

Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

February 9, 2024

CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month:
February — Caring

Important Dates

Tuesday, February 13
SAC meeting 2:30pm

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

Monday, March 4
Rising 7th & 8th Grade
Parent Night 6pm

Tuesday, March 5
SAC meeting 2:30pm

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
Rising 6th Grade Parent
Night 6pm

School Hours
7:30am-1:50pm

Wednesday Dismissal
@ 12:50pm

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

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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.

NJHS News

We will meet Thursday, February 18 to make 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). **There is no tutoring Feb. 16 or 18!**

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](#)

Jazz Ensemble News

Congratulations to the members of the Flyers Jazz Ensemble on their Straight Superior Ratings at their Jazz Music Performance Assessment (MPA) February 7! They received many wonderful comments from other band directors and judges after the performance. We are very proud of their hard work.



Guidance News



Family Technology Workshop

A Family Technology Workshop was offered to our parents and community on Tuesday, January 30, 2024. The webinar included information on Clever, Schoology, Microsoft 365, online textbooks, Tech-Talk.com, and other technology resources utilized by students and available at school and home! If your families were unable to attend the live presentation, a recording is available on the Media Services YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-LoOpGKwVI>.



Thank you,
Instructional Resources and
Media Services

Yearbook News

DESIGN
YOUR 8TH GRADE
DEDICATION
NOW!

Final due
date February
14th

Sign in to your
buytheyearbook.com
account
You have less
than two weeks!

Important Yearbook deadlines

- **February 14**—Last day to purchase AND submit your 8th grade dedication (ad).
- **March 5**— Last day for student portraits to be added to the yearbook. *If your student was absent for both picture days and would still like their portrait picture in the yearbook, please have them see Ms. Reichard in room 670 before March 5.*
- **April 15**—Last day to purchase a yearbook OR when they are sold out. **WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.**

Over 2/3 of our quantity is already sold so please do not delay in purchasing. This is a **HARD** deadline that cannot be changed. This allows enough time for printing and distribution of the book before the school year ends; both are lengthy processes.

To purchase a book and/or an 8th grade dedication go to: www.buytheyearbook.com
School code: 715832

SAVE THE DATES!

March 4 6PM FCMS Auditorium Rising 7th & 8th Grade Students and Parents

March 19 6PM FCMS Auditorium Rising 6th Grade Students and Parents

Meet the FCMS Administrative Team | View our Core & Elective Course Offerings | Bell Schedule | Arrival & Dismissal Process | Clubs | PTO | PBIS Rewards | Sports Schoology & HAC | Parental Involvement Opportunities

SAC News



School Advisory Council (SAC) Parent Survey

Survey Window February 2 to March 31

<https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=18MJ5692>

SPECIAL SAC MEETING FCMS Library February 13, 2024 2:30pm

Special guests, Gretchen Saunders and Michael Degutis, from St. Johns County School District will be joining us to present on upcoming local and state legislative initiatives for 2024 that will affect our district.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

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#

8th Grade GradTastic Field Trip

What: GradTastic SeaWorld Orlando 2024

Why: 8th Grade Reward Trip

When: May 17th (depart from FCMS @ 1pm during 6th period and return May 18th @ 2:15am to Publix off Race Track Road)

Cost: \$175 via SchoolPay ONLY

SchoolPay Link: <https://www.schoolpay.com/link/8thGrade-GradTastic-Trip-05172024>

Due: Forms & Payment **Due by March 8th, 2024**

Link to Forms: <https://www-fcs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/8th-Grade-Field-Trip-General-Info-2024R.pdf>

Questions: Contact Tee'ha Carroll at 904-547-7880 or teeha.carroll@stjohns.k12.fl.us



Guidance News

9TH GRADE IS ALMOST HERE....

8th grade students will meet with high school counselors to go over classes that will be on their schedule next year and have an opportunity to choose electives. Parents are welcome to attend via speakerphone on their child's cell phone.

CREEKSIDE:

Civics students will go to the media center with their Civics teacher on the following days. US History students will go according to the period/teacher they have US history as shown below.

Date	Teacher	Period	Start	End
Friday, February 23, 2024	Gaus (19)	1	7:30 AM	8:16 AM
	Gaus (20)	2	8:20 AM	9:06 AM
	Gaus (20) + Jones (1)	3	9:10 AM	9:56 AM
		Lunch	10:00 AM	10:30 AM
	Gaus (19) + Jones (2)	4	10:34 AM	11:20 AM
	Gaus (19)	5	11:24 AM	12:10 PM
	Gaus (19) + Jones (1) + Whitmer 7th pd student (1)	6	12:14 PM	1:00 PM
		7	1:04 PM	1:50 PM
Date	Teacher	Period	Start	End
Monday, February 26, 2024	Hirsch (21)	1	7:30 AM	8:16 AM
	Hirsch (20)	2	8:20 AM	9:06 AM
	Hirsch (20)	3	9:10 AM	9:56 AM
		Lunch	10:00 AM	10:30 AM
	Hirsch (19)	4	10:34 AM	11:20 AM
	Hirsch (15)	5	11:24 AM	12:10 PM
	Hirsch (20) + Huff (1) 7th pd student	6	12:14 PM	1:00 PM
		7	1:04 PM	1:50 PM
Date	Teacher	Period	Start	End
Tuesday, February 27, 2024	Jarrell (21)	1	7:30 AM	8:16 AM
	Jarrell (18)	2	8:20 AM	9:06 AM
	Jarrell (19)	3	9:10 AM	9:56 AM
		Lunch	10:00 AM	10:30 AM
	Jarrell (21)	4	10:34 AM	11:20 AM
	Jarrell (19)	5	11:24 AM	12:10 PM
	Jarrell (16)	6	12:14 PM	1:00 PM
		7	1:04 PM	1:50 PM
Date	Teacher	Period	Start	End
Wednesday, February 28, 2024	Alford (24)	2	8:12 AM	8:49 AM
	Alford (24)	3	8:53 AM	9:30 AM

ALL OTHER SCHOOLS:

Students will be pulled individually on the following days. They will receive a verification sheet with their meeting time or will be called from class. *Some schools opt to contact families directly instead

02/28/24 Nease High School
 03/08/24 Beachside High School
 Via phone Jacqui Creek High School (will contact directly)
 03/06/24 Bartram Trail High School (may contact directly)
 03/08/24 Ponte Vedra High School (may contact directly)

Chess Club News



Chess Club upcoming meeting dates are February 20, March 5 and March 19. 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 upcoming meeting dates are February 22, March 7 and March 28. 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 meet Thursday, March 7 after school from 2:00—2:30 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!

Testing News

The April and May testing calendars are available on the website:

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

April 2024						
B.E.S.T. WRITING WINDOW APRIL 1-12						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8TH GRADE WRITING	2 8TH GRADE WRITING	3	4 7TH GRADE WRITING	5 7TH GRADE WRITING	6
MAKE-UPS WILL BE WHEN ONE RETURNS TO SCHOOL						
7	8 6TH GRADE WRITING	9 6TH GRADE WRITING	10	11	12	13
MAKE-UPS WILL BE WHEN ONE RETURNS TO SCHOOL						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

May 2024						
TESTING WINDOW MAY 1-24						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 CIVICS EOC	2 CIVICS EOC	3 6TH GRADE READING	4
5	6 6TH GRADE READING	7 7TH GRADE READING	8	9 8TH GRADE READING	10 6TH GRADE MATH	11
MAKE-UPS WILL BE WHEN ONE RETURNS TO SCHOOL						
12 Mother's Day	13 6TH GRADE MATH	14 7TH GRADE MATH	15	16 8TH GRADE MATH	17	18
MAKE-UPS WILL BE WHEN ONE RETURNS TO SCHOOL						
19	20 ALGEBRA EOC	21 GEOMETRY EOC	22 8TH GRADE SCIENCE	23	24 LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS	25
MAKE-UPS WILL BE WHEN ONE RETURNS TO SCHOOL						
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

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

Monday, January 29 - MMS @ FCMS
(Blue Out!)
Thursday, February 1 - FCMS @ LMS
Tuesday, February 6 - FCMS @ SMS
Thursday, February 8 - PBMS @ FCMS
(Wear Red! Teacher Appreciation)
Tuesday, February 13 - BYE
Thursday, February 15 - FCMS @ SPMS
Tuesday, February 20 - FCMS @ GRMS
Thursday, February 22 - FCMS @ MMS
Tuesday, February 27 - LMS @ FCMS
(Hawaiian Night!)
Thursday, February 29 - SMS @ FCMS

(8th Grade Night! Wear FCMS Gear)

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, Nixon Poppinga, Austin Proper, Nicolas Rippa, Andrew Simmons, Zander Stewart, Kellen Tinker, Nolan Wicker

GO FLYERS! The logo for the Flyers team, featuring the text "GO FLYERS!" in large, blue, outlined letters. To the right is a stylized graphic of a basketball hoop with a basketball in mid-air, and a figure below it.

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

Important Attendance Information!

All absence notes or online attendance submissions MUST be submitted within 48 hours of your student's return to school following an absence. Notes or submissions received after the 48-hour window will not be accepted, and the absence will remain unexcused. **8th grade parents – please keep this in mind as more than 15 unexcused absences in the school year will disqualify your student for the SeaWorld 8th Grade Behavior Reward Field Trip.**

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

FCMS Grade 8 Students!

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/2024-semi-formal>



Calling
6th & 7th
Grade
Families:

Volunteers needed for 8th grade semi-formal setup and clean up so that our 8th grade families can enjoy the evening.

<https://bit.ly/42xMAA8>



Only 59 Tickets Left

Last day to purchase tickets is February 16

featuring . . .



DON'T MISS OUT!

Spirit Wear



Visit fcmspto.com for all your spirit wear needs!



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 or see PTO Positions Flyer for more details



Starting March 1st we will be holding our Spring Fundraiser for purchase an electronic sign for the front of the school. More information to come. Check out our website at FCMSPTO.com

Important Dates

- Feb 25 | Grade 8 Semi-Formal
- March 1 | Fundraiser Kicks Off
- April 26 | Spring Dance "Let's Glow"
- May 6-10 | Teacher Appreciation Week

PTO Positions



President

- Best for a person with time flexibility
- Plans Year with PTO Board and Administration
- Assists all positions
- Runs all meetings

Fundraising

- Plans and oversees yearly fundraisers
- 2 or more fundraisers a year
- Big commitments a few weeks out of the year

Membership

- Starts the summer before school
- Decides membership perks and deals for the year
- Distributes membership first couple of months of school
- Mostly first half of school year

Secretary

- Records all minutes from meetings
- Keeps record of google calendar
- Emails minutes for the website
- Must attend meetings

8th grade Events

- Plans Semi Formal, coordinates with venue, set up/break down
- Works with school for 8th grade fun day and awards ceremony
- Most time is 2nd half of school

Dance Chair

- Plans and executes both dances. Fall and Spring.

Fence Chair

- Designs and installs fence decorations



Maverick Level

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Session One: June 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13

Session Two: June 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27

Two Part Application Process-Click Here

- 1. Parent online application**
- 2. Student essay/teacher recommendation**

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Don't Miss The Fun

Check out our website site at:

<https://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/marinescience/>

**Kristina Bransford
Program Coordinator**

marinescienceprogram@stjohns.k12.fl.us



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Transition Information Fair

You're Invited!

The St. Johns County School District invites students with an IEP or 504 who are preparing for high school graduation, along with their parents and guardians, to participate in a Transition Fair. Explore a variety of local vendors and agencies ready to share valuable information about programs, support, and community resources tailored to your needs.

Event Details

Tuesday, February 13th
5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
First Coast Technical College
Character Counts Conference Room (Building C)
2980 Collins Avenue
St. Augustine, FL 32084



Community Agencies Attending

- ABLE United
- Ability Tree First Coast
- Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)
- All Therapies Support, Inc.
- Best Buddies
- Bright Feats Northeast Florida
- CIL Jacksonville
- CareerSource Northeast Florida
- Family Care Council Area 4
- Flagler College
- Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities
- Hope Haven
- PossAbilities Plus
- Progressive Abilities Support Services (PASS)
- SMILE BOX - Life Work
- Social Security Administration
- Special Olympics Florida
- St. Johns River State College
- The Arc Jacksonville
- The Morris Center
- UF Health CARD & FDLRS - MDC
- Youth and Young Adult Empowerment, Leadership & Learning Lab, Dept of OT, University of Florida



For More Information Contact

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Stay tuned for additional providers joining this impactful lineup.

RIISING 9TH GRADERS

WELCOME TO THE BARRAGUDA 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

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2023

September 30 from 1 PM to 3 PM
 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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