

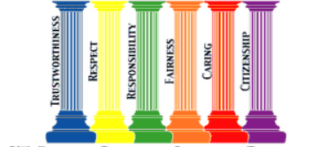
# Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

February 23, 2024

## CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month:  
February — Caring

### Important Dates

**Sunday, February 25**  
8th Grade Semi-Formal  
Dance

**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

**Tuesday, March 26**  
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.

## Beaver Toyota Student of the Week

Congratulations to Shreya Patchipulusu for being recognized by Beaver Toyota as a student who exemplifies all 6-character traits. She is one of the current B6 co-presidents, who consistently models the character traits that are crucial to the foundation of the B6 (be all 6) club. This is a well-deserved recognition for her hard work! Thank you for always representing our club and our school with such poise and character!



## Band News

Congratulation to the following students for performing in the St Johns County Honor Band held at Murray Middle School on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sophia Policarpo, Brooke Nieder, Sophia Tuzmen, Zoe Radosevich, Aarna Warekar, Naren Rajmohan, Eva Nguyen, Ian Bujnak, Jonah Jedraszczak, Phedre Nelligan, Kennedy Schwartzkoff, Ryan Schwartzkoff, Gunner Ernsting, Kobe Leal, and Leon Mendoza

We had 15 FCMS students nominated for this group of 80 students from SJC middle schools.

The group was directed by Jeremy Langford, guest clinician from Apopka High School.



## STEM Fair News

On Feb 6- 8<sup>th</sup> the county STEM fair competition was held. Congratulations to three FCMS students who were named winners!

Nikit Chitteti won 1st place in **Engineering and Smart Machines**. Nikit will compete in the state competition April 2-4.

Rayan Sirajudeen was awarded honorable mention in the **Environmental Engineering** category and received the "Ricoh Environmental Engineering Award."

Will Davis won third place in the "**Physical Science**" category.



## 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>

## Pet Drive

National Junior Honor Society, WEB, and B6 Club will be sponsoring a pet supply drive. It begins on Monday, February 27 and will run through Thursday, March 7. Supplies needed are food, treats, carriers, old, clean blankets or towels, leashes, collars, food dishes, and toys. The homeroom with the most donations will receive a cookie treat! All donations will go to the St. Johns Pet Adoption Center. Please contact Mrs. Doemel or Ms. Farbo for further information.



## Flyers' Forum

*Flyers' Forum*

The Runway to Success  
PTO & The Principal & Family Partnership

**February Topic**  
**Suicide Awareness**  
&  
**Prevention**

Home & School Working Together

2/26/24  
6:30pm  
FCMS Auditorium

## Yearbook News

### Important Yearbook deadlines

- **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 8<sup>th</sup> grade dedication go to:  
[www.buytheyearbook.com](http://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

## Chess Club News



Chess Club upcoming meeting dates are March 5, March 19 and April 2. 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.

Vikek Kolli placed second overall and 1<sup>st</sup> place in 6<sup>th</sup> grade age group in the 26th Annual Jacksonville Scholastic Chess Championship on this past Saturday 02/10/24. He is an active member of our FCMS Chess Club.



## B6 News



B6 Club upcoming meeting dates are **February 29 (photo only - wear B6 t-shirt for group photo)**, March 7, March 28, and April 11. 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 News

### February Calendar for *Singin' in the Rain*

Sound & light—please plan on joining us starting on Feb. 22 to help us run technical elements

| Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday | Thursday   | Friday   |
|---|---|-----------|--|--|
|   |   |           | 1<br>Full cast choreography review<br>2-3:30 in aud.   | 2  |
| 5<br>Scene 1 and 2 blocking<br>Aud. 2-4   | 6<br>Scene 3 and 4 blocking<br>Aud. 2-4                 | 7         | 8<br>Scene 5 blocking<br>Call: Full cast. If not blocking, review<br>Aud. 2-4                                      | 9<br>Set meeting 2-2:40 in Padgett's room<br>Lighting 2-2:40 in Padgett's room                               |
| 12<br>Act 1 (scenes 1-5) stumble through<br>Aud. 2-4<br>*Costume crew meet after school, time TBD | 13<br>Scenes 6 and 7 blocking<br>Aud. 2-4               | 14        | 15<br>Scenes 8 and 9 blocking 2-4<br>Call: Full cast. If not blocking, review<br>Set meeting Padgett's room 2-2:40 | 16   |
| 19<br>No school   | 20<br>Set meeting 2-2:40                                | 21        | 22<br>Act 1 review- with music 2-4<br>Call: Full cast. If not blocking, review                                     | 23<br>No meeting   |
| 26<br>Act 2 review- with music<br>2-4   | 27<br>Act 1 review with music<br>Call: Full cast<br>2-4 | 28        | 29<br>Act 2 review with music<br>Call: Full cast<br>2-4<br>Set meeting 2-2:40                                      | 1<br>**Off book!<br>Costume approval due (show costume to Ms. Padgett)<br>Set meeting- Padgett's room 2-2:40 |

## 8th Grade GradTastic Field Trip

**What:** GradTastic SeaWorld Orlando 2024

**Why:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reward Trip

**When:** May 17<sup>th</sup> (depart from FCMS @ 1pm during 6<sup>th</sup> period and return May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:teeha.carroll@stjohns.k12.fl.us)



## NJHS News



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](mailto:debbie.doemel@stjohns.k12.fl.us)) or Ms. Farbo (Thursdays, [barb.farbo@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto: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](#)

## 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!

## Guidance News

### 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE IS ALMOST HERE....

8<sup>th</sup> 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  |
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|                              |  | 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)

## 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 large, stylized letter 'W' 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](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. **8<sup>th</sup> grade parents – please keep this in mind as more than 15 unexcused absences in the school year will disqualify your student for the SeaWorld 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Behavior Reward Field Trip.**

Still have questions? Please contact Ginny Michalski at [ginny.michalski@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto: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.

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

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



# FCMS PTO



## NEWSLETTER



Website



Instagram



Facebook



Thank you so much for the coffee and supplies for the teacher planning rooms!

### Important Dates

- March | Kindness Matters Fundraiser (fcmspto.com)
- March | 8th Grade Yard Sign Sale (more info coming)
- April 26 | 2:00-4:00 Let's Glow Spring Dance
- May 6-10 | Teacher Appreciation Week (fcmsptota@gmail.com)

### 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
- Fundraising
- Membership
- Secretary
- Spirit Wear
- Dance Chair
- Fence Cups
- 8th Grade Events Chair



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

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- 2. Student essay/teacher recommendation**

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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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