

Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

August 30, 2024

CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month:
August — Citizenship

Important Dates

September 2
Labor Day- Student/
Teacher Holiday

September 3
Beginning Band Rental
Night 6-8pm

September 10-13
Book Fair

September 10
SAC meeting 2:30
Book Fair Parent Night
4-6pm

September 11
Interims Issued

September 20
Teacher Inservice Day-
Student Holiday

October 8
SAC meeting 2:30

October 11

School Hours
7:30am-1:50pm

Wednesday Dismissal
@ 12:50pm

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

3180 Racetrack Rd

"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



National Junior Honor Society will begin taking applications on Monday, August 19 through Friday, September 6. **No late applications will be accepted.** Application packets will be available from Mrs. Doemel, Ms. Farbo, and online. Click on the link below and scroll down to the NJHS section.

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

Testing News

The September testing calendar is available on the website:

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

[Parent Letter regarding PM1](#)

September 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 6TH GRADE FAST READING	10 6TH GRADE FAST READING	11	12 7TH GRADE FAST READING	13 8TH GRADE FAST READING	14
STUDENTS WILL DO MAKE-UP TESTING UPON THEIR RETURN TO SCHOOL						
15	16 6TH GRADE FAST MATH	17 6TH GRADE FAST MATH	18	19 7TH GRADE FAST MATH	20 Teacher In- Service	21
STUDENTS WILL DO MAKE-UP TESTING UPON THEIR RETURN TO SCHOOL						
22	23 8TH GRADE FAST MATH	24	25	26	27 TESTING WINDOW CLOSES	28
29	30	MAKE-UP TESTING				

Band News

Tuesday, September 3

Beginning Band Rental Night MPR Room 6:00-8:00pm



School Access

Saint Johns County School District – Volunteer Application

Language FCRA Personal **Contact** Facilities Availability Submit

Only submit one application. To apply to more than one school, please select them in the Facilities section. Fields in Blue are required!

NOTE: School access is granted ONLY by passing all required background checks. If you did not give consent on the prior FCRA page, you can select the "Reset" option in the lower left corner of this page to start over and agree to the background checks.

Please be certain to provide your FULL LEGAL first, middle, and last name (no nicknames). Incomplete applications will not be processed. MIDDLE NAME OR NMN IF NO LEGAL MIDDLE NAME IS REQUIRED!

First Name	<input type="text"/>	Birthdate	<input type="text" value="mm/dd/yyyy"/>
Middle Name	<input type="text"/>	Social Security Number	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>	Ethnicity	<input type="text" value="Not Specified"/>
Suffix	<input type="text"/>	Sex	<input type="text" value="Not Specified"/>
Vehicle State	<input type="text" value="Not Specified"/>	Volunteer Type	<input type="text" value="Not Specified"/>
License State	<input type="text" value="Not Specified"/>	Vehicle Make, Model, Color	<input type="text"/>
Have you ever been convicted of a felony?	<input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes	Vehicle Plate Number	<input type="text"/>
		Drivers License Number	<input type="text"/>

Fruit Cove Middle School regularly uses volunteers in several areas such as **after school events, field trips, chaperoning, sporting events, drama productions, band, parent conferences and PTO** – the opportunities are plentiful! They exist during school and after school hours so helping out can fit almost anyone's schedule!

For the safety of the students and staff at **Fruit Cove**, St. Johns County School District has a policy where all **visitors** must complete a volunteer **online school access form** which is good for three years. When doing so you are agreeing to a

criminal background check and a sexual offender check. You are also agreeing to abide by the policies and procedures of the St. Johns County School Board and its facilities while volunteering. The process can take two – six weeks to process your form.

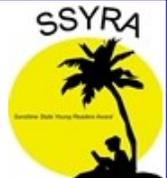
If you have any questions feel free to contact our office at (904)547-7880.

<https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/>



2024-2025 Sunshine State Young Readers Award Program

The SSYRA Program will begin on Tuesday, September 3. Interested students will be added to an SSYRA Course in Schoology **after** the [parent permission form](#) is returned. Registration is ongoing until December 1, 2024. Students will read an SSYRA book and take a 25-point quiz on the book. They must score 60% or over to receive credit for the book. Successful quizzes are rewarded with a Schoology badge and a PBIS point. The program ends on Friday, April 25, 2025.



[2024-2025 Sunshine State Young Readers Award List](#)

The Battle of the Books team will be determined by the quizzes completed by Friday, December 15. The seven students with the most books read and the highest average quiz score will make up the team.

For more information, visit the media center website:

<https://www-fcs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/sunshine-state-young-readers-program/>

Important Attendance Information!

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 **NEW** [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

B6 News



B6 Club applications will be available beginning on Sept. 5 in room 483.

All forms must be signed and returned to Mrs. Bass by September 18.

Space is limited to the first 30 completed applications.

First B6 Club meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 26 in room 483 from 1:55-2:40 for students with approved applications who have been added to the Schoology Group.

Meetings will be on THURSDAYS. Meetings dates will always be posted on Schoology group page.

Chess Club News



Chess Club applications will be available beginning on September 10.

All forms must be signed and returned to Mrs. Bass in room 483 by September 24.

Space is limited to the first 30 completed applications.

First Chess Club meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1 in room 483 from 1:55-2:40 for students with approved applications who have been added to the Schoology Group.

Meetings will be on TUESDAYS. Meetings dates will always be posted on Schoology group page.

Yearbook News

BACK 2 
SCHOOL
YEARBOOK
at Fruit Cove Middle School
www.yearbookordercenter.com
School Code: **10456**
Hurry up and buy quick!
Scan here to order!
Back To School Special! **\$40** ←  → **\$15**
Dont forget your 8th grader's ad!
Deadline:
November 1st!

SAC News

Our School Advisory Council (SAC) needs teacher and staff members for the 2024-2025 school year! Please reach out if you can join us!

What is SAC?

- o A council of parents, school faculty and staff, and other community and business members who meet to address the needs of the school, as related to the school improvement plan.
- o A council of stakeholders who vote on expenditures to support the school improvement plan, such as items for PBIS and new computers that were approved and purchased last year.
- o FCMS SAC meets once a month, on the second Tuesday of each month at 2:30pm. Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10th at 2:30pm in the Media Center.

What are the duties of the teacher, parent, business, and community representatives?

- o Members act as a resource for SAC in the areas of community related issues that affect the school and its students.
- Members serve as a communications link between SAC, business, community, and parent groups.



Join us...

School Library & Virtually	2:30-3:00pm	2nd Tuesday Monthly
September 10 th		February 11 th
October 8 th		March 11 th
November 12 th		April 8 th
December 10 th		May 13 th
January 14 th		

To Join Us... Contact Tee'ya Carroll at 904-547-7880 or teeja.carroll@fcmsdusd.k12.fl.us

Volleyball News

TRYOUT INFORMATION



A [sports physical liability waiver](#) form is required before tryouts begin.

*Use this access code **XTRB-9BCS-FD7GM** in the Schoology FCMS Volleyball group to sign-up for tryouts.

8 TH GRADE GIRLS:	Tuesday, September 3, (2-4PM)
CALL BACKS:	Wednesday, September 4, (1-3PM)
BOYS:	Thursday, September 5, (2-4PM)
CALL BACKS:	Friday, September 6, (2-4PM)

Library News



Welcome to the 2024/2025 School Year!



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

Jennifer Jaeger, Media Specialist

Please check the [Media Center homepage](#) for more information.

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](#)

Guidance News

Positive Affirmations for Kids

I am an amazing person

I am smart

I will make a difference

I have people who love and respect me

My problems have solutions

I make the world a better place

I am strong and determined

I make good choices

I am relaxed and calm

I stand up for things I believe in

I make other people feel better

I choose my attitude

Today I will be confident

It's okay not to know everything

I am ready to learn

I accept myself for who I am

I am thankful for today

I can make my dreams come true

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

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.



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Website



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Facebook

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2024-2025
FCMS PTO MEMBERSHIP

OFFERING 3 LEVELS OF MEMBERSHIP

- \$5 ea. Sponsor FCMS staff (Add On)
- \$15 (DASH) 15%
- \$50 Aviator
- \$100 Blue Angel

Together, we're unstoppable! Join the PTO and let's make this an incredible year for FCMS!

SCAN THE QR TO JOIN

BACK TO SCHOOL
DANCE

OCTOBER 25
More information to come!

Reminder

General PTO Meeting
September 30

Join us in the Media Center
or
virtually on Zoom at
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87941816113>

BOOK FAIR
September 10-13, 2024

PARENT NIGHT
September 10
4 pm - 6 pm

- Digital Flyer
- Scholastic e-wallet, debit/credit cards & Apple/Google pay
- Setup eWallet
- Scholastic Account
 - Funds from last year? Create a new eWallet—transfer balance as an eGift Card.
- Want to help with the bookfair?
 - SignUpGenius

For joining the PTO!

We are soaring towards 100% membership!



BOARDING PASS

What's a great way to help our school and enjoy dining and services around Saffell? Join the FCMS PTO BOARDING PASS! It's our main fundraising that will help us purchase the digital app, so much needed in both of our schools. Several merchants are participating in this fundraising and allowing great discounts that will pay off for the card when you use it at your convenience during the school year. The card expires on August 31, 2025. Once you purchase the card use CheckIt Up, we will send it home in a sealed envelope with your child. Thank you for helping out!

Thank You

To our families who were able to help our teachers fill their wish lists!



BOARDING PASS

What a great way to help our school and enjoy dining and services around Saint Johns! The FCMS PTO BOARDING PASS is our main fundraising that will help us purchase the digital sign so much needed in front of the school. Several merchants are participating in this fundraising and offering great discounts that will pay off for the card when you use it at your convenience during the school year. The card expires on August 31, 2025.

Once you purchase the card via Cheddar Up, we will send it home in a sealed envelope with your child. Thank you for helping us!



Visit the link below to purchase the PTO Score Card!

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/fcms-ptο-score-card/items?cart>

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MEMORANDUM

SCHOOL BOARD

Beverly Slough
District 1

Anthony E. Coleman Sr.
District 2

Jennifer Collins
District 3

Kelly Barrera
District 4

Patrick Canan
District 5

DATE: August 27, 2024
TO: Cabinet Members, All Department Heads, Principals, Executive Directors, Directors, Managers and Supervisors
FROM: Wayne King, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources
SUBJECT: Equity News

Attached is our district's Equity Contact Notice. Please **post this notice in an area where it is visible to your staff and in an appropriate area for view by students.** Students and staff must be informed about who to contact for equity concerns. It is also very important that parents, students and staff have knowledge of this information. The notice includes the nondiscrimination policy for Boy Scouts of America.

This notice must be posted in multiple locations as well as your School/Department bulletin board and should be placed in each school's newsletter once or twice a year.

Please discard any old equity notices.

Attachment

cc: Tim Forson, Superintendent of Schools Equity Committee Members