

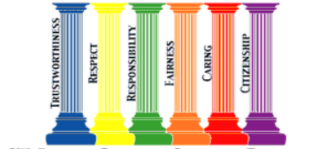
# Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

March 22, 2024

## CHARACTER COUNTS!



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Pillar of the Month:  
March — Trustworthiness

### Important Dates

**March 1—31**  
Kindness Matters Fundraiser

**March 18—April 22**  
Women in Need Drive

**Tuesday, March 26**  
Report Cards

**Friday, March 29**  
Holiday - Student/Teacher  
Holiday

**Thursday, April 4**  
Singin' in the Rain 6:00pm

**Friday, April 5**  
Singin' in the Rain 6:00pm

**Tuesday, April 9**  
SAC meeting 2:30pm

**Friday, April 19**  
Student/Teacher Holiday

**Tuesday, April 23**  
Interims Issued  
Student v Staff Basketball

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.

## Kindness Matters Fundraiser

We need your help!!

This year FCMS PTO is raising funds for an Electronic Sign for the school. Our goal is \$30,000! Click the link below for more information about our March Acts of Kindness calendar as well as how the fundraiser works.

Thanks so much for your participation!

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

## NJHS News



NJHS will be having sign-ups for elections of officers for the 2024 to 2025 school year. Students will need to sign up with Mrs. Doemel in April. The dates will be posted on the bulletin board, Schoology, and announced in school.

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](#)

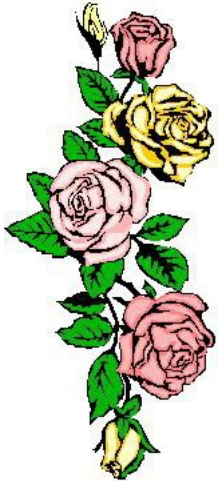
## SAC Family Survey

This survey is available until March 31

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

## Women in Need Drive

### Make Your Mom Proud!



March 18 - April 22, WEB is working with 2 Men and a Truck to host a supply drive for women in need. We are collecting shampoo, soap, baby food, diapers, toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks for women and children, lotion, feminine hygiene, new XL twin sheets, and non-perishable food. These items will be delivered to women in local shelters on Mother's Day. Local shelters receiving the packages include: The Betty Griffin House, The Hubbard House and The Quigley House. Students may bring donations to their first period class. Thank you for your consideration and kindness. Let's color the world with kindness this Mother's Day!

## SAC News



The next SAC meeting is Tuesday, April 9 at 2:30pm in the FCMS Media Center.

Please take a few minutes to complete the parent survey!

The survey is open until March 31.

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



## Yearbook News



## FCMS Drama Production

Thursday, April 4 6:00pm

Friday, April 5 6:00pm



Tickets are available through SchoolPay!

Links below:

[April 4](#)

[April 5](#)

## WEB News



### Student v Staff Basketball Skills Contest

Your WEB Team is bringing a fun new event to our school. On Tuesday, April 23, we are hosting a student versus staff basketball skills contest. Would you like to see some of your favorite teachers compete against our students in a free throw contest, 3-point contest and dribbling relays? It is sure to be a fun morning! Save your PBIS points because tickets go on sale when we return from spring break.

## Planting Kindness for Arbor Day

The WEB Team and the Art Club are teaming up to help color the community with kindness. These groups are holding a FREE tree and shrub sapling give away on Arbor Day, Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 5-6pm. The kids are planting seeds, ordering saplings native to Florida. They are even making a special surprise for our guests. Pick up your FREE saplings in the parent pick up loop in front of Fruit Cove Middle School and help us color the world with kindness!



## Chess Club News



Chess Club upcoming meeting dates are April 2, April 16 and April 30 . 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.

**New membership applications will be available in September of the next school year.**

## B6 News



B6 Club upcoming meeting dates are March 28, April 11, April 25, May 2 & May 9. 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. B6 is a club for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The name B6 means Be all 6 (of the Character Pillars). The club has reached maximum capacity for this school year.

**New membership applications will be available in September of the next school year.**

## Florida Future Educators of America News



Florida Future Educators of America (FFEA) will meet Thursday, April 4 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!

## Relay For Life



This year's Relay for Life is Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 4 pm – 10 pm at Nease High School.

Watch for more details as we get closer to the date about volunteer opportunities.

Please go ahead and join our team at

[https://secure.acsevents.org/site/STR?fr\\_id=106888&pg=team&team\\_id=2696491](https://secure.acsevents.org/site/STR?fr_id=106888&pg=team&team_id=2696491)

## Drama News

### March 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
25 Full run through In aud. 2-4	26 Cue-to-cue (light and sound cue run through) Full cast and crew needed! 2-4 in aud.	27	28 Full tech run through (light, sound, and props) Full cast and crew needed! 2-4 in aud.	29

### April 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Dress rehearsal 2-4 in aud. Full cast REQUIRED.	2 Dress rehearsal 2-4 in aud. Full cast REQUIRED.	3 Dress rehearsal 2-5 in aud. Full cast REQUIRED.	4 <b>Show day!</b> Stay afterschool (dinner provided) <b>Showtime 6:30</b>	5 <b>Show day!</b> Stay afterschool (dinner provided) <b>Showtime 6:30</b>
8 <b>**Stop by dressing rooms this week after school to gather lost supplies.**</b>	9	10	11	12

## SJCS D Student Code of Conduct

Each year St. Johns County School District updates and revises the Student Code of Conduct. We would like your thoughts and suggestions during this process. Please take a few minutes to complete the [Student Code of Conduct Survey](#) to help us prepare the 2024 Student Code of Conduct.

The survey will remain open until April 1, 2024.

It would be helpful to you if you have a copy of the current Code of Conduct with you as you respond to these questions. View the current [Student Code of Conduct](#).

Thank you for your feedback,

St. Johns County School District



# Guidance News

## RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS



# 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 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31	

## Library News

### Welcome to the 2023/2024 School Year!

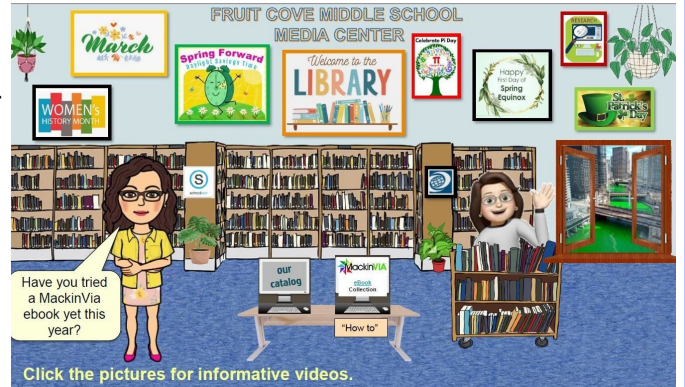
Hours: 7:10am—1:50pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
7:10am—12:50pm Wednesday

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:**

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# FCMS PTO



## NEWSLETTER



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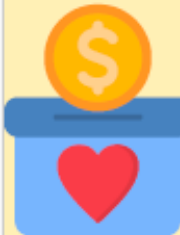


Instagram



Facebook

### Kindness MATTERS



100% participation of 1200 students to raise \$30,000 by being kind in the month of March!

That's it!

See attached flyers or visit [fcmspto.com](http://fcmspto.com)

### Important Dates

- March | Kindness Matters Fundraiser ([fcmspto.com](http://fcmspto.com))
- April | 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](mailto:fcmsptota@gmail.com))

### We need a PTO President!



If you think you might be a good fit, reach out to Joslyn. She will share all of her genius with you and set you up for success next year.

[fcmsptopresident@gmail.com](mailto:fcmsptopresident@gmail.com)

We also need an amazing board to support our PTO President! Recruit your friends to join you! See attached flyer.



DON'T MISS OUT!

# SALE

### Spirit Wear



Visit [fcmspto.com](http://fcmspto.com) for all your spirit wear needs!

## This year's fundraiser has a big goal with a big reward!

A new Electronic Sign for the school.

ONLINE

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### How it Works

There are two ways to get donations. Do all the good deeds for a month and ask for a lump sum donation. OR get a specific dollar amount for every good deed done in a month.

30 good deeds at \$1 a deed is \$30!

Check off your good deeds on our monthly good deed calendar to keep track.



Our Goal is \$30,000 for an electronic sign for the school. The sign will allow fast and easy communication with parents and the community.

### User-Friendly

All Donations will be done online through Cheddar up. You can text or email the link to families. Your student will get credit for every donation made in their name. 100% of donations go towards our goal.



### Who to ask

*Ask your Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa or neighbor to sponsor the good deeds you have done*

## 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

## MARCH KINDNESS MATTERS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Recycle	Rake your neighbors leaves	Help someone at the store
Do someone else's chores	Give high fives to someone you don't know	Thank the school custodian	Decorate kindness rocks	Play with someone new	Send Someone a nice note	Give a Compliment
Smile at everyone you see	Be kind to a student you don't know	Write a positive note on the sidewalk	Hold the door for someone	Donate to homeless	Volunteer	Help make dinner
Feed the birds	Rake neighbors leaves	Pick Flowers/draw flowers	Give old blankets to animal shelter	Donate to the food pantry	Make someone laugh	Bake something
Write a Thank you note	Make your own lunch	Help an elderly person	Take out the garbage	Thank a Veteran	Donate old clothes	Pick up trash in your neighborhood

CHECK OFF A KINDNESS DEED EVERYDAY!





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# BRAVE SUMMIT 2024

## PARENTS, CAREGIVERS AND GUARDIANS SUMMIT

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### WHEN

**Wednesday, March 27  
3-7 p.m.**

### WHERE

**The Elks Lodge  
1420 AIA South  
St. Augustine, FL 32080**



**For more information and to RSVP, scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/BRAVEGuardians24](https://bit.ly/BRAVEGuardians24)**

**The 4th annual BRAVE Summit for high school students will be held on Wednesday, March 27, at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre. Visit [BraveSummit2024.eventbrite.com](https://BraveSummit2024.eventbrite.com) to register your high school student for the Summit.**



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on the following dates

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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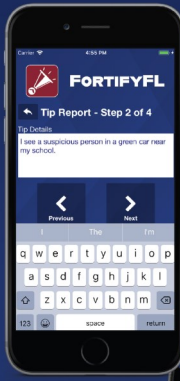







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