

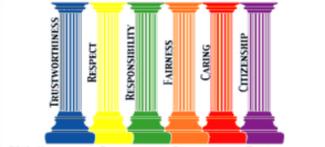
Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

November 15, 2024

CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month:
November — Responsibility

Important Dates

Nov. 18– Dec. 6
Toy Drive

November 20
Hurricane Make up
1:50pm dismissal

November 25-29
Thanksgiving Break -
Student/Teacher Holiday

December 4
Hurricane Make up
1:50pm dismissal

December 10
SAC meeting 2:30pm

December 11
Hurricane Make up
1:50pm dismissal

December 18
Hurricane Make up
1:50pm dismissal

December 20
Second Quarter/First
Semester Ends
12:50pm dismissal

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.

Hurricane Make-up Days!

SJCSD has determined that **three** of the hurricane days need to be made up. This will be accomplished 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.



Toy Drive



The National Junior Honor Society, WEB, and B6 Club are sponsoring a toy drive beginning Monday, November 18 until Friday, December 6. We will be collecting unwrapped new or slightly used toys for all ages. Please have your student bring in any toy donation to his or her homeroom teacher. All donated toys will go to the Toys for Tots organization in the St. Johns area. Please email Mrs. Doemel, Ms. Farbo, Ms. Bass or Ms. Alford if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!

Spelling Bee News

Congratulations to the newest Fruit Cove Middle School 2025 Scripps National Spelling Bee champion, 8th grader Isai Arivazhagan.



He will represent FCMS as the SJCSD District Spelling Bee on Wednesday, January 8, 2025.

The second runner-up was 7th grader Alexandra Wolcott and third runner-up was 6th grader Henry Greis.

Congratulations to all participants for doing a great job.

Good luck in January, Isai!

WEB News



Food Drive Success!

Thank you for your generous and kind donations to the food drive. Deliveries will be made to local families in need over the next two weeks. In a world where you can be anything, be kind to everyone!

Share Our Message of Kindness & Lend a Hand to Support Hurricane Victims



The motto for our school kindness campaign this year is "In a world where you can be anything, be kind to everyone." We are selling t-shirts to promote our kindness campaign. All of the profits go to the United Way Hurricane Relief for Florida. Help us spread our kindness motto while helping fellow Floridians in need. Follow the link below to see the shirts and place an order. Thank you for your support!

<https://www.schoolpay.com/link/KINDNESSCAMPAIGNSHIRTS>



Friendsgiving!

Our WEB team is hosting our 5th annual *Friendsgiving* for new students to our school on Thursday, November 21 at all lunches. Students who are new to the school will receive an invitation to attend *Friendsgiving* on the patio. Students provide their own lunch. WEB leaders provide dessert, music, games and friendship. We look forward to celebrating with our newest Flyers!

Third Annual Student v. Staff Volleyball Game!

Our third annual **Student v. Staff** volleyball game is scheduled for the morning of December 20. Students may purchase tickets to this fun event in the PBIS store.



NJHS News



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](#)

Testing News

Updated January Testing Calendar 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.

January 2025						
PM 2 TESTING FOR READING AND MATH 12/2 – 1/24						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day	2	3 TEACHER PLANNING DAY	4
5	6 CLASSES RESUME	7 6 TH FAST READING	8 6 TH FAST READING	9 7 TH FAST READING	10 8 TH FAST READING	11
STUDENTS WILL DO MAKE-UP TESTING UPON THEIR RETURN TO SCHOOL						
12	13 6 TH FAST MATH	14 6 TH FAST MATH	15 7 TH FAST MATH	16 8 TH FAST MATH	17	18
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19	20 M L King Day NO SCHOOL	21	22	23	24 TESTING WINDOW CLOSES.	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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

Cross Country News

Congratulations to our 2024 Girls and Boys FCMS XC Teams for an amazing season.

2024 FCMS XC TOP 20 LEADER BOARD

GIRLS TEAM

1	Ivey	Edgel	1122
2	Emma	Godfrey	1150
3	Amelia	Flood	1251
4	Nina	Capriola	1322
5	Maddylen	Ristau	1342
6	Anna	Wittman	1351
7	Sidney	Hiebenthal	1405
8	Niva	Ramachandran	1410
9	Maria	Vergeichik	1443
10	Nadia	Zidovec	1455
11	Naomi	Porter	1512
12	Hope	Madera	1513
13	Westyn	Wallen	1523
14	Finley	Quilal-lan	1530
15	Dylan	Finocchio	1535
16	Sophia	Arias	1535
17	Julia	Lebron	1536
18	Brooke	Gonzales	1539
19	Eloise	Ruddell	1546
20	Autumn	Wyatt	1548

BOYS TEAM

1	Daniel	Itkin	1005
2	Zach	Thomas	1024
3	Chase	Petrick	1025
4	Harrison	Lafser	1043
5	Bryce	Cunningham	1102
6	Parker	Akins	1104
7	Nicholas	Lugo	1108
8	Gavin	Canter	1200
9	Thomas	Hurt	1236
10	Amari	Isam	1240
11	Xavier	Thomas	1255
12	Gavin	Mendez	1317
13	Matteo	LaVopa	1319
14	Bradley	Andrews	1351
15	Seyoum	Negasi	1358
16	Owen	Yockel	1411
17	Ire	Banjo	1412
18	Rhun Tain	Son	1432
19	Mudil	Nair	1442
20	Isamu	Scholes	1443

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.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES: Nov 21, 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. Students need to log in and comment

on the discussion post.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES: 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

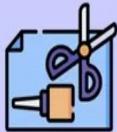
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www.thepathway2success.com

Gratitude List



Create a Gratitude Collage



Gratitude Journal



Color Gratitude Pages



Design a Gratitude Bulletin Board



Read Gratitude Affirmations



Make a Gratitude Chain



Gratitude Show-and-Tell Time



Gratitude Chats



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www.yearbookordercenter.com

Fruit Cove Middle School Yearbook



Only \$40!

School Code:
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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

Friday, November 22 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

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 Dawn Gillis at dawn.gillis@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

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