

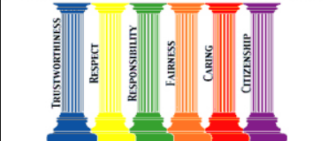
Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

November 3, 2023

CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month:
November — Citizenship

Important Dates

November 1—9
Food Pantry Collection

Friday, November 3
Talent Show
8th Grade Band Night
@CHS

Friday, November 10
Veterans Day - Student/
Teacher Holiday

Tuesday, November 14
SAC Meeting 2:30pm

Thursday, November 16
Interims Issued
Band (Wind Symp & Symphonic)
Winter Concert 6:30pm

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

School Hours
7:30am-1:50pm

Wednesday Dismissal
@ 12:50pm

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

3180 Racetrack Rd

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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.

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](#).

- **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

Band Performances

Friday, November 3 – 8th grade band night at CHS

Mark your calendars:

- **Thurs., November 16** – Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band Winter Concert – FCMS auditorium 6:30pm
- **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



Food Drive



We Scare Hunger! The annual Fruit Cove Middle School Food Drive begins November 1 and runs through November 9. We have many local families who will appreciate a box of non-perishable food to help them feed their families. Please consider making a donation of non-perishable food items if you are able to do so. Most appreciated items include: pasta, rice, spaghetti sauce, boxed potatoes and stuffing, dessert items, canned fruit. Thank you for your generosity!

October Student of the Month



Congratulations to our October students of the month! Responsibility is the pillar of the month and students who exhibit this pillar do what they are supposed to do, persevere when things are hard, think before they act and are accountable for their words, actions, and attitudes.



6th grade: Isabella Bestafka
7th grade: Daniel Itkin
8th grade: Faith Moore

FCMS School Advisory Council (SAC)

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 the 2nd Tuesday each month from 2:30-3pm. We are a school-based group intended to represent the school, the community, and those closest to the students that shares responsibility for supporting the school's continuous improvement.

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.

Microsoft Teams Meeting: November 14, 2023 @ 2:30pm

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

Meeting ID: 292 334 630 422 Passcode: xJwcuq

Or call in (audio only) +1 904-420-0831, 463144645# United States, Jacksonville

Phone Conference ID: 463 144 645#

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

Character Counts Shoes

Character count shoes, a unique project done by Mr. Tansey's class, are not just ordinary footwear. These shoes are a symbol of our values and creativity. Each part of these shoes tells a story, as students were encouraged to design and decorate them with elements that represent the core principles of character including respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring and citizenship. These shoes became a canvas for our artistic expression and a reminder of the importance of ethical behavior in our daily lives. The project not only fostered a sense of community in our classroom but also allowed us to take ownership of the values we hold dear. Every step we took with these shoes was a reminder to walk the path of integrity and compassion, making them much more than just a pair of shoes. They are a testament to the power of character in shaping our individual and collective identities.



Chess Club News



Chess Club meetings will be held on TUESDAYS after school (1:50-2:50) in room 483. Upcoming meeting dates are November 14, November 28, December 5 and December 12. 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.



Vivek Kolli (6th grade), Nishal Chitteti (6th grade) and Nikit Chitteti (8th grade) participated in National Chess Day Tournament in K-8 category held at MOSH on October 14, 2023, conducted by Scholastic Chess.

Vivek Kolli won 4th place in K-8 section of individual standings in the tournament.

Based on school pairings, Vivek Kolli, Nishal Chitteti and Nikit Chitteti, representing Fruit Cove Middle School, won 2nd place in the tournament. Congratulations to these young men for their outstanding achievement and for representing Fruit Cove Middle School's Chess Club.



B6 News



B6 Club meetings will be held on THURSDAYS, after school (1:50-2:50) in room 483. November meeting dates are November 2 and November 30. 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) or Ms. Farbo (Thursdays, 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.

Veteran's Day Door Decorating Contest begins November 1 and runs through November 9. All NJHS members must participate in the contest. A sign-up link is on the Schoology site. Please meet with your door's teacher to go over your plans for decorating.



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, 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.

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Yearbook News

Fruit Cove Middle School

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News from Guidance

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LIGHT UP A CANDLE

DECORATE PUMPKINS

TAKE A COZY NAP

HAVE YOUR FAV FALL DRINK

roxanne Stewart ART

Library News

Welcome to the 2023/2024 School Year!

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

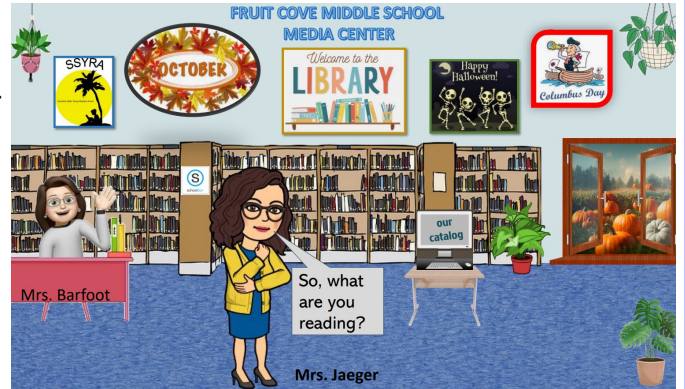
Jennifer Jaeger, Media Specialist
Vicki Barfoot, Media Aide

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

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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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
February 24th TIME TBD
March 23rd TIME TBD

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FCMS PTO



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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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

12 Days of Christmas

Volunteers needed to assemble baskets.

Email fcmstpta@gmail.com



8th Grade Semiformal Committee

Join here:

fcmstposemiformal@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

MEETING

PTO Meeting | November 27

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