

# Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

September 27, 2024

## CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month:  
September — Fairness

### Important Dates

- 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
- November 25-29**  
Thanksgiving Break -  
Student/Teacher Holiday

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



Tutoring will begin Tuesday, October 1. We will hold it every Tuesday and Thursday after school: Tuesdays in Mrs. Doemel's room and Thursdays in Ms. Farbo's room. The NJHS members will be available to help with reviewing, studying, getting caught up with work, and homework. All sessions will end at 2:30. If tutoring is cancelled, an announcement will be made.

[NJHS Parent Permission Form](#)

## Drama News



This past week, eleven students participated in the all-county honor choir at Beachside High School. Working with a guest clinician, they learned and performed several songs that culminated in a performance with hundreds of other students from around the county. Congratulations, FCMS chorus students! Over the weekend, our very own student Beckett Tweet starred in a local production of "Mary Poppins," playing the role of Michael Banks. The theatre group, Act 2 Players, performs at the United Methodist Church and has three more shows Sept. 27-29.

## New Club—RPG



RPG stands for Role Playing Games. The Club will meet on Mondays from 1:50 – 3:00pm. It is open to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Volleyball News

### Congratulations to the 2024 FCMS Volleyball Teams!

**Boys Head Volleyball Coach:** John Aggas  
**Girls Head Volleyball Coach:** Hannah Richardson

**BOYS TEAM:** Daniil Asseinov, Yuri Dunaievskiy, Kiryl Hrudnitski, Aadi Kandam, Jace Mayer, Carson McKitterick, Benjamin Monteiro, Brody Moran, Wells Murray, Myles Northcutt, Lakota Peacock, Blake Sexton

**GIRLS TEAM:** Hadley Aran, Kinley Bugbee, Ellie Federico, Khloe Hall, Rylee Jinks, Emma Kelley, Kali LaMonica, Brianna McNulty, Brynn O'Dwyer, Avery Richardson, Isabella Rodrigues, Kaylee Thach

**Managers:** Reagan Jay and Samy Pallikkara

### Game Schedule

Girls games begin at 5:30 and Boys games begin at 6:30  
The tickets are \$3. SchoolPay links are below and on the FCMS Homepage

- **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



### 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](#)



## B6 News



B6 Club is officially full! All members who were accepted were added to the Schoology Group. Students need to log in and comment on the discussion

post.

The first B6 Club meeting will be held on **Thursday, Oct. 3** in room 483 from 1:55-2:40pm 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.

**UPCOMING MEETING DATES:** Oct 10, Oct 31, Nov 14, Dec 12, Jan 16 and Jan 30.

## Chess Club News



Chess Club is officially full! All members who were accepted were added to the Schoology Group. Students need to log in and comment

on the discussion post.

The first Chess Club meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** in room 483 from **1:55-2:40pm** for students with approved applications who have been added to the Schoology Group. Parents, please arrange for your child to be picked up in the front of the school by 2:40pm at the front loop (or walk/ride bike home) at 2:40pm. Students need to bring a chess board to participate. Students can keep their chess boards in the lockers in my room. Meetings will be on **TUESDAYS** and the dates will always be posted on Schoology group page.

**UPCOMING MEETING DATES:** Oct 1, Oct. 15, Oct 29, Nov 12, Dec 10, Jan 7 and Jan 21.

## Yearbook News

Want to order an 8th grade dedication for your 8th grader?

*A dedication is the perfect way to celebrate you child's milestone of finishing middle school and heading to highschool!*

**Deadline to order: November 1st**

**SCHOOL CODE: 10456**



Order the FCMS 24-25 Yearbook now!

Back to school special!

→ **\$40!**

Order On [www.YearbookOrdercenter.com](http://www.YearbookOrdercenter.com)



Fruit Cove Middle School

## Referendum Information

During the November 2024 election, St. Johns County voters have the opportunity to support their local schools with two important votes.

More information at [Referendum Information Guide](#)

### Upcoming Town Hall Meetings

- Date: 9/30/24 – Town Hall – Referendum Presentation
- Time: 6 p.m.
- Location: Bartram Trail High School, 7399 Longleaf Pine Parkway, St. Johns, FL 32259
  
- Date: 10/3/24 – Town Hall – Referendum Presentation
- Time: 6 p.m.
- Location: Gamble Rogers Middle School, 6250 U.S. 1 South, St. Augustine, FL 32086
  
- Date: 10/15/24 – Town Hall – Referendum Presentation - Virtual
- Time: 6 p.m.
- Location: 40 Orange Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084
- Online Access: via Webex, instructions to access this virtual meeting will be posted on the St. Johns County
- School District website, <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>
  
- Date: 10/17/24 – Town Hall – Referendum Presentation
- Time: 6 p.m.
- Location: Allen D. Nease High School, 10550 Ray Road, Ponte Vedra, FL 32081

## 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 should 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](#)

# XC News

Congratulations to our FCMS Girls and Boys XC Teams who competed at the Bolles 3K on Saturday. The boys team took Second place with Danny Itkin, Chase Petrick, Zack Thomas, Parker Atkins, Harrison Lafser, Bryce Cunningham and Nicholas Lugo scoring for the boys team. Danny Itkin took Second Place overall in the boys race. Scoring for our girls team was Ivey Edgel, Emma Godfrey, Amelia Flood, Anna Whitman, Maddy Ristua, Niva Roamachandravo, and Sidney Hiebenthal. Well done team with 28 PRs!

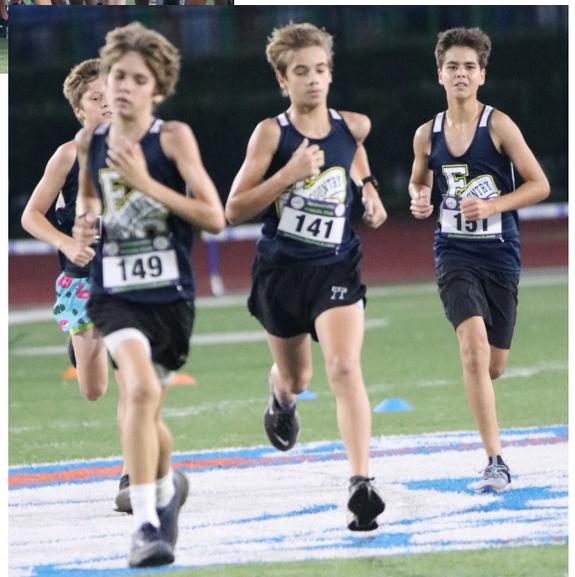
## 2024 FCMS XC LEADER BOARD

### GIRLS TEAM

Ivey Edgel 1201  
Emma Godfrey 1236  
Amelia Flood 1323  
Anna Wittman 1402  
Maddylen Ristau 1413  
Niva Ramachandraw  
1419  
Sidney Hiebenthal  
1442  
Nadia Zidovec 1501  
Maria Vergeichik 1516  
Westyn Wallen 1523  
Finley Quilal-lan 1530  
Naomi Porter 1535  
Dylan Finocchio 1535  
Julia Lebron 1536  
Brooke Gonzales 1559  
Sophia Arias 1614  
Mila Son 1617  
Lily Webber 1630  
Hope Madera 1638  
Eloise Ruddell 1724

### BOYS TEAM

Daniel Itkin 1008  
Chase Petrick 1045  
Zack Thomas 1048  
Harrison Lafser 1056  
Parker Akins 1115  
Bryce Cunningham  
1118  
Nicholas Lugo 1119  
Gavin Canter 1234  
Amari Isam 1359  
Seyoum Negasi 1359  
Ire Banjo 1412  
Xavier Thomas 1415  
Thomas Hurt 1433  
Matteo LaVopa 1454  
Bradley Andrews 1504  
Jack Andreoli 1504  
Mudil Nair 1520  
Gavin Mendez 1557



## 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 checked="" 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.



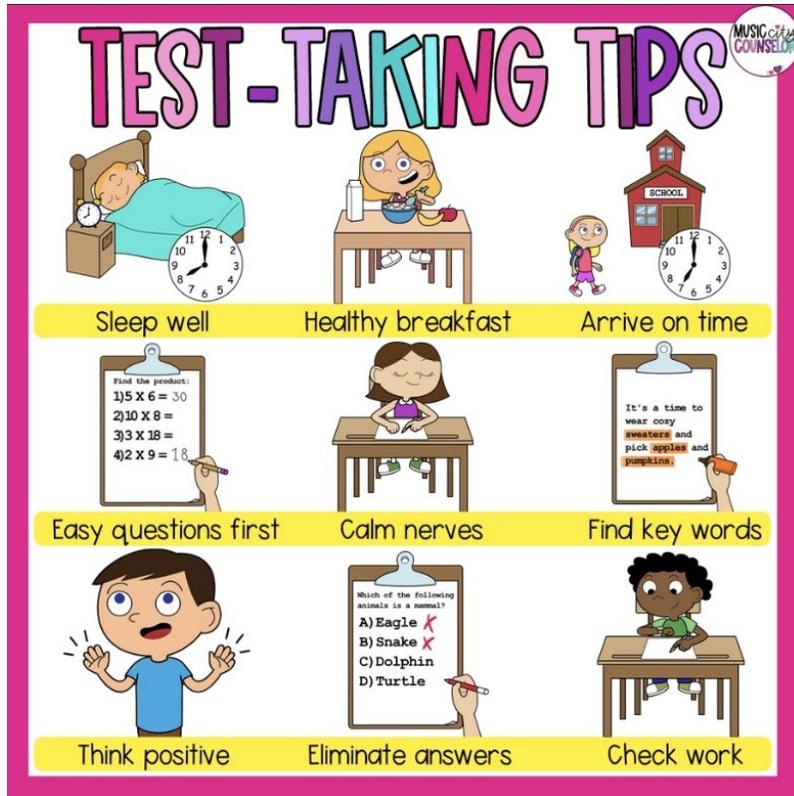
### [2024-2025 Sunshine State Young Readers Award List](#)

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/>

## Guidance News



**TEST-TAKING TIPS**

MVSG Get It? COUNSELOR

**Sleep well**: Illustration of a child sleeping in bed with a clock showing 10:10.

**Healthy breakfast**: Illustration of a child eating a healthy meal at a table.

**Arrive on time**: Illustration of a child walking to school with a clock showing 8:00.

**Easy questions first**: Illustration of a clipboard with math problems: "Find the product: 1) 5 x 6 = 30, 2) 10 x 8 =, 3) 3 x 18 =, 4) 2 x 9 = 18".

**Calm nerves**: Illustration of a child sitting at a desk, looking calm.

**Find key words**: Illustration of a clipboard with text: "It's a time to wear cozy sweaters and pick apples and pumpkins".

**Think positive**: Illustration of a smiling child with arms raised.

**Eliminate answers**: Illustration of a clipboard with a multiple-choice question: "Which of the following animals is a mammal? A) Eagle X, B) Snake X, C) Dolphin, D) Turtle".

**Check work**: Illustration of a child sitting at a desk, checking their work.

## Important Attendance Information!

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](mailto:ginny.michalski@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

## 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)

## 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.



# FORTIFYFL

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



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# DONATE BLOOD

**SJC School Transportation Department**  
**Saturday, October 12**  
**8:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

All donors will receive\*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **Halloween T-shirt**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening.

*Fact: Only 3% of those who are eligible actually donate blood.*

Donors  
Receive



- PLUS -



- PLUS -



Appointments are encouraged, please visit [oneblood.org/donate-now](http://oneblood.org/donate-now) and use **sponsor code 31769**



## ID REQUIRED

\*One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Not-transferable. Gifts may vary. For more information please visit [oneblood.org/details](http://oneblood.org/details).

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