

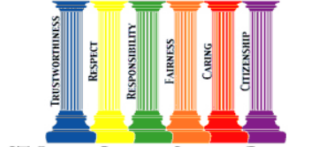
Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

December 20, 2024

CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month:
December — All Pillars

Important Dates

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

January 14
SAC meeting 2:30

January 16
Report Cards

January 20
Martin Luther King Jr
Day - Student/Teacher
Holiday

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.

FCA Club



Are you looking for a Christian Club to join at FCMS? Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets 2 times a month on Wednesdays for fun and fellowship. See Coach Benavides in room 570 for permission forms or email her at jill.benavides@stjohns.k12.fl.us for the permission form and club dates.

Testing News

Updated January Testing Calendar

New Access Codes for the Statewide Assessments Family Score Portal—

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/>

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	

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: Jan 9, Jan 23, February 6, February 20, and March 6 **from 1:55-2:40pm.** 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 2:45pm at the front loop (or walk/ride bike home) at 2:45pm.

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: *UPDATED* Jan 14, Jan 28, Feb 11, Feb 25, and March 11 **from 1:55-2:40pm** (for students with approved applications who have been added to the Schoology Group.) Meeting 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).

Students need to bring a chess board to participate. Students can keep their chess boards in the lockers in my room.

Guidance News



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Tips for Reducing Holiday Stress



The holidays are here again! While this can be a great time to enjoy family and friends, it can also be stressful. Here are some tips on decreasing stress so you can increase fun.

1

Make lists of activities you want to do and events you want to attend and prioritize them.



2

Decide what you DON'T want to do and cross those things off the list.

3

Let things be IMPERFECT. Sometimes the messy can be the most fun.



4

Accept help if/when you need it.



5

Give help when/where you can.

6

Keep up your (and your kids') regular routines for eating, regular, etc.



7

Make time for yourself! And do something you enjoy.



Yearbook News

FRUIT COVE MIDDLE SCHOOL
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Track & Field News



2025 Track and Field Season is just around the corner. Who wants to be on the FCMS Track & Field 2025 record board? Who is the fastest at FCMS? Who can jump the longest? Throw the farthest? Who has the fastest mile? Join us to set records, condition for your primary sport, or just to get in better shape and make friends. Contact Coach Jill Benavides for forms and information

at 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](#)



FRUIT COVE MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL 2025

SEASON PRACTICE INFORMATION

Practice begins—Thursday, January 5, 2023

Girls Practice: 2-4:00pm

Boys Practice: 4-6:00pm

SEASON GAME INFORMATION

Girls game starts at 5:30pm Boys game starts at 6:30pm

Game days are Tuesday 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.

2025 FCMS Basketball Schedule

Tuesday January 14	-	FCMS @ PBMS
Thursday January 16	-	BYE
Tuesday January 21	-	SPMS@FCMS
Thursday January 23	-	GRMS @ FCMS
Tuesday January 28	-	MMS @FCMS
Thursday January 30	-	FCMS @ LMS
Tuesday February 4	-	FCMS @ SMS
Thursday February 6	-	PBMS @ FCMS
		Teacher Appreciation
Tuesday February 11	-	BYE
Thursday February 13	-	FCMS @ SPMS
Tuesday February 18	-	FCMS @ GRMS
Thursday February 20	-	FCMS @ MMS
Tuesday February 25	-	LMS @FCMS
Thursday February 27	-	SMS @FCMS
		8th Grade Night

PLAYOFFS:

SEMI-FINALS **Tuesday March 4**

#1 VS # 4 #2 VS # 3

HIGHEST SEEDED TEAM HOSTS

FINALS **Thursday March 6**

HIGHEST SEEDED TEAM HOSTS

2024-25 Basketball Teams

Coach Brittany Byrd

GIRLS: Kinley Bugbee, Sara Cheshire, Elarie Desuyo, Juliana Diaz, Ava Gaskill, Emma Godfrey, Khloe Hall, Reagan Jay, Ruby Lucas, Mikayla-Silvia Martinez, Gabrielle Narin, Alice Silva, Grace Tradd, Harper Tradd, Jady Turner, Violet Williams, Aashini Yalamanchi

Coach James Tansey

BOYS: Tyler Anderson, Sterling Chew, Drew Coleman, Sylas Fisher, Jonah Gardeen, Ethan Gardeen, Stephan Karam, Samay Kolukuluri, Max Mahon, Carson Maslan, Mason McCoy, Chase Petrick, Nico Rippa, Perry Silva, Avery Tarelton

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](#)



The 2025 FCMS Battle of the Books team has been determined! Aarav Bukka, Akshara Gangadi, Mudil Nair, Shreya Patchipulusu, Tejasvini Saravanan, Lam Phan and Naomi Porter will represent FCMS at the District Battle of the Book on March 25, 2025. All of these students read the 15 Sunshine State books and scored over 97% on the quizzes! Good luck, Team!



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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<https://bit.ly/fcmsptomembership>



PTO BOARDING PASS FUNDRAISER

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

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



The FCMS PTO wishes all of our families a joyful winter break and a very happy new year!



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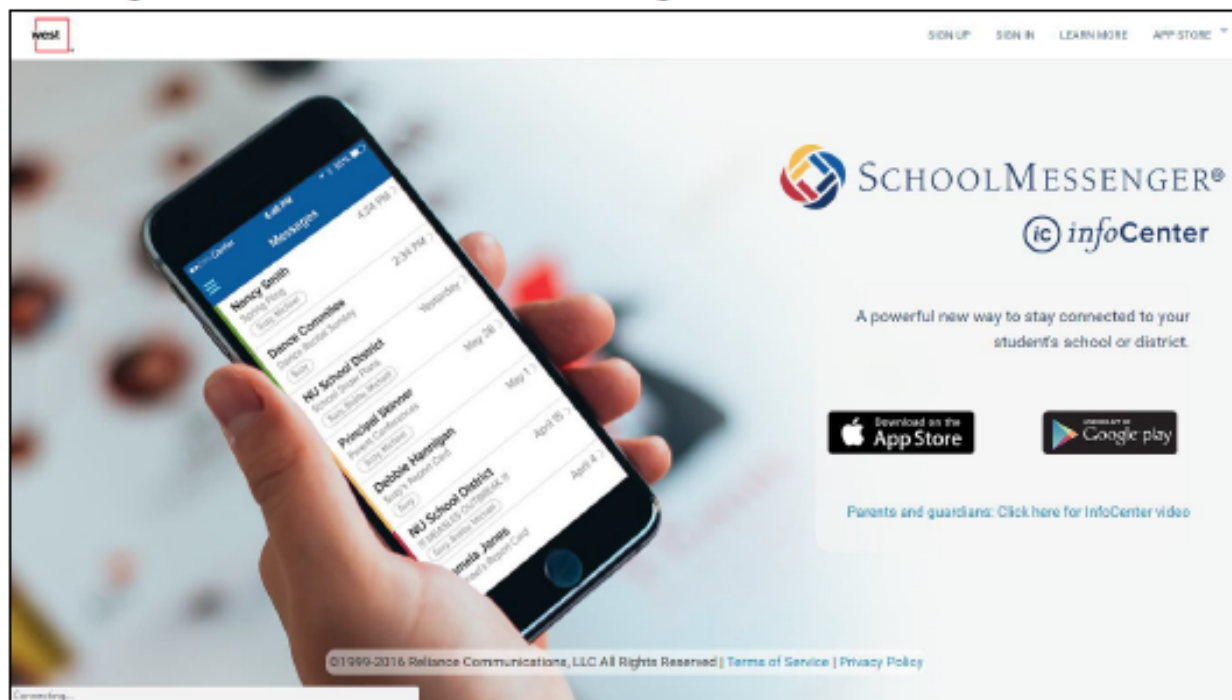
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School Messenger: Contact Preferences

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.

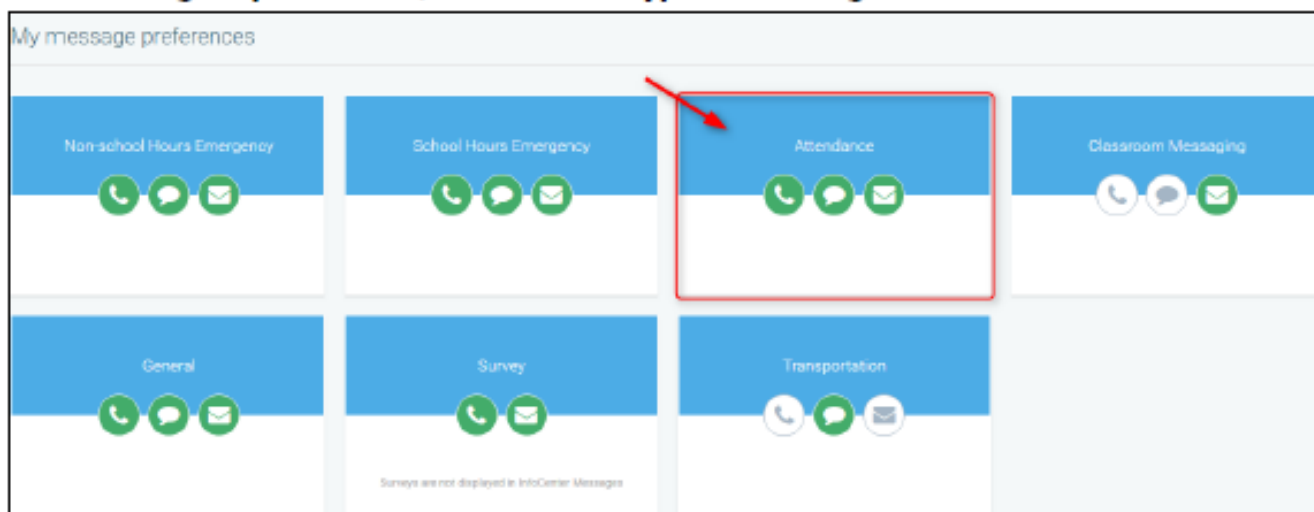


School Messenger: Contact Preferences

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)

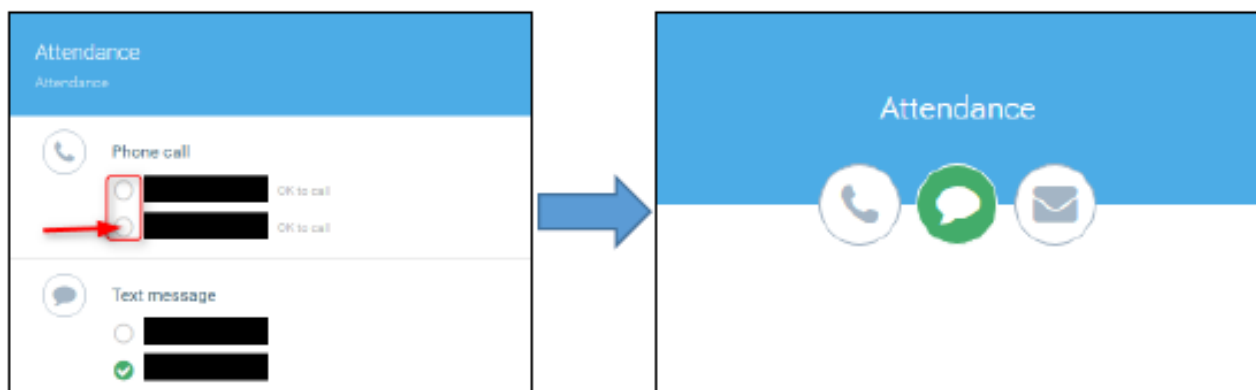


5. To change a preference, click on the type of message



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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