

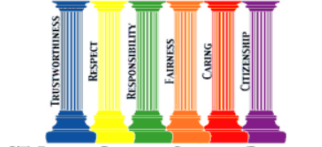
# Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

November 17, 2023

## CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month:  
November — Citizenship

### Important Dates

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

**Thursday, November 30**  
Band (Wind Ens & Beginning)  
Winter Concert 6:30pm

**Saturday, December 2**  
Jazz Ensemble, 6pm –  
Jacksonville Icemen Game

**Sunday, December 10**  
Jazz Ensemble, Nights of  
Lights, St. Augustine 6-8pm

**Tuesday, December 12**  
SAC Meeting 2:30pm  
Jazz Ensemble Winter  
Concert, FCMS, 6:30pm

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

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

**Thursday, January 4**  
Teacher Planning Day -

**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.

## Volleyball Champs!



Congratulations to the FCMS Boys Volleyball team! On Tuesday, November 14, they defeated the Landrum Lions in a two-set sweep. The team remained undefeated all season with a record of 14-0 and became the 2023 St. Johns County Champions.

## Band News

Mark your calendars:

- **Thurs., November 30** – Wind Ensemble and Beginning Band Winter Concert – FCMS auditorium 6:30pm
- **Sat., December 2** - Jazz Ensemble, 6pm – Jacksonville Icemen Game
- **Sun., December 10** - Jazz Ensemble, Nights Of Lights, St. Augustine, 6-8pm
- **Tues., December 12** - Jazz Ensemble Winter performance, FCMS, 6:30pm
- **Wed., December 13** — Jazz Ensemble performs at JCE
- **Tues., December 19** — River City Concert Band, FCMS auditorium, TBA



Congratulations to 8th grader, Eva Nguyen. She will represent FCMS at the Florida Music Educator's Allstate Conference this January performing in the Middle School Honor Band on Alto Saxophone!



## Spelling Bee News



Congratulations to Krishna Kooloth for becoming the newest Fruit Cove Middle School Spelling Bee Champion!! She is on a two-year winning streak and will advance to the district-wide Spelling Bee in December. Congratulations Krishna!



## WEB News

Thank you Fruit Cove Flyer Families for your generous donations to our annual food drive! We collected almost 1,000 items that are being delivered to local families in need. Together we can color the world with kindness. WEB Leaders, National Junior Honor Society and The B6 Club.

On Friday, November 17, we held a Friends-giving for new students to our school. Welcome new Flyers! We are happy you are here!



## Health Screening Volunteers

Tuesday, December 12, 2023



Our school nurse is looking for several volunteers to help with student health exams. It's a one day only event!!! You show up, she tells you what to do, eye exam, height, weight, nothing too hard, and then you get to leave. She has to do the ENTIRE 6th grade!!

Below is the sign up genius. There are two time slots to choose from. If you have the time and can help, she would truly appreciate it! (You must be a school approved volunteer!)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CA9AA2AA3FCCF8-45809600-health>

## 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)

## Coins for the Cure Results

Thank you to all who participated in helping raise funds for the American Cancer Society. We raised a total of \$1708.39. The top three classes were \$149.36 – Reichard, \$151.33 – Schmidt, and the winner of the doughnut party raising \$165.25 — Krost.

Mark your calendars for Relay for Life on Saturday, April 13, 2024. It will be held at Nease High School at 4:00pm. We would love to have you join our Relay for Life team at <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/fruitcovemiddleschool>



## Chess Club News



Chess Club meetings will be held on TUESDAYS after school (1:50-2:50 – **please be here to pick up your student by 2:50**) in room 483. Upcoming meeting dates are November 28, December 5, December 12, January 9 and January 23. Only students with a completed application and signed permission form submitted to Mrs. Bass can attend meetings. Meeting dates are posted in the Schoology group. If you will not be able to attend a meeting, please send a message to Mrs. Bass. The club has reached maximum capacity.

## Drama Club



Rehearsals for *Singing in the Rain* are now Tuesday, and Thursday from 2:00 – 3:30.

Please check Schoology for a specific schedule of which actors are needed at each rehearsal!

## B6 News



B6 Club meetings will be held on THURSDAYS, after school (1:50-2:50, **please be here to pick up your student by 2:50**) in room 483. Upcoming meeting dates are November 30, December 7, January 11 and January 25. Only students with a completed application and signed permission form submitted to Mrs. Bass or Mrs. McLaughlin can attend meetings. Meeting dates are posted in the Schoology group. If you will not be able to attend a meeting, please send a message to Mrs. Bass or Mrs. McLaughlin. The club has reached maximum capacity.

## FFEA News



### Florida Future Educators of America (FFEA)

**Where:** Ms. Carroll's Portable 4

**When:** First Thursday Each Month

**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

## NJHS News



NJHS is continuing after school tutoring and homework help on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please email Mrs. Doemel (Tuesdays, [debbie.doemel@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:debbie.doemel@stjohns.k12.fl.us)) or Ms. Farbo (Thursdays, [barb.farbo@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:barb.farbo@stjohns.k12.fl.us)) if you plan on having your child stay after school for help. The sessions will end at 2:40. Make sure your child knows how he or she is getting home.



# FRUIT COVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

## BASKETBALL 2023—2024

Girls Coach: Amy Brown

Boys Coach: James Tansey

### GIRLS BASKETBALL INFORMATION

\*\*\* An Athletic waiver is required for tryouts.

#### OPEN GYM

Monday, November 27, Tuesday, November 28 and Thursday, November 30, 2-3 PM

#### TRYOUT INFORMATION

8th Grade Girls	Monday, December 4	2:00-4:00pm
7th Grade Girls	Tuesday, December 5	2:00-4:00pm
6th Grade Girls	Thursday, December 7	2:00-4:00pm
Call backs—Girls	Friday, December 8	2:00-4:00pm

### BOYS BASKETBALL INFORMATION

\*\*\* An Athletic waiver is required for tryouts

#### OPEN GYM

~~Friday, November 10 and~~ Friday, November 17 and Friday, December 1, 2-3 PM

#### TRYOUT INFORMATION

6th Grade Boys	Monday, December 11	2:00-4:00pm
7th Grade Boys	Tuesday, December 12	2:00-4:00pm
8th Grade Boys	Thursday, December 14	2:00-4:00pm
Call backs—Boys	Friday, December 15	2:00-4:00pm

### SEASON PRACTICE INFORMATION

\*\*\* A physical is required if a student makes the team

PRACTICE BEGINS - MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024

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 16.

On Game days the students will go home and meet at the game

45 minutes prior to the start of their game.

# GO FLYERS!



## Yearbook News

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**"fall" for the 8th grade dedications!**

ANGILO BREWING

## News from Guidance

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*Thanksgiving*

**COMMUNITY DINNER**

**THURSDAY, NOV 23, 2023**

**DINNER served 10am - 2:00pm**

**MUSIC . FOOD . GIVEAWAYS**

VENUE

**THE KETTERLINUS GYM**  
60 ORANGE ST.  
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FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT SHAUN  
[hdmlabouroflove@gmail.com](mailto:hdmlabouroflove@gmail.com)

## SAC News



Fruit Cove Middle School Advisory Council (SAC) Welcomes INK! (Investing In Kids!) Join us to get information from INK! on what their organization is all about and ways they support St. Johns County Schools. You can also learn ways to partner with INK! They will be here at the December SAC Meeting.

Just show up and see what it is all about or click on the link below to join us on-line via Teams or call in on

**Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-3pm.**

Hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, contact Tee'ha Carroll at (904)547-7880 or via email at [teeha.carroll@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:teeha.carroll@stjohns.k12.fl.us).

Microsoft Teams Meeting: **December 12, 2023 @ 2:30pm**

**Join on your computer, mobile app, or room device**

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 292 334 630 422

Passcode: xJwcuq

**Or call in (audio only)**

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Phone Conference ID: 463 144 645#

## Cross Country News

### FCMS GIRLS AND BOY XC SEASON BEST 2023

#### GIRLS

#### TEAM

Jenkins	Brynn	8	1210
Godfrey	Emma	6	1332
Quilal-lan	Finley	7	1342
Adams	Eva	8	1349
Ristau	Maddylen	7	1400
We	Claire	8	1406
Latimer	Scarlett	8	1417
Collette	Ellie	8	1423
Wallen	Westyn	7	1439
Finocchio	Dylan	7	1440
Silva	Alice	7	1441
Capriola	Nina	7	1446
Whittmann	Anna	6	1447
Huntsman	Nora	8	1512
Facemyer	Isla	*8	1525
Larson	Katie	6	1527
Van Doran	Aeby	7	1530
Hiebenthal	Sidney	6	1546
Porter	Naomi	6	*1620
Kroll	Audrey	6	1645
Prieto	Andrea	6	1731
Hart	Megan	7	1733
Dusetzina	Eyva	7	1756
Hurt	Genevieve	8	1756
Pearson	Elise	7	1804
Hunt	Ivy	6	1808
Radey	Hartley	7	1827
Negasi	Riey	6	1832
Straka	Viktoria	6	1852

#### BOYS TEAM

Eriksen	Jordan	8	1016
Itkin	Daniel	7	1038
Hurski	Matthew	7	1039
Lafser	Harrison	6	1058
Thomas	Zach	7	1100
Petrick	Chase	7	1107
Edwards	Jayce	8	1117
Clock	Hovey	8	1134
Varghese	Evan	8	1144
Akins	Parker	6	1155
Conover	Casey	8	1204
Canter	Gavin	7	1209
Lugo	Nicholas	6	1231
Cunningham	Bryce	6	1236
Tweet	Becket	7	1252
Negasi	Seyoum	8	1257
Maslan	Carson	6	1312
Thomas	Xavier	6	1355
Harding	Nicolas	6	1401
Setterlund	Lucas	7	1426
Buck	Wyatt	8	1427
Sharma	Derek	6	1434
Waugh	Parker	7	1438
Woodall	Jayden	6	1450
Andreoli	Jack	7	1504
Taylor	Easton	6	1511
Banjo	Ire	*7	1516
Nair	Mudil	6	1545
Densmore	Luke	7	1611

Congratulations to our FCMS 2023 XC Boys and Girls teams finishing the 2023 XC Season well. These are the students making our Top PR list for the season.

We are excited for our 2024 Track and Field Season to continue to build on what they achieved in Cross Country!!!

## Library News

### Welcome to the 2023/2024 School Year!

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

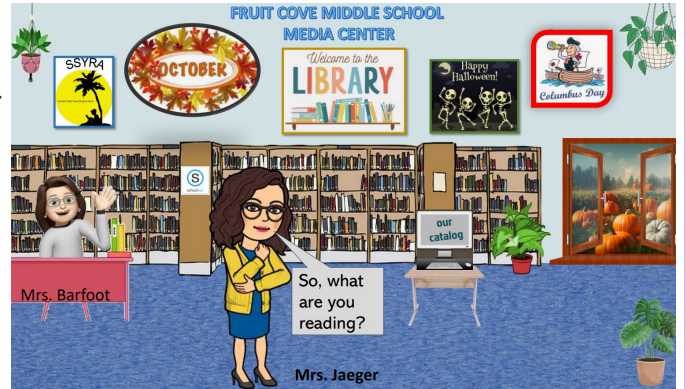
Jennifer Jaeger, Media Specialist  
Vicki Barfoot, Media Aide

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.

The Battle of the Books team will be determined from the scores acquired by December 8.

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.

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initiated by one of our high school students

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2023

September 30 from 1 PM to 3PM  
October 28th from 10 AM to 12 PM  
November 18th from 1 PM to 3 PM  
December 16th from 1 PM to 3 PM

2024

January 27th Time TBD  
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March 23rd TIME TBD

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# FCMS PTO



## NEWSLETTER



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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**12 Days of Christmas**  
Volunteers needed to assemble baskets.  
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**8th Grade Semiformal Committee**

Join here:  
[fcmsptosemiformal@gmail.com](mailto:fcmsptosemiformal@gmail.com)

**Important Dates**

- Nov 3 | Talent Show 6:00pm
- Nov 16 | Turkey Dinner for Teachers
- Nov 27 | PTO Meeting
- Dec 6-21 | The 12 Days of Christmas for Teachers



If you would like to help caffeinate our teachers, please drop ground coffee or k-cups to the front office. PTO was able to buy Keurigs for the teacher planning rooms, and now we need to help keep up the coffee supply!

### Turkeys for Teachers/Staff



The PTO is excited to provide the turkeys for the teacher/staff celebration. This year will be using money from our Spirit Nights to buy 6 turkeys for the school.

### MEETING PTO Meeting | November 27

### Spirit Wear

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# PTO NEWS



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# Fruit Cove Middle School

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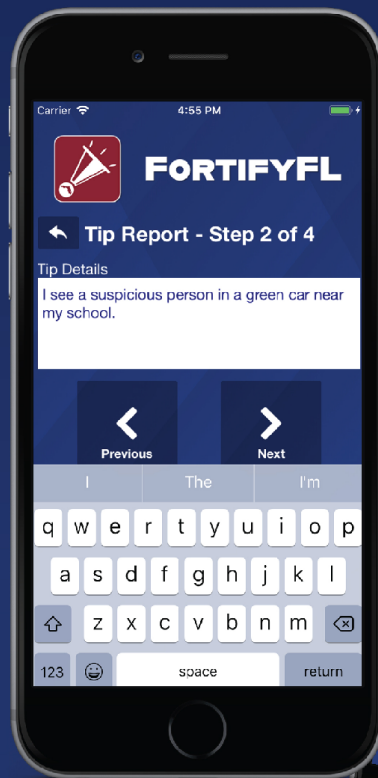




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