Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILO



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

January 26, 2024

CHARACTER COUNTS! 3180 Racetrack Rd



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month: January — Respect

Important Dates

Tuesday, January 30 SJCSD 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

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.

"HOME OF THE FLYERS"

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

NJHS is sponsoring a Valentine's Day Collection for Nemours Childrens Hospital. Members will make cards, bring in cards, stuffed animals, toys, decorations, and posters for Valentine's Day. No food or candy please. All items will be delivered to Nemours before Valentine's Day so they can decorate the rooms for the children in the hospital. The collection drive begins Monday, January 29 and runs through Thursday, February 8.



Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday, February 16 - officers only

Thursday, February 18 - all members. We will 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) 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

SJCSD 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/SJCSD-Family-Technology-Workshop-Jan-30.pdf

Guidance News

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Eva Nguyen who performed at the Florida Music **Educators Association** Conference in the Allstate Middle School Honor Band

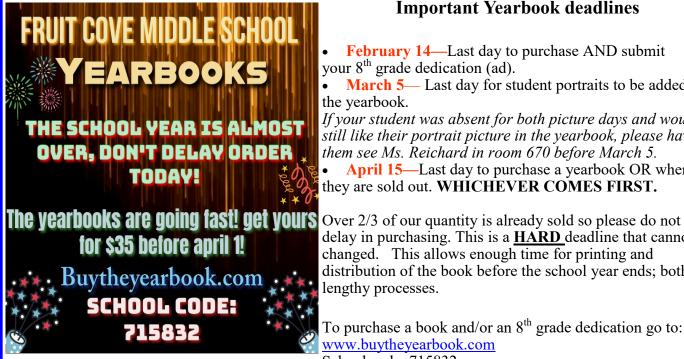


Florida Future Educators of America News



Florida Future Educators of America (FFEA) will be meeting next Thursday, February 1 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!

Yearbook News



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.

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



School Advisory Council (SAC) Parent Survey

Survey Window February 2 to March 31

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



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#

Chess Club News



Chess Club upcoming meeting dates are February 6, 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 8** (*wear B6 t-shirt for group photo*), 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.

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

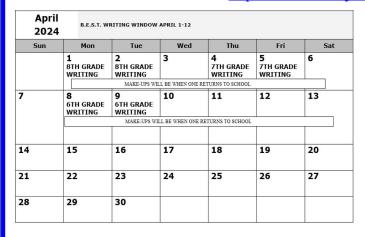
Link to Forms: https://www-fcs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/8th-Grade-Field-Trip-

General-Info-2024R.pdf

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

Testing News

The April and May testing calendars are available on the website: https://www-fcs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/testing/



May 2024	TESTING	WINDOW MAY 1	-24			
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 CIVICS EOC	2 CIVICS EOC	3 6 TH GRADE READING	4
5	6 6 [™] GRADE READING	7 7 TH GRADE READING	8	9 8 TH GRADE READING	10 6 TH GRADE MATH	11
	MAKE-UPS WILL BE WHEN ONE RETURNS TO SCHOOL					
12 Mother's Day	13 6 TH GRADE MATH	14 7 TH GRADE MATH	15	16 8 [™] GRADE MATH	17	18
	MAKE-UPS WILL BE WHEN ONE RETURNS TO SCHOOL					
19	20 ALGEBRA EOC	21 GEOMETRY EOC	8 TH GRADE SCIENCE	23	24 LAST DAY FOR	25
	MAKE-UPS WILL BE WHEN ONE RETURNS TO SCHOOL STUDENTS					
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
Tuesday, February 20
Thursday, February 22
Tuesday, February 27
(Hawaiian Night!)

FCMS @ SPMS
FCMS @ GRMS
FCMS @ MMS
LMS @ FCMS

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



Track & Field News

Congratulations to our FCMS Boys and Girls Track Teams! We are looking forward to a strong 2024 Track Season. There is still time to join! See Coach Jill Benavides, Room 570 or <u>jill.benavides@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> for Track and Field 2024 forms and more information.

2024 GIRLS TRACK TEAM

Aria Acuna Mary Fisk Jiva Patel Eva Adams Chelsey Frazier Elise Pearson Caitlyn Glenn Naomi Porter Callie Apel Andrea Prieto Grace Arezzi Emma Godfrev Harmony Arthur Brooke Habr Finley Quilal-lan Lexi Beneciuk Megan Hart Avery Richardson Anika Bhat Sidney Hiebenthal Maddy Ristau Scarlett Booth Dani Horton Marleigh Romine Mava Bowen Ivv Hunt Noam Salzman Avlin Sariisik Sydney Bouge Nora Huntsman Hayden Campbell Genevieve Hurt Alice Silva Nina Capriola Brynn Jenkins Mila Son Abigail Sovocool Ellie Collette Adisyn Johnston McKenzie Colson Hayley Kaltenbacher Ava Stone Caroline Comparato Viktoria Straka Era Karigi Madison Kinkade Jewel Copantsidis Leila Tyler Kayla Cort Katie Larson Kate Valentin Jayla DeArman Scarlett Latimer Aeby Van Doran Alexa Diaz Isabela Llazari Westyn Wallen Presley Dovey claire We Kelsey Miller Autumn Wyatt Eyva Dusetzina Paige Moser Silvia Echeverry Vethika Nair Nadia Zidovec Isla Facemyer Riey Negasi

Ryann Ottens

Dylan Finocchio

2024 BOYS TRACK TEAM

Parker Akins Gilbert England Neil Parikh Jack Andreoli Jordan Eriksen Reid Payton Chase Petrick Davis Baldwin Sylas Fisher Michael Ploetner Ire Banjo Luke Gibbes Jackson Boehringer TJ Halinar Wesley Ritzau Rylan Bourke Lucas Setterlund Riley Hartman Ethan Bourke DJ Hills Elijah Spitzer Jackson Hooker Wvatt Buck Caleb Sproul Oliver Cage Thomas Hurt Enzo Stewart Matthew Hurski Zander Stewart Thomas Canosa Alexander Chapman Daniel Itkin Easton Taylor Justin Clark Aagney Kiran Xavier Thomas Hovey Clock Zach Thomas Jake Knight Casey Conover Harrison Lafser Beckett Tweet Bryce Cunningham Nathan Loche Evan Varghese Luke Densmore Paul Myer Bryce Waldenmayer Mudil Nair Isaiah Dunn Isaiah Wyatt Jayce Edwards Seyoum Negasi

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 <u>Media Center homepage</u> 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

Reminder

Only 100 Tickets Left





Visit fcmspto.com for all your spirt 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

Open Positions

- President
- Treasurer
- Fundraisina
- Membership
- Secretary
- · Spirit Wear
- Dance Chair
- · Fence Cups
- · 8th Grade Events Chair

All positions have co-chairs. Come to a meeting to learn more or reach out to the current position holder. Contact info for each position can be found on our website fcmspto.com. We would love to have you!

Important Dates

- Jan 29 | General PTO Meeting 6:00 PM in the Multi-purpose Room
- Feb 25 | Grade 8 Semi-Formal





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



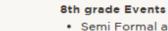
Membership

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



Spirit Wear

- · Starts in the summer
- · Designs Spirit Wear for the year
- · Distributes all spirit wear



· Semi Formal and End of Year Celebrations



Dance Chair

· Plans and executes both dances. Fall and Spring.

PTO NEWS



Maverick Level

FCMS BUSINESS PARTNERS

We are so grateful for our business partners!

COMPLIMENTARY INITIAL VISIT TWO LOCATIONS: STAUGUSTINE & ST JOHNS 904.79.SMILE (797.6453) Smiles by GLENOS & HADGIS ORTHODONTISTS smilesbyGHorthe.com US-1 | Race Track Rd 22 St Johns Medical Park Dr | 111 Doctors Village Dr Ste 400

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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:

- C Clever Links for Students
- Schoology
- Microsoft 365

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

SJCSD Exceptional Student Education

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

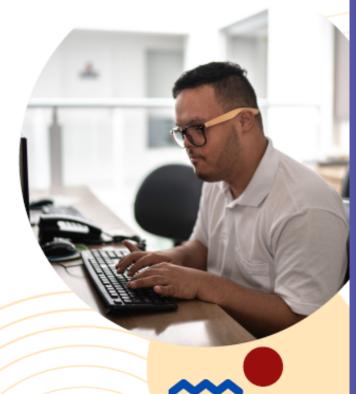
Tuesday, February 13th 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM First Coast Technical College Character Counts Conference Room (Building C) 2980 Collins Avenue St. Augustine, FL 32084



- 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

Stay tuned for additional providers joining this impactful lineup.

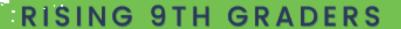




For More Information Contact

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Jennifer.Argentina@stjohns.kl2.fl.us

Kaley Presnell Kaley.Presnell@stjohns.k12.fl.us



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WHEN?

FEBRUARY

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

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



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_i@orlandomathcricle.org for more





- Up to \$25.98 hourly pay depending on experience
- Paid training time while acquiring your CDL endorsements
- Health, Dental, Vision Benefits and more for full time employees
- Florida Retirement System
- Life Insurance
- Full time employees work 30 to 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday
- Drive modern air-conditioned fleet buses



