

Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

January 10, 2025

CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month:
January — Respect

Important Dates

January 14
SAC meeting 2:30

January 16
Report Cards

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

January 24
6th Grade Health
Screenings

February 11
Interims Issued
SAC meeting 2:30

February 14
Teacher Inservice Day -
Student Holiday

February 17
Presidents' 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.

Safety Reminders

For the safety of all students, we ask that you remind your children who ride bikes or scooters to always wear a helmet.

Additionally, please ensure they are crossing the street at designated crosswalks where there are crossing guards present. These locations are:

- * **Flora Branch Blvd. and Race Track Road**
- * **Durbin Creek Blvd. and Race Track Road**
- * **Flora Branch Blvd. and Durbin Creek Blvd.**
- * **Durbin Creek Blvd. in front of the Pine Crossing Subdivision**

Please take a moment to discuss with your child where they should cross the street to ensure they are using one of these safe locations with a crossing guard. Also, remind your student to not wear earbuds while riding a bike or scooter.

Morning Parent Drop Off

For the safety of all our students, please ensure you are dropping your child off only at the **designated drop-off area in front of the school**.

On colder mornings, the line may be longer than usual, so we encourage you to allow extra time in your schedule to safely drop off your child.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and efficient drop-off process!

We appreciate partnering with our families to work together to keep our students safe.

~FCMS Administration~

6th Grade Health Screenings

6th grade health screenings will be on Friday January 24, 2025. All 6th graders will have vision, height, weight, hearing and scoliosis screenings. Parents look for an "opt out" form in your email. For any questions, call Nurse Cindi @ (904) 547-7887.



Parent volunteers are needed

Testing News

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
STUDENTS WILL DO MAKE-UP TESTING UPON THEIR RETURN TO SCHOOL						
19	20 M L King Day NO SCHOOL	21	22	23	24 TESTING WINDOW CLOSES.	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

SAC News



January 14—Monthly SAC meeting

Join us from 2:30—3:00 in the FCMS Media Center

Or join via MS Teams!

Microsoft Teams [Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 276 168 529 349

Passcode: homv4f

Dial in by phone +1 904-420-0831,413621360# United States, Jacksonville

Phone conference ID: 413 621 360#

If you have any questions, contact [Tee'ha Carroll](#)

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.

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 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 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.

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Yearbook News

Fruit Cove Middle School

NEW YEARBOOK

Yearbooks selling fast! Get them before they're gone!

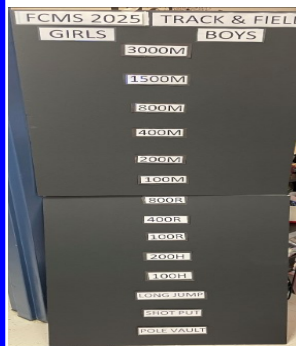
How to buy:

yearbookordercenter.com

Price: \$40

School Code: 10456

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

Guidance News



Time to think . . .

High School!

Make informed decisions about high school with a few simple steps:

- ✓ **Visit** the Career and Technical Education website and explore the various programs.
- ✓ **Attend** the High School Showcase on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, between 3:30-7:00pm at the World Golf Village Renaissance Resort and Convention Center.
- ✓ **Attend** the Academy Nights at your schools of choice. Meet the teachers and other students! All are at 6:00pm except St. Johns Technical High School (5:30pm).

January 7	Pedro Menendez High School	January 21	Beachside High School
January 8	Bartram Trail High School	January 22	Allen D. Nease High School
January 9	Crecksides High School	January 23	St. Augustine High School
January 15	Tocoi Creek High School	January 23	St. Johns Technical High School
January 16	Ponte Vedra High School		

- **Discuss** your options as a family.
- **Apply** through the **student's Home Access Center (HAC) account** between January 6, 2025, and January 24, 2025, at 5:00pm. For Academies at St. Johns Technical High School (SJTHS), apply directly with the school.
- **Auditions** for those applying to the St. Johns County Center for the Arts at St. Augustine High School will be held Wednesday, January 15, 2025. Audition information can be found at www.sjcca.org.

**Note: Bus transportation is only provided to ZONED schools and SJTHS. If attending a high school other than your zoned school or SJTHS, transportation must be provided by the family.*

Online application through the student's Home Access Center (HAC) account is necessary for:

Career Academies (except SJTHS), Junior ROTC, St. Johns County Center for the Arts Academic Acceleration Programs – AICE, IB, Early Career Program & Early College Program



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](#)

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)

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

PTO MEMBERSHIP

<https://bit.ly/fcmsptomembership>

PTO BOARDING PASS FUNDRAISER

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



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



COMING SOON

Details on the 8th grade dance

PTO General Meeting Dates

Be sure to follow us on social media for the most up to date news!



It's that time of year again! The moment we've all been waiting for! The Talent Show is here!

- January 19 | Auditions
- February 12 | Dress Rehearsal
- February 19 | Dress Rehearsal
- February 20 | Talent Show at 6:00pm



We are starting this new year with grateful hearts! The FCMS PTO literally can not do what we do without the generous support of our families.

To those of you who made it possible for us to give every teacher a \$40 gift card a part of the 12 Days of Christmas celebration, your kindness has not gone unnoticed! We appreciate you!





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NOTICE

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The District also prohibits retaliation for opposing discriminatory practices, and/or for participating in the discrimination complaint process.

In accordance with the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act 20, U.S.C. § 7905, the School Board shall not deny equal access or a fair opportunity to meet in District facilities or discriminate against the Boy Scouts of America or any youth group listed in Title 36 (as a patriotic society).

The St. Johns County School District Board Policy 2.16 contains the grievance procedure related to harassment and discrimination for employees, students, and applicants.

If you believe that you have been harassed or discriminated against contact

Your School or Department Administration
Or
A member of the Equity Committee

Equity Committee Members

Name:	Cynthia Preston, Equity Coordinator/Committee Chairperson
Phone Number	547-3964
Email:	cynthia.preston@stjohns.k12.fl.us
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A copy of Policy 2.16 can be found at

http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/board/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2015/02/2_16.pdf

Rules and Policies are at each school location including the District Office at 40 Orange Street.



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