

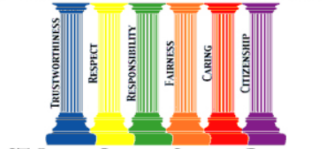
Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

December 1, 2023

CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month:
December — All Pillars

Important Dates

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 -
Student Holiday

Friday, January 5
Teacher Inservice Day -
Student Holiday

Monday, January 8
Classes Resume Students /
Second Semester Begins

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.

W.E.B. News

Cookies and Cards!

The W.E.B. Team is sponsoring a FREE PBIS after school activity, "Cookies and Cards," on Tuesday, December 5 from 1:50- 2:30pm. We invite you to join us and make cards for American service men and women. The cards will be delivered in time for the holiday season. We will have all of the supplies, music, friendship and sweet treats!



All students need a parent permission slip to attend. If you previously completed the parent permission slip for Sundae Monday or Tie Dye, you do not need another one. The permission slip is attached here.

<https://www-fcs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/students/files/2023/09/WEB-activity-permission-slip.pdf>

If you would like to donate cookies for this event, we would greatly appreciate your generosity! Here is our Sign Up Genius Link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D49A4A629A0F94-46380158-cookies>

Band News

Mark your calendars:

- **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



NJHS News



The National Junior Honor Society at Fruit Cove Middle is sponsoring a Toy Drive December 1-8. Please send in or drop off any new, unwrapped toys for donation. All toys will be going to the Toys for Tots charity, St. Johns chapter. The homeroom with the most toys donated will win a Holiday treat. Let's help spread good cheer and happiness this holiday season.

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.



[Required Parent Permission Form](#)

November Student of the Month



Congratulations to our November student's of the Month!

- 6th grade: Katey Lewis
- 7th grade: Prem Patel
- 8th grade: Zoe Radosevich

Citizenship is the pillar of the month and students who exhibit this pillar are good citizens and do their share to help their families and communities be better. They follow rules and cooperate with others.



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>

Track & Field News

2024 Track and Field Season is right around the corner! Athletes interested in learning and experiencing the fundamentals of Track and Field may contact Coach Benavides at jill.benavides@stjohns.k12.fl.us for more information.

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 12th 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.

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#

Yearbook News

Fruit Cove Middle School
BUY YOUR YEARBOOK!

Happy Winter HOLIDAY SALE!

Get your child the gift they would remember and don't forget to buy your 8th grade ads before they run out!

BUY NOW

buytheyearbook.com
school code: 715832

The advertisement features a winter-themed background with a light blue sky, white snowflakes, and a row of stylized evergreen trees in shades of green and blue at the bottom. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold, sans-serif and elegant, cursive fonts. A dark blue button with white text is positioned below the main text.

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!

December 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2 SITR Dance 2-3:30 in aud. Kathy and Lina meet for music	1 Set design meeting in Ms. Padgett's room 2-2:40
4	5 No rehearsal- chorus concert	6	7 Fit as a Fiddle/Moses Supposes dance in aud.; Don, Kathy + Kathy's Girls sing in Ms. P.'s room 2-3:30	8 Set design meeting in Ms. Padgett's room 2-2:40
11 Costume/makeup meeting in Ms. Padgett's room 2-2:40	12 Kathy + Kathy's Girls dance All I Do, in aud. 2-3:30	13	14 Make Em' Laugh dance in aud. 2-3:30	15
18	19 Make Em' Laugh dance, Good Morning dance in aud., 2-3:30	20	21 Last day of school	22 Winter break starts

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 December 5, December 12, January 9 and January 23. 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.

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 December 7, January 11 and January 25. Meeting dates are posted in the Schoology group. Students need to select their T-shirt color (all shirts must be prewashed and dried, with their name stapled to collar for Mrs. Bass to make the club shirt). 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.

Florida Future Educators of America News



Florida Future Educators of America (FFEA) will be meeting next Thursday, December 7 after school in Ms. Carroll's Portable 4. It is NOT too late to join. You can get paperwork from the front office or see Ms. Carroll or Ms. Kalfa for details. Hope to see you there!



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!





Time to think. . .

High School!

Make informed decisions about high school with a few simple steps:

- ✓ **Visit** the Career and Technical Education website and explore the various programs.
- ✓ **Attend** the High School Showcase on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, between 3:30-7:00pm at the World Golf Village Renaissance Resort and Convention Center.
- ✓ **Attend** the Academy Nights at your schools of choice. Meet the teachers and other students! All are at 6:00pm except St. Johns Technical High School (5:30pm).

January 16	St. Augustine High School	January 22	Bartram Trail High School
January 16	St. Johns Technical High School	January 23	Beachside High School
January 17	Pedro Menendez High School	January 24	Tocoi Creek High School
January 17	Ponte Vedra High School	January 25	Allen D. Nease High School
January 18	Creekside High School		

- **Discuss** your options as a family.
- **Apply** through the **student's Home Access Center (HAC) account** between January 4, 2024, and January 31, 2024, at 5:00pm. For Academies at St. Johns Technical High School (SJTHS), apply directly with the school.
- **Auditions** for those applying to the St. Johns County Center for the Arts at St. Augustine High School will be held Saturday, January 24, 2024, at 1:30pm. Audition information can be found at www.sjcca.org.

**Note: Bus transportation is only provided to ZONED schools and SJTHS. If attending a high school other than your zoned school or SJTHS, transportation must be provided by the family.*

Online application through the student's Home Access Center (HAC) account are necessary for:

Career Academies (except SJTHS), Junior ROTC, St. Johns County Center for the Arts Academic Acceleration Programs – AICE, IB, Early Career Program & Early College Program

Library News

Welcome to the 2023/2024 School Year!

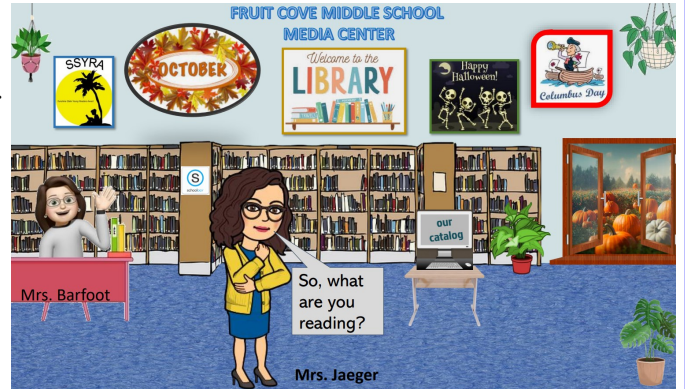
Hours: 7:10am—1:50pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
7:10am—12:50pm Wednesday

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](#)

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

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.



FCMS PTO



NEWSLETTER



Website



Instagram



Facebook

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12 Days of Christmas


A yearly event when the PTO works with the school to give our faculty and staff something special for 12 days.


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Fill the Baskets <https://bit.ly/3uukUiE>

Make a Dontation <https://bit.ly/47UxInD>



 The PTO will sponsor a breakfast for faculty & staff from Panera.

 Bella Visa will provide lunch for faculty and staff.

Spirit Wear

Cotton hoodies are \$25!
Camo hoodies are \$35
20% off ALL other spirit wear!
<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/fcms-spiritwear>

SPECIAL OFFER



8th Grade Semiformal

The students have voted and the theme is ...

Glitz and Glamour



Important Dates

- Dec 6-21 | The 12 Days of Christmas for Teachers
- Jan 29 | General PTO Meeting

MEETING

PTO Meeting | January 29



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Salad - Choice of Caesar or House
16" New York Style Pizza

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16" New York Style Pizza
16" Pepperoni Pizza
20 wings - choice of Buffalo or BBQ
Penne Vodka (Half Tray)
Chicken Parmigiana (Half Tray)
Salad - Choice of Caesar or House
16" New York Style Pizza

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math circle

ORLANDO
MATH CIRCLE'S

ST. AUGUSTINE

NEW OMC CHAPTER!

initiated by one of our high school students

WE WILL DO MATH OLYMPIAD PRACTICE

on the following dates

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

ST. AUGUSTINE LIBRARY -
SOUTHEAST BRANCH

6670 US-1, St. Augustine, FL 32086

Contact matthew_j@orlandomathcircle.org for more



Fruit Cove Middle School

ORDERS DUE BY:

12/1/2023

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With your help, we will be raising \$5,000 for essential programs not currently funded through traditional means. We are asking every student to REGISTER & SHARE with 5 or more supporters to reach our group goal! We are counting on these funds for the benefit of every child. This funding does not come from other sources so your participation, at any level, is critical. Thank you for your support!

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