

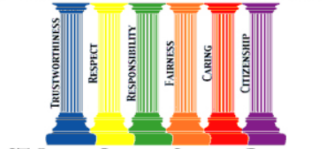
# Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

November 1, 2024

## CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month:  
November — Responsibility

### Important Dates

**Oct. 28—Nov. 8**  
Food Drive

**November 8**  
Picture Retake Day

**November 11**  
Veterans Day  
**Hurricane Make up day**  
**Regular school day!**

**November 12**  
SAC meeting 2:30

**November 13**  
**Hurricane Make up**  
**1:50pm dismissal**

**November 14**  
Interims Issued

**November 20**  
**Hurricane Make up**  
**1:50pm dismissal**

**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**

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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.

## Food Drive

NJHS, WEB, and the B6 club are sponsoring a food drive beginning October 28 and running through November 8. Please bring in nonperishable food items to help support families and food pantries in St. Johns County. The homeroom with the most donated food items will be rewarded with a sweet surprise.



## Hurricane Make-up Days!

From Superintendent Forson: Hurricanes Helene and Milton caused your children to miss five days of instruction. SJCSO has determined that **three** of these days will need to be made up. We will make up the equivalent of three school days in the following manner: Veterans Day, November 11, will be a school day, and 10 Early Release Wednesdays will be adjusted to full instructional days (dismissal at 1:50pm) beginning November 13 through February 5. We will return to Early Release Wednesdays on February 12, 2025.



## Spirit Wear Delayed

Due to the hurricane, Spirit Wear orders have been delayed. Orders will not be available this week. We apologize for the inconvenience (we know everyone is excited to receive their new items!!). We will provide an update as soon as we receive the inventory and work fast to get it to you. Again, we are so sorry! Thank you for your continued support.

## School Picture Retakes



Friday, November 8 is picture retake day. We will have Leonard's Photography at Fruit Cove taking pictures for students and staff that would like a retake or are new to the 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](#).

## Volleyball News

### Congratulations to the 2024 FCMS Volleyball Teams!

#### 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



- **Monday, November 4:** FCMS vs GRMS (*rescheduled*)
- **Thursday, November 7:** Playoff Semi-Final – 1 vs 4 and 2 vs 3 (\*Highest Seeded Team Hosts)
- **Tuesday, November 12:** Championship Games \*TBD

## Testing News

### New Access Codes for the Statewide Assessments Family Score Portal—action needed

The access codes for parents/guardians to view test scores for their student in the Family Score Portal have been updated.

The new access codes have been posted to HAC and are available under the Registration tab. Follow this link for a parent brochure with instructions on how to access your code. <https://www-fcs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/testing/>

Both new and old access codes will continue to work in the Family Score Portal thru November 10.

## Future Educators of America Club



There will be an informational club meeting for Florida Future Educators of America on Friday, November 8 after school. Any student interested in becoming a teacher in the future should attend! We are looking for leaders, as there will be leadership roles, including President, Vice President, Secretary and Historian. Please join us in Ms. Jones' room, Room 715.

## Coins for the Cure News

Thank you to everyone who participated last week in raising money for the American Cancer Society. We raised a total of \$1721.84!

The top three classes are in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with \$138.66 Ms. Reichard's class, 2<sup>nd</sup> place with \$156.77 Ms. Schmidt's class, and 1<sup>st</sup> place and the winner of the doughnut party with \$159.85 is Ms. Krost's class.

If you would like to join our team for Relay for Life, please go to <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/fruitcove>



## NJHS

National Junior Honor Society will continue tutoring every Tuesday and Thursday after school. Permission forms are required in order to attend. The Tuesday sessions will be in Mrs. Doemel's room and the Thursday sessions will be in Ms. Farbo's room. All sessions end at 2:30. If tutoring is cancelled, an announcement will be made.



[NJHS Parent Permission Form](#)

There will be an officers' meeting on Tuesday, November 12 after school in Mrs. Doemel's room and an all membership meeting on Thursday, November 14 after school in the cafeteria.

The Veteran's Day Door decorating will end this week on Friday. Make sure your door is completed by Friday, November 1.



## B6 News



B6 Club is officially full! All members who were accepted were added to the Schoology Group.

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

**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.**

## Chess Club News



Chess Club is officially full! All members who were accepted were added to the Schoology Group.

**UPCOMING MEETING DATES: Nov 12, Dec 10, Jan 7 and Jan 21 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.

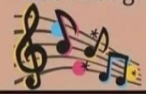
## Guidance News

### BOOST YOUR HAPPY HORMONES

#### DOPAMINE

REWARD/MOTIVATION CHEMICAL

- Listen to music
- Get moving
- Get quality sleep
- Eat enough protein



#### OXYTOCIN

THE MOOD STABILISER

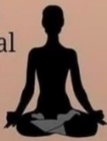
- Dinner with friends
- Give a hug
- Dance
- Give compliments



#### SEROTONIN

LOVE/CONTENTMENT HORMONE

- Yoga
- Spend time in nature
- Be in the sun
- Achieve a goal



@mentalhealthlesson

#### ENDORPHINS

THE PAIN KILLER

- Move your body
- Laugh
- Be creative
- Dark chocolate



## Yearbook News

Order our book at  
[www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com)

**Fruit Cove Middle School Yearbook**



Only \$40!

School Code:  
10456

Dont "fall" when the deadline of December 31st comes for 8th grade dedications! Only \$15!



**FRUIT COVE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
BASKETBALL 2024—2025**

Girls Coach: Britany Byrd

Boys Coach: James Tansey

**GIRLS BASKETBALL INFORMATION**

**\*\*\* An Athletic waiver is required for tryouts**

Thursday, November 14 Girls' Intramurals 2-3 PM

**TRYOUT INFORMATION**

8th Grade Girls	Monday, December 9 2:00-4:00pm
7th Grade Girls	Tuesday, December 10 2:00-4:00pm
6th Grade Girls	Thursday, December 12 2:00-4:00pm
Call backs—Girls	Friday, December 13 2:00-4:00pm

**BOYS BASKETBALL INFORMATION**

**\*\*\* An Athletic waiver is required for tryouts**

Tuesday, November 19 Boys' Grades 6 & 7 Intramurals 2-3PM

Thursday, November 21 Boys' Grade 8 Intramurals 2-3 PM

**TRYOUT INFORMATION**

8th Grade Boys	Monday, December 2 2:00-4:00pm
7th Grade Boys	Tuesday, December 3 2:00-4:00pm
6th Grade Boys	Thursday, December 5 2:00-4:00pm
Call Backs—Boys	Friday, December 6 2:00-4:00pm

**PARENT MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 5:00PM**

**SEASON PRACTICE INFORMATION**

**\*\*\*A physical is required if a student makes the team**

PRACTICE BEGINS - MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025

Girls Practice: 2-4pm Boys Practice: 4-6pm

**SEASON GAME INFORMATION**

Girls games start at 5:30 PM Boys games start at 6:30 PM

Game days are Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning January 14.

On Game days the students will go home and meet at the game

45 minutes prior to the start of their game

**GO FLYERS!**





## Library News



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.

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](#)



Registration for the SSYRA Program continues until December 1, 2024.  
For more information, visit

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

## 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 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)

## 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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# PTO

# “FLYER”

NOV 1



Website



Instagram



Facebook

### PTO MEMBERSHIP

<https://bit.ly/fcmsptomembership>

2024-2025  
**FCMS PTO MEMBERSHIP**

OFFERING 3 LEVELS OF MEMBERSHIP

- \$5 ex. Sponsor FCMS staff (Add Dry)
- \$15 (NOV 5th)
- \$50 (Avalon)
- \$100 (Blue Angel)

Scan the QR to join

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



### PTO BOARDING PASS FUNDRAISER

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/fcms-pt0-score-card>

BOARDING PASS

What a great way to help our school and enjoy dining and services around Salem, Oregon! The FCMS PTO BOARDING PASS is our main fundraising tool that will help us purchase the digital signs 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!

<https://bit.ly/PTOMeetingNov18>

General PTO Meeting  
**November 18**  
6:00 PM  
Media Center or Virtually  
<https://bit.ly/PTOMeetingNov18>

Do you drive by and notice those amazing signs on the fence around FCMS?



The PTO needs volunteers to manage the fence cups. Grab a couple of friends and have some fun with it! [fcmsptopresident@gmail.com](mailto:fcmsptopresident@gmail.com)



This month the PTO was able to provide a pizza dinner for the night shift crew that helped us clean up after the dance.



Thank you so much to those who volunteered their time to ensure that the FCMS Back to School Dance was an amazing and memorable experience for our students!

We were also able to provide lunch for the bus drivers to show our gratitude for amazing job they do getting our students safely to and from school.







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