

Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

September 13, 2024

CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month:
September — Fairness

Important Dates

September 20
Teacher Inservice Day-
Student Holiday

October 8
SAC meeting 2:30

October 11
First Quarter Ends

October 14
Teacher Planning Day-
Student Holiday

October 24
Report Cards

November 11
Veterans Day - Student/
Teacher Holiday

November 12
SAC meeting 2:30

November 14
Interims Issued

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



The National Junior Honor Society will hold an Induction Ceremony for all new members. Each new member will receive a certificate and will have his or her name read aloud as he or she walks across the stage to receive the certificate. This ceremony is mandatory and we ask the students to dress nice for it. It will be held on Monday, September 23, at 6PM, in the auditorium and will last about 30 minutes. There will be cookies served in the cafeteria right after the ceremony. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Doemel or Ms. Farbo.

6th Grade Sundae Monday

All 6th graders are invited to Sundae Monday after school on **Monday, September 16th**. Your WEB leaders are hosting and we will have games, music and ice cream on the cafeteria patio immediately after school. Our event **ends at 2:30** and students must have a ride home at that time. Students also need a parent permission slip to attend after school WEB events. Homeroom teachers have the permission slip and you may find it on our school website. Please use the sign up genius to let us know if you are able to attend. We hope to see you there!



[Parent Permission Form](#)

[Sign-up Genius](#)

New Club—RPG



RPG stands for Role Playing Games. The Club will meet on Mondays from 1:50 – 3:00pm. It is open to 7th and 8th grade only. Applications can be picked up from Ms. Lima in room 355. Students must get 2 teacher recommendations and have their parental permission slip filled out prior to being accepted into the club. There are 20 spaces available, first come, first served.

Sock-tober!

Socktemper is here! September 16-27



WEB, NJHS and B6 are hosting a sock drive to collect new, warm socks for men, women and children in our community. Socks are one of the most frequently requested items by children in foster care, homebound seniors and individuals in shelters. Clean, dry socks may seem like a small request, but they can make a big difference. Students may bring donations to their homeroom. Together we can make a difference, one pair at a time.

Office 365 Student & Teacher Advantage Program

St. Johns County School District is proud to announce that we are one of the many school districts taking advantage of Microsoft's Advantage program. The Advantage program allows our district to provide Office 365 ProPlus FREE to active teachers and students. This program gives our students and teachers access to the latest full version of Microsoft Office at home at no additional cost.

[More information](#)



Testing News

The September testing calendar is available on the website:

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

[Parent Letter regarding PMI](#)

September 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <small>Labor Day</small>	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				

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

Fruit Cove Middle School

BUY THE YEARBOOK!

Only \$40 to purchase!

Buy today at
yearbookordercenter.com

School Code: 10456

*Don't forget your 8th grade dedications! Only \$15!
Deadline to purchase is
November 1st!*

Order here!!



SAC News

Join the Fruit Cove Middle School Advisory Council (SAC)



Just show up and see what it is all about or click on the link below to join us on-line via Teams or call in on the **2nd Tuesday each month from 2:30-3pm**. We are a school-based group intended to represent the school, the community, and those closest to the students that shares responsibility for supporting the school's continuous improvement.

Hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, contact Tee'ha Carroll at (904)547-7880 or via email at teeha.carroll@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 276 168 529 349

Passcode: homv4f

Dial in by phone

[+1 904-420-0831](tel:+19044200831), [413621360#](tel:+1413621360) United States, Jacksonville

[Find a local number](#)

Phone conference ID: 413 621 360#

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](#)

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 Birthdate

Middle Name Social Security Number

Last Name Ethnicity

Suffix Sex

Vehicle State Volunteer Type

License State Vehicle Make, Model, Color

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No Yes

Vehicle Plate Number

Drivers License Number

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.

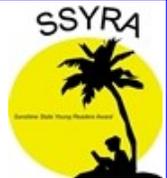
If you have any questions feel free to contact our office at (904)547-7880.

<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/>

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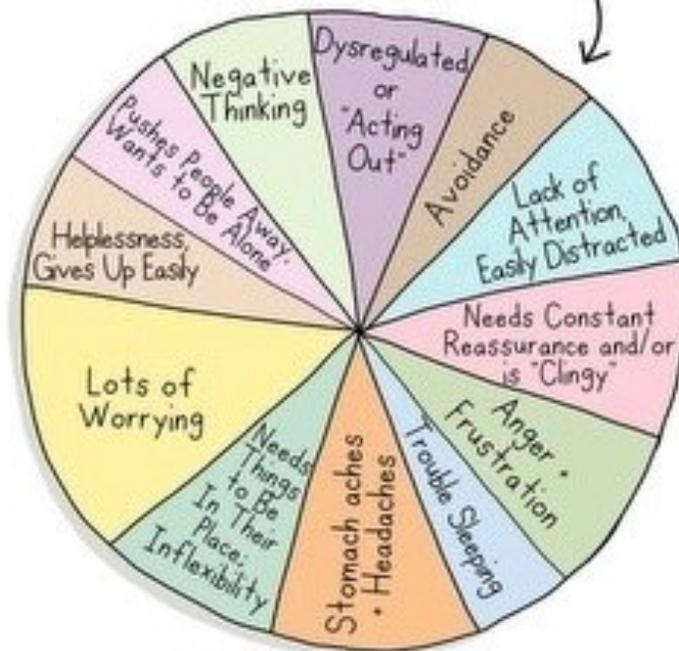
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Guidance News

ANXIETY LOOKS LIKE IN KIDS:



HOW KIDS ACTUALLY SHOW THEY ARE FEELING ANXIETY:



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

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Visit often for up-to-date information about our school!

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Don't forget to check the *Peachjar* for eflyers about community events.

Sports News

Volleyball Schedule 2024-2025

Girls games begin at 5:30 and Boys games begin at 6:30
The tickets are \$3.

- **Tuesday, September 17:** FCMS@PBMS
- **Thursday, September 19:** FCMS BYE
- **Tuesday, September 24:** SPMS@FCMS
- **Thursday, September 26:** GRMS@FCMS
- **Tuesday, October 1:** MMS@FCMS
- **Thursday, October 3:** FCMS@LMS
- **Tuesday, October 8:** FCMS@SMS
- **Thursday, October 10:** PBMS@FCMS * Teacher Appreciation Night
- **Tuesday, October 15:** FCMS BYE
- **Thursday, October 17:** FCMS @SPMS
- **Tuesday, October 22:** FCMS@GRMS
- **Thursday, October 24:** FCMS@MMS
- **Monday, October 28:** LMS@FCMS
- **Tuesday, October 29:** SMS@FCMS *Eighth Grade Night
- **Tuesday, November 5:** Playoff Semi-Final – 1 vs 4 and 2 vs 3
(*Highest Seeded Team Hosts)
- **Thursday, November 7th:** Championship Games *TBD



Congratulations to our athletes who made our FCMS XC Boys and Girls Teams!

GIRLS

Sophia Arias	Shelby Jefferson	Yara Rashwan
Maddie Andreoli	Hayley Kaltenbacher	Chloe Ratley
Emma Burnette	Evie Knight	Maddylen Ristau
Nina Capriola	Audrey Kroll	Eloise Ruddell
Juliana Dashyan	Katie Larson	Alice Silva
Ava Dorsey	Julia Lebron	Mila Son
Jenna Dukette	Victoria Lee	Mila Stephens
Abigail DuShuttle	Hope Madera	Viktoria Straka
Ivey Edgell	Bella Madera	Brianna Tanui
Emma Fillingim	Harper Mahon	Jasmine Varga
Dylan Finocchio	Mia Martell	Maria Vergeichik
Emma Godfrey	Riey Negasi	Westyn Wallen
Brooke Gonzales	Naomi Porter	Lily Webber
Meghan Hart	Andrea Prieto	Anna Wittman
Sidney Hiebenthal	Finley Quilal-Ian	Autumn Wyatt
Ivy Hunt	Niva Ramachandraw	Nadia Zidovec

BOYS

Tyler Adams	Amari Isam	Chase Petrick
Parker Akins	Cade Jenkins	Wesley Ritzau
Bradley Andrews	Jake Knight	Isamu Scholes
Jack Andreoli	Harrison Lafser	Mario Stephens
Ire Banjo	Matteo LaVopa	Tyler Sumerall
Jackson Boehringer	Nicholas Lugo	Zach Thomas
Gavin Canter	Carson Maslan	Xavier Thomas
Bryce Cunningham	Gavin Mendez	Beckett Tweet
Luke Gibbes	Mudil Nair	Nathan Varga
Jack Hilley	Seyoum Negasi	Caleb Vankirk
Thomas Hurt	Neil Oranzi	Owen Yockel
Daniel Itkin		



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PTO

“FLYER”

SEPT 13



Website



Instagram



Facebook

PTO MEMBERSHIP

<https://bit.ly/fcmsptomembership>

**2024-2025
FCMS PTO
MEMBERSHIP**

OFFERING 3 LEVELS OF
MEMBERSHIP

- \$5 ea. Sponsor FCMS staff (Add On)
- \$25 Gold Star
- \$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



Spirit Wear Update

Tshirt orders will be filled and delivered to homeroom teachers/ staff this week.

All other orders and items on backorder will be delivered to homeroom teachers/ staff at the beginning of October.



General PTO Meeting
September 30

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

PTO BOARDING PASS FUNDRAISER

<https://bit.ly/ptoboardingpass>

**BOARDING
PASS**

What a great way to help our school and enjoy dining and services around Sam's 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!

Membership
Raffle:
Live Drawing
September 30



**BACK TO SCHOOL
DANCE**

OCTOBER 25
More information to come!

**thank
you**

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Volunteers:
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being the
heroes of our
story!



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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