

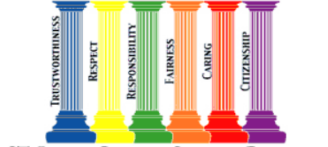
Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

December 6, 2024

CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month:
December — All Pillars

Important Dates

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

Dec. 23-Jan. 2
Winter Break - Student/
Teacher Holiday

January 3
Teacher Planning Day-
Student Holiday

January 6
Classes Resume for
Students/Second Semester
Begins

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.

Congratulations!

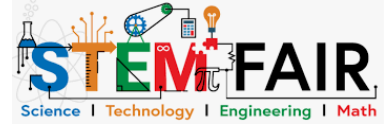
Congratulations to Ms. Alford and our WEB leaders for winning the grand prize in the Len Mattiace, *Stop the Bullying* Campaign!

This amazing group of students, led by our amazing, Kristen Alford, makes a difference in the culture of our school. We are blessed to have a group of students keeping kindness as their focus all year!



STEM Fair News

The FCMS 2024 STEM fair competition was held on Thursday, November 21. The judges were very impressed by all the amazing projects and said it was difficult to choose winners.



Honorable mention goes to the following students:

Sophia Arias, Anika Bhat, Carter Maurer, Benjamin Monterio, Henaley Rotz and Michel Tholl

The following will go on to compete at the SJCSO STEM fair:

3rd place – Nishal Chitteti (American Sign language translation app)

2nd place – Emily Davis (Color Desalination)

1st place – Keerthan Katta (3rd Eye)

Congratulations and good luck to all our STEM fair winners!

Drama News



The Fruit Cove drama troupe, troupe 11977, recently competed at the Jr ITS One Act Competition. Their play, "The Absolutely Insidious and Utterly Terrifying Truth About Cat Hair" by Bradley Walton, earned an excellent rating! This was Fruit Cove's first trip to ITS.

11977 troupe members will be back to perform the play again on December 16th. This performance will be held on the Fruit Cove stage beginning at 6:30. Tickets are free!

WEB News

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.



High School Showcase

This event is for all 8th grade students and parents who want to learn more about academies and school choice options for high school in St. Johns County.

An invitation graphic for the High School Showcase. It features the text "You are Invited" in a cursive font, followed by "TO THE ANNUAL PROGRAMS OF INTEREST" and "HIGH SCHOOL SHOWCASE" in bold. The date and time are "December 11th, 2024" and "3:30-7:00pm". The location is "St. Johns County Convention Center at WGV, 500 S Legacy Trail, St. Augustine, FL 32092". At the bottom, there are logos for CTE (Career and Technical Education of St. Johns County), St. Johns County School District, and Career Academies of St. Johns.

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						
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/>

Track & Field News

Track and Field begins January 20. Email Coach Benavides for information and forms.
Jill.benavides@stjohns.k12.fl.us



Overdue Library Information

If a library book has been lost or damaged, payment can be made using SchoolPay. The cost for a paperback book is \$10. The cost for a hard cover book is \$20. The links are below or are available on the Media Center website. Contact [Jennifer Jaeger](#) for more information. Please make sure to include the student's name on the SchoolPay form!

SchoolPay for Lost or Damaged Library Books

Before paying for a lost book, please contact **Mrs. Jaeger** to make sure the book has not been reshelved.

SchoolPay: Paperback Library Book (\$10)

SchoolPay: Hard Cover Library Book (\$20)

Hurricane Make-up Days!

Reminder: Wednesdays continue to be to full instructional days (dismissal at 1:50pm) through February 5. We will return to Early Release Wednesdays on February 12, 2025.



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](#)

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: 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 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 14 and Jan 28 (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.

Meeting dates will always be posted on Schoology group page.

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Yearbook News

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◆ www.yearbookordercenter.com ◆

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DEADLINE to order DECEMBER 31ST!



**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](#)

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

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



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Website



Instagram



Facebook

12 DAYS OF

CHRISTMAS



It's that time a year again! Fruit Cove Middle School's 12 Days of Christmas is legendary, and it a way for us to share a small token of our gratitude for such an amazing staff. We can't make this annual even happen without you! You can support in two ways:

1. Donate towards the purchase of Target gift cards here:

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/gift-cards-for-teachers-staff/items?cart>



2. Drop off Target gift cards in the main office. Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CA9AA2AA3FCCF8-46079580-deck>

Deadline: December 11





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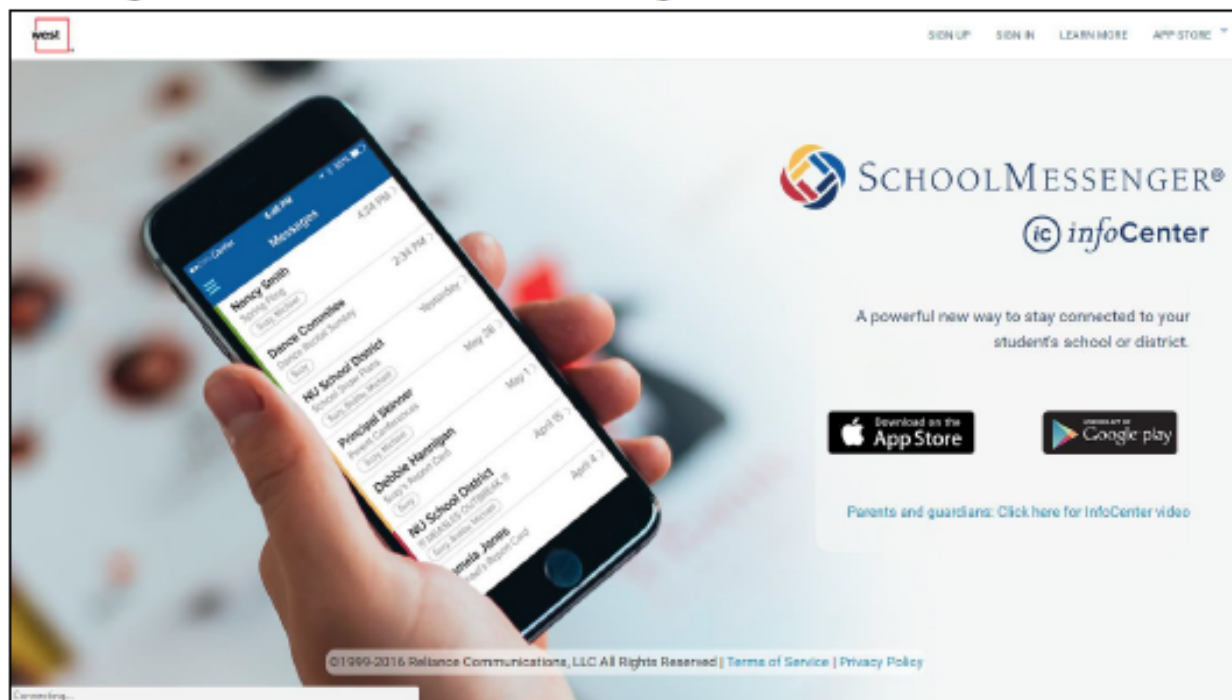
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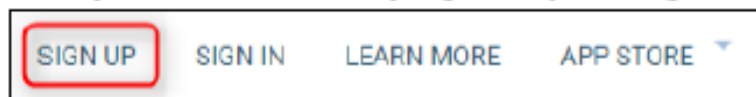
School Messenger: Contact Preferences

School Messenger allows legal guardian contacts of SJCSJD students the ability to control how they receive non-emergency communications, either by Phone, Text, Email, or any combination of these methods.

1. Navigate to: infocenter.schoolmessenger.com



2. If you haven't already signed up through InfoCenter, click the "SIGN UP" link.



3. The Username/Email will need to be the email address on file with your school.

SchoolMessenger®

Create Account

To create an account, use the email address that is on file with your school or district. Note: You may need to contact your school or district to ensure the proper email is on file.

Username/Email **This will be the email SJCSJD has on file for the Guardian Contact**

Password

Confirm Password

[Create New Account](#)

By creating an account, you agree to our [Terms of Use](#) and [Privacy Policy](#).

[Return to login](#)

You can verify the email for your SJCSJD contact in [Home Access Center](#) in the "Registration" Tab.

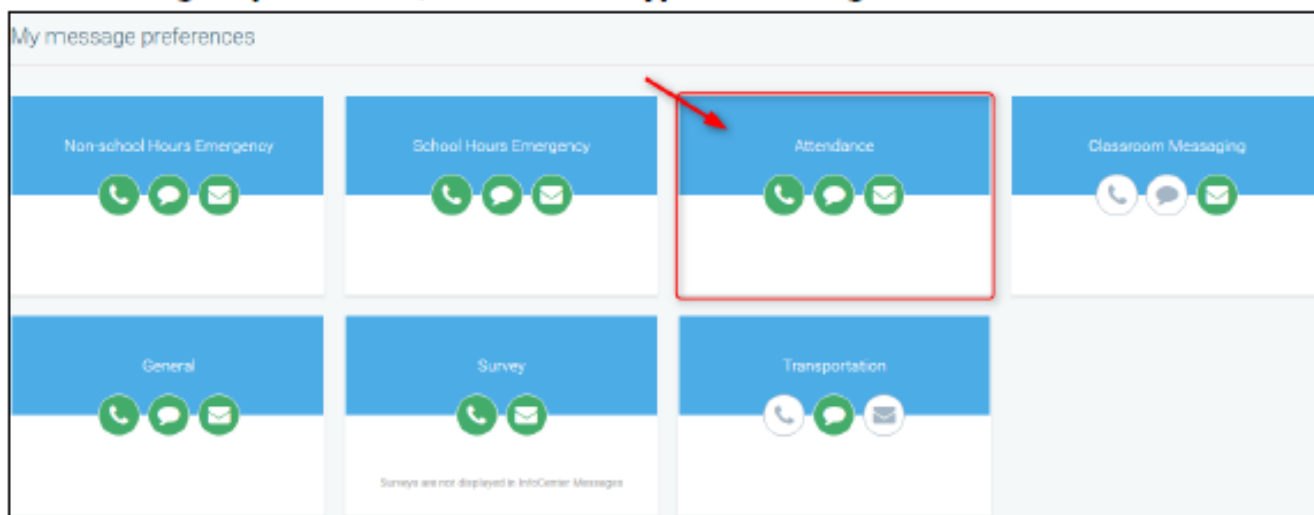


School Messenger: Contact Preferences

4. After you are logged into your InfoCenter account, navigate to "Preferences".
This is where you can choose the way you receive Non-Emergency Messages (Phone, Text, Email)

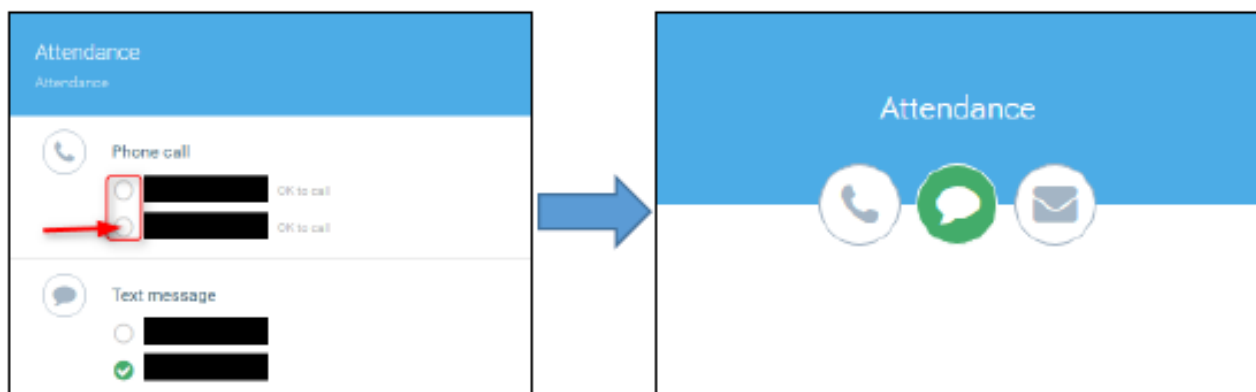


5. To change a preference, click on the type of message



6. Select/Unselect inside each section to choose what content will be sent to what number/email.

Leave all selections in a section blank if you do not want to be contacted using that method (Example: leave Phone call section and Email section blank if you ONLY want to receive Text messages).



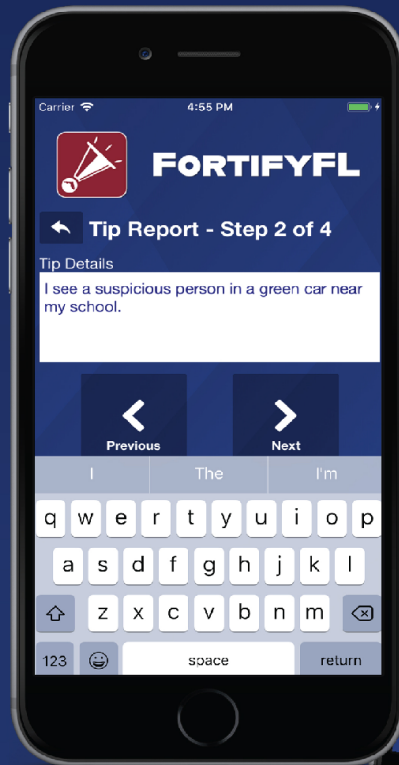
**Note: Text Messages will only be sent to numbers that have opted-in to the School Messenger system by texting "Y" to 67587.*



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