

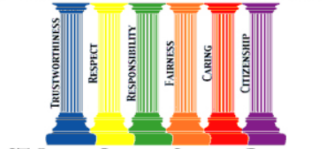
Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

December 15, 2023

CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month:
December — All Pillars

Important Dates

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

Tuesday, January 9
SAC meeting 2:30pm

Monday, January 15
Martin Luther King Day -
Student/Teacher Holiday

Friday, January 19
Report Cards

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.

Congratulations, W.E.B.!

Our W.E.B. Team was honored for the third semester in a row for the "Most Outstanding Stop the Bullying Campaign." The W.E.B. Team's fall kindness campaign, "Color the World with Kindness," has included school wide decorations, student taught kindness lessons, several school wide philanthropic initiatives and student events and programs including "no one eats alone," Sundae Monday, Tie Dye Color Splash, Character Counts Patio lunches, a student v. teacher volleyball game and Cookies and Cards. We plan to carry our theme into the spring semester and continue coloring the world with kindness!



Band News

Mark your calendars:

- **Tues., December 19** — River City Concert Band, FCMS auditorium, TBA



FCMS Battle of the Books Team

Congratulations to our 2024 Battle of the Books Team: Nikit Chitteti, Akshara Gangadi, Shreya Patchipulusu, Tejasavini Saravanan, Rayan Sirajudeen, Aarav Bukka and Mudil Nair. They will compete against the other middle schools in the District on March 8, 2024. Good luck!



Sad News

FCMS Family,

One of our students, Erin Booth, passed away on December 3rd. The family has asked us to share the obituary with our FCMS family.

We will be working closely with the family to honor Erin's memory in the near future. As details emerge, we will share information with FCMS families.

<https://www.olearyfuneral.com/obituary/Erin-Booth>

NJHS News

The National Junior Honor Society is happy to announce we collected over 365 toys to donate to **Toys for Tots** this year. Thank you to everyone who donated to help make a child's holiday brighter. All toys are going to children in our community. Great job Fruit Cove family!!!



NATIONAL
JUNIOR
HONOR
SOCIETY

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](#)

W.E.B. News

Thank you to all the students who came out to our free PBIS event "Cookies and Cards!" We made over 100 cards for American soldiers stationed far from home while enjoying some sweet treats.



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!

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.

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 January 9, January 23 and February 6. 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.

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 January 11, January 25 and February 8. 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.

Florida Future Educators of America News



Florida Future Educators of America (FFEA) will be meeting next Thursday, January 11 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!

Yearbook News

The advertisement is set against a light blue background with falling snow. At the top, it says "Fruit Cove Middle School BUY YOUR YEARBOOK!". Below that, in a large, elegant script font, is "Happy Winter", followed by "HOLIDAY SALE!" in a bold, blocky font. A message reads: "Get your child the gift they would remember and don't forget to buy your 8th grade ads before they run out!". A black button with white text says "BUY NOW". Below the button, the website "buytheyearbook.com" and school code "715832" are listed. The bottom of the graphic features a row of stylized evergreen trees with snow on their branches and roofs.

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Sports Information



FRUIT COVE MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL 2023—2024

SEASON PRACTICE INFORMATION

Practice begins—Monday, January 8, 2024

Girls Practice: 2-4:00pm

Boys Practice: 4-6:00pm

SEASON GAME INFORMATION

Girls game starts at 5:30pm Boys game starts at 6:30pm

Game days are Monday or Tuesday and Thursdays beginning January 16.

Tickets are available on SchoolPay for \$3.00

On Game days, the students will go home and meet at the game 45 minutes prior to the start of their game.

Visit our website for more information

<https://www-fcs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/athletics/basketball/>

2024 FCMS Basketball Schedule

Tuesday, January 16	-	FCMS @ PBMS
Thursday, January 18	-	BYE
Monday, January 22	-	SPMS @ FCMS
Thursday, January 25	-	GRMS @ FCMS
Monday, January 29	-	MMS @ FCMS
Thursday, February 1	-	FCMS @ LMS
Tuesday, February 6	-	FCMS @ SMS
Thursday, February 8	-	PBMS @ FCMS
Tuesday, February 13	-	BYE
Thursday, February 15	-	FCMS @ SPMS
Tuesday, February 20	-	FCMS @ GRMS
Thursday, February 22	-	FCMS @ MMS
Tuesday, February 27	-	LMS @ FCMS
Thursday, February 29	-	SMS @ FCMS

PLAYOFFS:

SEMI-FINALS Tuesday, March 5

#1 VS #4 #2 VS #3

HIGHEST SEEDED TEAM HOSTS

FINALS Thursday, March 7

HIGHEST SEEDED TEAM HOSTS

2023-24 Basketball Teams

GIRLS: Elarie Desuyo, Juliana Diaz, Ava Gaskill, Maya Geerdes, Hope Gisel, Emma Godfrey, Reagan Jay, Lindsay Leonard, Alexis Maselli, Abigail Miller, Gabrielle Narin, Courtney Owens, Alice Silva, Aashini Yalamanchi

BOYS: Brayden Carroll, Max Cockerman, Bryer Dixon, Jacob Frazier, Lucien Hilaire, Mason Hollingsworth, Joseph Jeffery, Samay Kolukuluri, Dom Lizzmore, Carson Maslan, Mason McCoy, Joshua Mercado, Nayan Nutanapati, Nixson Poppinga, Nicolas Rippa, Zander Stewart, Kellen Tinker, Nolan Wicker

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](#)

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.



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



FCMS PTO



NEWSLETTER



Website



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Facebook

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



Orders placed before Dec 20 will go home before break.

12 Days of Christmas

Because of your generous donations ...

We were able to make even more baskets than we expected AND give the teachers an extra surprise on the punch board!

PTO provided breakfast from Panera!
Bella Vista provided lunch!



Open SY24-25 PTO Positions

PTO has several positions open as our 8th grade families move up to CSHS. In order to ensure a smooth transition, we are offering the opportunity for you to shadow current board members. Contact Joslyn at fcmsptopresident@gmail.com

Open Positions

- President
- Treasurer
- Fundraising
- Secretary
- Spirit Wear
- Dance Chair



Important Dates

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

Grade 8 Semi-Formal

Glitz & Glamour!
Sunday, February 25
5:30pm-8:00 pm





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

TOUCHDOWN - \$109
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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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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