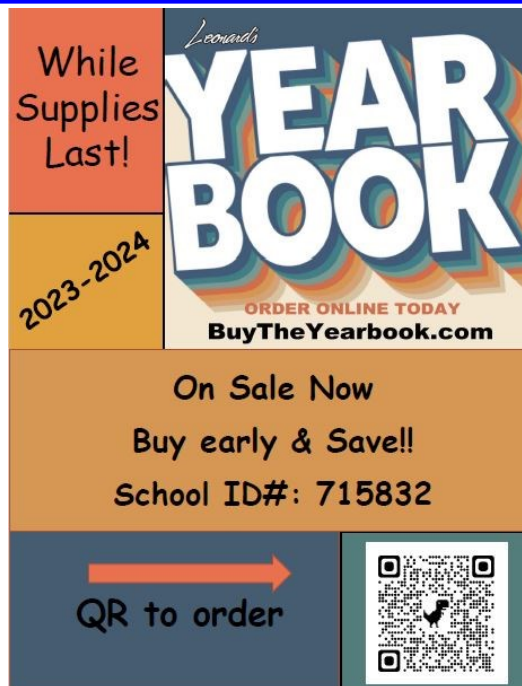
## Chess Club News



Chess Club meetings will be held on TUESDAYS after school (1:50-2:50).



## Yearbook News



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2023-2024

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## W.E.B. News

Attention 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents! Your children should have brought home a permission slip for after-school W.E.B. activities. W.E.B. is the team of 8<sup>th</sup> grade peer mentors and school ambassadors that brought 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Connections to you. W.E.B. leaders have many fun after-school activities planned for you including ice cream socials, tie dye fun and card making for local charities. Please sign and return the permission slip to your child's first period teacher. The permission slip offers a spot to approve or opt out of after school W.E.B. activities. It does not commit your child to the activities. If you need another permission slip, please ask your first period teacher for another or pick one up in the front office. Thank you!

## News from Guidance



SELF-LOVE REMINDERS

- Listen to your body
- Quit people pleasing
- Remember your worth
- Be your own cheerleader
- Commit to your growth
- Establish healthy boundaries
- Hold space for your feelings
- Stay focused on your goals

@juliaspiritualcoaching

## 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.*

*Links to pay for each game are available on the [FCMS Home page](#).*

- **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

## Attention All Runners!



Congrats to our newest Cross Country runners making it into our top 20 season 3K best times!!

FCMS SB AS OF SEPT 16

### GIRLS TEAM

Jenkins	Brynn	8	13:14
Latimer	Scarlett	8	14:45
Godfrey	Emma	6	14:51
Quilal-lan	Finley	7	14:55
Adams	Eva	8	15:08
Silva	Alice	7	15:09
Huntsman	Nora	8	15:12
Ristau	Maddysten	7	15:12
Collette	Ellie	8	15:15
Finocchio	Dylan	7	15:25
Van Doran	Aeby	7	15:32
Larson	Katie	6	15:43
We	claire	8	15:43
Facemyer	Isla	*8	16:11
Hiebenthal	Sidney	6	17:13
Whittmann	Anna	6	17:20
Porter	Naomi	6	17:21
Hurt	Genevieve	8	18:13
Kroll	Audrey	6	18:38
Straka	Viktoria	6	19:08

### BOYS TEAM

Eriksen	Jordan	8	10:27
Itkin	Daniel	7	11:13
Petrick	Chase	7	11:17
Lafser	Harrison	6	11:22
Edwards	Jayce	8	11:24
Thomas	Zach	7	12
Varghese	Evan	8	12:12
Clock	Hovey	8	12:18
Akins	Parker	6	12:35
Canter	Gavin	7	12:39
Tweet	Becket	7	12:52
Cunningham	Bryce	6	12:56
Conover	Casey	8	13:13
Lugo	Nicholas	6	13:18
Negasi	Seyoum	8	13:22
Sharma	Derek	6	14:41
Thomas	Xavier	6	14:52
Taylor	Easton	6	15:11
Maslan	Carson	6	15:19
Wagh	Parker	7	15:39

## 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>

## 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

Did you know?

- All attendance notes need to be received by the school within 48 hours of your student returning to school. This can be via a written note or through our [online absence form](#).
- You can find answers to almost all your attendance questions on the Fruit Cove website under "[Attendance Information & Forms](#)"

Still have questions? Please contact Ginny Michalski at [ginny.michalski@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto: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 •

**SAC**

School  
Advisory  
Committee

**Join us...**

**School  
Library &  
Virtually**

**2:30-  
3:00pm**

**2<sup>nd</sup>  
Tuesday  
Monthly**

September 12<sup>th</sup>  
October 10<sup>th</sup>  
November 14<sup>th</sup>  
December 12<sup>th</sup>  
January 9<sup>th</sup>

February 13<sup>th</sup>  
\*March 5<sup>th</sup>  
April 9<sup>th</sup>  
May 14<sup>th</sup>

To Join Us... Contact Tee'ha Carroll at 904-547-7880 or [teeha.carroll@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:teeha.carroll@stjohns.k12.fl.us)



# FCMS PTO

## *upcoming events*

### **September**

- 27- Papa Johns Spirit Night
- 28- Fall Catalogs in your inbox

### **October**

- TBD- Talent Show Try Outs
- 13- PDQ Spirit Night
- 18- Bus Driver Day
- 27- PDQ Spirit Night #2
- 30- PTO Meeting

### **November**

- 3- Talent Show 6pm
- 15- Turkey Dinner for Teachers
- 27- PTO Meeting

### **December**

- 6-21- 12 Days Of Christmas for Teachers



# PTO NEWS



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