

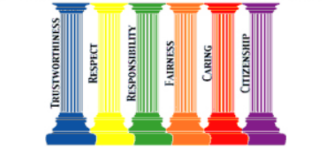
Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

January 12, 2024

CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month:
January — Respect

Important Dates

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

Friday, January 19
Report Cards

Tuesday, January 30
SJCS D Family Technology
Workshop

Tuesday, February 6
Interims Issued

Monday, February 19
Presidents' Day - Student/
Teacher Holiday

Friday, March 8
Third Quarter Ends

March 11 - 15
Spring Break - Student/
Teacher Holiday

Monday, March 18
Teacher Planning Day -
Student Holiday

Tuesday, March 19
Classes Resume for Students

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.

NJHS News



NATIONAL
JUNIOR
HONOR
SOCIETY

National Junior Honor Society collected and donated over 400 toys for Toys for Tots. Outstanding drive and very much appreciated!

Our next drive will be collecting Valentine cards, decorations, stuffed animals, valentine toys, coloring books, etc. to give to Nemours Children's Hospital. The drive will begin on Monday, January 22, and run through Thursday, February 1. Donations will be collected and dropped off on Friday, February 2.



Upcoming meetings will be on Tuesday, February 16th for officers only and on Thursday, February 18th for all members. All members meeting will include making Valentine Day's Cards for the children at Nemours Children's Hospital. Please bring in your own markers and colored pens and pencils. Paper will be provided.

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](#)

SJCS D Family Techology Workshop



IRMS is excited to offer a Family Technology Workshop on January 30th beginning at 5:30pm. The workshop will feature information on Clever, Schoology, and Microsoft 365, and how families can assist their child with these important tools. For more information and the ZOOM link, visit

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/SJCS D-Family-Technology-Workshop-Jan-30.pdf>

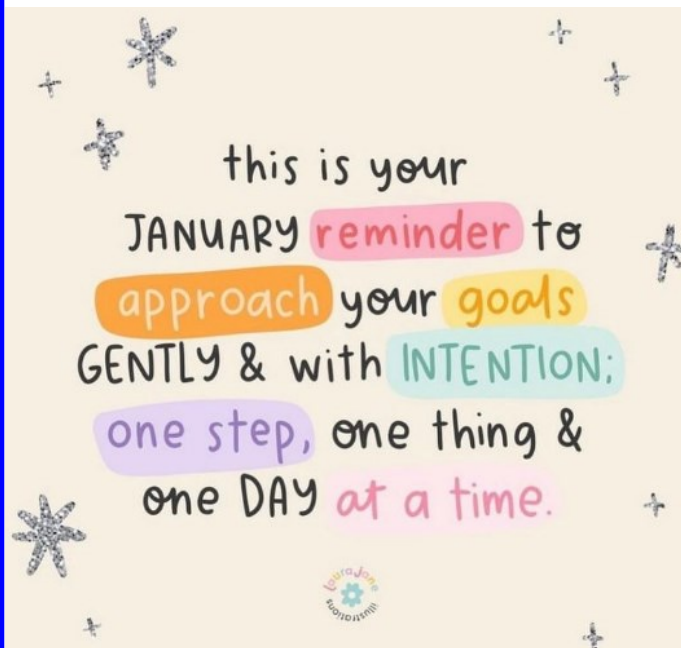
Testing Score News

Standard setting took place in Summer 2023 to establish a new B.E.S.T. scale. Starting in Winter 2023, scores are being reported on the new scale approved by the State Board of Education. The scale score ranges differ by grade and subject. Achievement levels describe a student's success with the content assessed. As required by state law, achievement levels range from 1 to 5, with Level 1 as the lowest and Level 5 as the highest. For all assessments, Level 3 indicates on grade level performance. Higher expectations were established with the adoption of the B.E.S.T. Standards, which are more rigorous than the previous standards, the Florida Standards. The adopted cut scores for the FAST assessments and B.E.S.T. EOC assessments set higher expectations that bring us a step closer to ensuring all our students are prepared for postsecondary success.

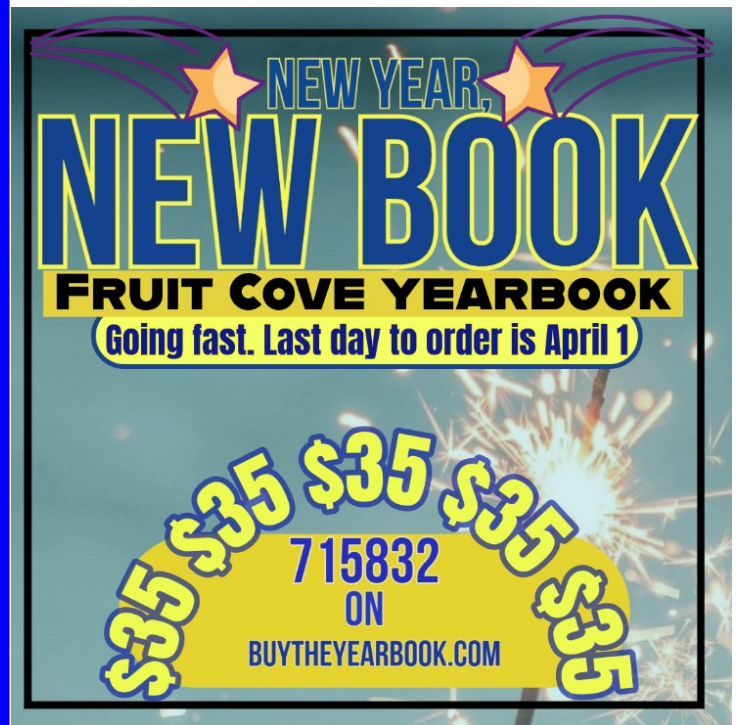
Because the two scales were established for two different assessment systems aligned to different standards and the B.E.S.T. Standards are more rigorous than the Florida Standards, performance comparisons should not be made.

Your student received a score for a test on the provisional scale during the 2022–2023 school year or for a fall 2023 assessment (PM2, B.E.S.T. EOC, or FAST Grade 10 ELA Reading Retake), this score will update in the Florida Reporting System and Family Portal to reflect how your student would have scored on the new B.E.S.T. scale. The previous provisional scores are being provided on the B.E.S.T. scale for informational purposes only, so that you can make “apples to apples” comparisons to see your student's progress over time. The converted score will look different because the provisional and B.E.S.T. scales use different number ranges, and the number ranges for B.E.S.T. are lower. This does not mean that the test got easier or that the standard was lowered. The new score is simply placed on a new range of numbers (325–475) vs. the provisional range (425–575).

Guidance News



Yearbook News



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, February 6 and February 20. 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, February 8, and February 22. 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.

Drama Club



January 2024

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
8 Students back in class	9 Canceled for storm	10	11 Singin' in the Rain choreography- aud. 2-3:30 (Ms. Padgett out- Doemel running rehearsal)	12- from 2-2:40 Set meeting. Ms. Padgett's room (Ms. Padgett out- Bavuso will run meeting)
15	16 All I Do is Dream of You Choreography- aud. 2-3:30	17	18 Fit as a Fiddle Choreography- aud. 2-3:30	19
22	23 Make 'Em Laugh choreography- aud. 2-3:30	24	25 Make 'Em Laugh choreography- aud. 2-3:30	26- from 2-2:40 Set meeting. Ms. Padgett's room Light and sound, meet in Ms. Padgett's room
29	30 Good Morning choreography- aud. 2-3:30	31	1 Choreography review- full cast- aud. 2-3:30	

Track & Field News

Attention all Runners! 2024 Track and Field Season begins January 15 with a Track and Field Preview and Parent Meeting. Please see Coach Jill Benavides Room 570 for Track and Field 2024 forms and information.



Sports Information



FRUIT COVE MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL 2023—2024

SEASON PRACTICE INFORMATION

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 Romano-Lizzmore, Carson Maslan, Mason McCoy, Joshua Mercado, Nayan Nutanapati, Nixson Poppinga, Austin Proper, Nicolas Rippa, Andrew Simmons, Zander Stewart, Kellen Tinker, Nolan Wicker

GO FLYERS! 

Library News

Welcome to the 2023/2024 School Year!

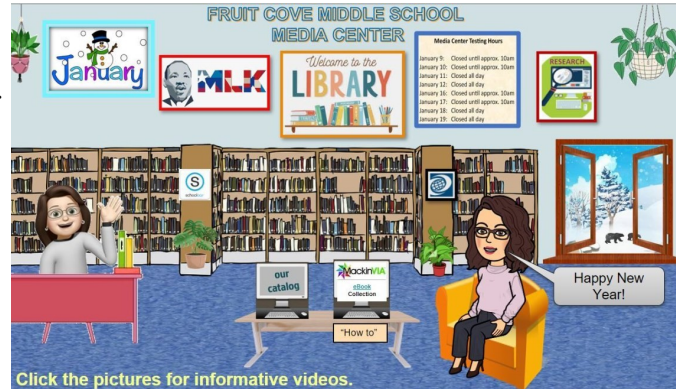
Hours: 7:10am—1:50pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
7:10am—12:50pm Wednesday

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

Vigil



ERIN BOOTH

We invite you to celebrate the life of Erin Booth, a beautiful soul who left us too soon. Come light a candle, sign the condolence book and pay tribute to the life of an incredible child.

JANUARY

WEDNESDAY

24

5:30PM

JULINGTON CREEK PLANTATION PARK
875 DAVIS POND BLVD

Family Technology Workshop



Families will learn how to access Digital Platforms in SJCSD & how these tools help students in all grade Levels.

5:30pm
Tuesday
January 30, 2024

bit.ly/SJCSD-January30Workshop

Topics of Discussion:

-  Clever - Links for Students
-  Schoolology
-  Microsoft 365

Presented by St. Johns County Instructional
Resources & Media Services Department

RISING 9TH GRADERS

WELCOME TO THE BARRACUDA NATION



WHEN?

21 FEBRUARY
2024

JOIN US FOR A THREE
PART INFORMATIONAL
MEETING

SCHEDULE

6:30 PM

LAST NAMES A-K: AUDITORIUM

LAST NAMES L-Z: GYMNASIUM

FOLLOWED BY THE CAFETERIA

7:10 PM

LAST NAMES A-K: GYMNASIUM

FOLLOWED BY THE CAFETERIA

LAST NAMES L-Z: AUDITORIUM

WHAT WILL BE COVERED?

Auditorium:

- Academic Presentation
- Registration Process
- Student Performances

Gymnasium:

- Pep Rally
- Student Performances
- Student Speakers

Cafeteria:

- Extracurricular Booths
- Elective Course Booths
- BHS Apparel
- Athletic Questions
- Meet 9th Grade Teachers



FCMS PTO



NEWSLETTER



Website



Instagram



Facebook

FCMS, Grade 8 Students!

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
8TH GRADE

GLITZ & GLAMOUR SEMI - FORMAL

FEBRUARY 25 6-8PM	DESSERTS & DRINKS DJ & PHOTOBOOTH
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St. Johns Golf & Country Club
Doors open at 6pm

Tickets sold on
Cheddar up




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



Spirit Wear



Visit FCMPTO.com for all your spirit wear needs!

Important Dates

- Jan 29 | General PTO Meeting
- Feb 25 | Grade 8 Semi-Formal



FCMS BUSINESS PARTNERS

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Chicken Parmigiana (Half Tray)
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

OMC

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

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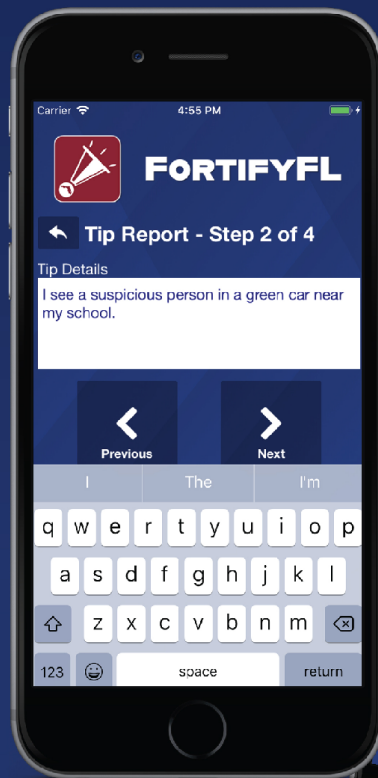




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