Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILO



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

January 24, 2025

CHARACTER COUNTS! 3180 Racetrack Rd



Pillar of the Month: January — Respect

Important Dates

February 11

Interims Issued SAC meeting 2:30 Rising 7&8th Parent Night 6:30p

February 12

Early Release Wednesday returns! 12:50p dismissal

February 14

Teacher Inservice Day -Student Holiday

February 17

Presidents' Day - Student/ Teacher Holiday

March 9

8th Grade Semi-Formal 6-8p St. Johns G&CC

March 11

SAC meeting 2:30 Rising 6th Parent Night 6:30p

March 13

Third Ouarter Ends

School Hours 7:30am-1:50pm

Wednesday Dismissal @ 12:50pm

The building is open from 7:00am to 3:00pm.

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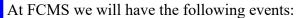
Mission Statement

Fruit Cove Middle School will inspire in all students a passion for lifelong learning, creating educated and caring contributors to the world.

Celebrate Literacy Week

Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! 2025 January 27-31

This year, the theme for Celebrate Literacy Week is "Building Literacy: Constructing the Foundation of Success."



- Daily Morning Literacy Week Announcements, hallway bulletin boards, classroom lessons by WEB leaders.
- In ELA Classes- Literacy quotes will be shared each day with students
- Visit Media Center All Week:
 - Everyone who checks out a book will get a brag tag and bookmarks.
 - You can participate in a Book Scavenger Hunt
 - ♦ You can "Build a Story"
- On Thursday Wear Your Words- wear a shirt with a quote or positive
- On Friday during all three lunches there will be a Literacy Week Book Club on the cafeteria patio. Go to your PBIS account and go to events to purchase a ticket. Be ready to talk about books with others who enjoy reading.

Superintendent Search

The St. Johns County School Board is asking for input from the community on the leadership qualities desired in our next Superintendent. Your feedback is crucial in helping us identify the best leader to guide our district toward continued success. The Superintendent Search Public Survey, conducted by the Florida School Boards Association in collaboration with the St. Johns County School Board, is an essential part of this process. Your responses will help shape the application process and develop interview questions for candidates.

Complete the Superintendent Search Public Survey

Survey closes on February 14, 2025.

Please Note: Community Relations will be sending a memo and hard copies of the survey to schools for the families that do not have access to a computer. Paper surveys can be sent to the attention of Jill Sumner, Community Relations.



Safety Reminder

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~

NJHS News



Currently, all members are creating or collecting Valentine's Day items to donate to Wolfson's Children's Hospital. All items will be sent to Wolfson's on January 31 in order for the items to be given to patients, and to decorate the rooms and hallways

Next meeting for all members will be on Thursday, February 13 in the cafeteria. It will be held after school and should last about 30 minutes. Please wear your NJHS t-shirt to the meeting. Yearbook pictures will be taken at this meeting.

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

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.

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

B6 News

B6 CLUB B6 Club is officially full! All members who were accepted were added to the Schoology Group. Students need to comment on the discussion post.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES: 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 comment on the discussion post.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES: Jan 28, Feb 11, Feb 25, and March11 **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).

WEB Happenings



WEB is hosting a Valentine Celebration after school for 6th graders on Monday, February 10th from 1:50-2:40. We will have music, crafts, games and lots of fun. We hope to see many of our sixth graders in attendance. Students must have a <u>parent permission slip</u> on file to attend any WEB activities. Sixth grade students may sign up in the PBIS store.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a shirt with the logo "In a World Where You Can Be Anything, Be Kind." All profits from these shirts have been sent to the United Way hurricane relief. Together we can make a difference!





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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



How to inspire a love of learning in your kids.

Make lessons fun

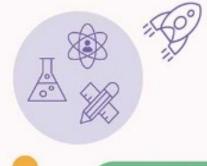
Most people don't like being lectured to for long periods of time, especially children. If you try to make every single lesson as fun as possible for your kids, they will be more engaged, more likely to absorb what you're teaching them, and become more fond of learning.



Children are naturally curious, and you can stoke this inquisitiveness by simply having more conversations with them. They can really help to brighten their curiosity, and even spark fully-fledged fascinations with aspects of the world.

Go slowly with anxious children

Anxiety can be a significant barrier to learning for children – it's hard to focus when you're in a constant state of alert. Try strategies like mindfulness, lots of assurance, and feelings boards to help.



Provide a variety of experiences

Try to provide your kids with as many experiences as possible, both creative and exploratory. Sculpting, piano, treasure hunts, the library, zoos, origami, horse riding, crazy golf – the possibilities are endless.



Strengthen their pillars of health

Learning takes energy and sustained focus, which are strengthened if your child's pillars of health are properly tended to. These include sufficient sleep, good nutrition, and enough exercise.









FRUIT COVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

IS INVITING YOU TO

RISING 7TH & 8TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT



TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 11

FCMS AUDITORIUM 6:30PM

- FCMS VISION AND CULTURE
- 2024-2025 ELECTIVE CHOICES
- CORE CLASS PROGRESSION
- · PTO
- SCHOOL SAFETY
- SCHOOLOGY & HAC
- SCHOOL COMMUNICATION
- PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT
- SCHOOL-HOME CONNECTION



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
Thursday February 13
Tuesday February 18
Thursday February 20
Tuesday February 25
Thursday February 25
Thursday February 27

BYE
FCMS @ SPMS
FCMS @ GRMS
FCMS

LMS @FCMS

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, Jadyn 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



Testing News

The April and May testing calendars are available on the Fruit Cove Website

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

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.



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: paperback books are \$10, hard cover books are \$20. The links are below or are available on the Media Center website. Contact <u>Jennifer Jaeger</u> for more information. Please make sure to include the student's name on the SchoolPay form!

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.

FCMS 8th Grade Behavior Reward Field Trip

Your middle school student(s) can celebrate with all their friends and experience the thrills of BOTH Universal Orlando theme parks (Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure).

Event: Universal Orlando's Gradventure 2025

Where: Islands of Adventure & Universal Studios Orlando

When: May 16, 2025

Cost: Student \$210 (NO REFUNDS!!!)

SchoolPay ONLY Payments. The capacity is 315 students; therefore, this trip is on a first come, first served basis. Once we reach full capacity, registration will close and names will be added to a Wait List.

General admission and annual passes to gain admission are NOT accepted.

Payment collection will START on: Friday, January 17, 2025 Payment and forms DUE by: Friday, March 7, 2025

**Required Forms to Return:

- Parent/Student Behavior Contract
- Field Trip Permission Form
- Medical Form, if needed



Cost Includes

- Admission to BOTH theme parks
- One meal voucher w/ drink
- 8th Grade Field Trip T-Shirt
- Transportation Via Candies Charter Bus
- * Please note that any remaining funds after all expenses are paid will be used for the 8th Grade Fun Day.
- Itinerary: Students will attend their regular school schedule and will be dismissed at 12:45PM to report to the auditorium. Students are ONLY allowed to bring a bag the size of a fanny pack in the parks. No drawstring bags are permitted in the park. It is recommended to leave backpacks at home that day.

12:45PM Students will be dismissed from their 6th period class through the PA system and report to the auditorium

1:00PM Buses depart from Fruit Cove Middle School 12:00AM Leave Universal/Islands of Adventure, Orlando

2:15AM Arrive back at Publix for Parent Pick Up

Parent pick up at Publix at around 2:15am (5/17/2025) 2750 Race Track Rd, St Johns (near school)

- Grade Expectations: Students must be passing all core classes to attend this trip (60% or higher).
- Behavior Requirements: Students will NOT be allowed to attend the reward field trip due to: 2 or more in-school suspension days, a referral which results in out of school suspension (2nd Semester Only), or excessive (15 or more) unexcused absences during the year. Administration reserves the right to revoke field trip privileges. Students must ride to and from the event on school-provided buses. Parents are not able to pick up their child directly from the park, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!
- Dress Code: Students are expected to wear the 8th grade field trip shirt provided with the cost of the field trip the entire day of the trip (including time in school). Shirts are NOT allowed to be modified in any way (i.e., cut, dyed, ripped). Students are expected to follow the SJCSD dress code while on the trip. Students will not be permitted to change clothes prior to departure.
- Meal Voucher: Complimentary meal voucher w/ drink is included with every admission. Gradventure Meal Vouchers are like cash; do not lose them. Meal Vouchers MUST be redeemed by 10pm the night of the event.
- Contact Information: Tee'ha Carroll, Coordinator

904.547.7880

teeha.carroll@stjohns.k12.fl.us

FCMS 8th Grade Behavior Reward Field Trip PARENT/STUDENT BEHAVIOR CONTRACT

I understand that:

- ➤ Student pick up will be from Publix near the school (2750 Race Track Rd, St. Johns) at 2:15AM on the morning of May 17th, 2025. Students CANNOT walk or ride a bike home.
- > Student must be passing core classes (60% or higher)
- Student will NOT be allowed to attend the reward field trip due to ANY of the following occurring in second semester:
 - Two or more in-school suspension days
 - A referral that results in out-of-school suspension
- Student must have good attendance: No more than 15 unexcused absences for the year.
- Student must ride to and from the event on school-provided buses.
 NO EXCEPTIONS!!!
- NO REFUNDS!! Emergency refunds on a case-by-case go through administration ONLY by March 10, 2025.
- Student is NOT allowed to modify the event t-shirt.
- Student is expected to follow the SJCSD dress code and Student Code of Conduct for the entire duration of the trip.
- Event ticket includes a complimentary meal/drink voucher.
- If student misbehaves during the trip, parents will be contacted and must pick up student from the park.

Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
Student Signature	Date

ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENT PERMISSION FORM FOR FIELD STUDY ACTIVITIES

School:Fruit Cove Middle School	
I/We, the parents/guardians of the student named below, understand the	e nature of the activity being planned to:
Universal Studios, 6000 Universal Studios Blvd, Orlando, FL 32819	on May 16-17, 2025
	(DATE)
Time: Leave: 1:00pm Return: 2:15am (Publix) We understand tra	ansportation will be by:
Candies Coachworks, Inc. via Charter Bus	at a cost of \$ 210.00
(MODE OF TRANSPORTATION)	***VIA SCHOOL PAY ONLY!!! NO REFUNDS!
We acknowledge our student is in good health and the tudy does not pose a he of national emergency or any other time when it is in the best interest of the the School Board may revoke its approval assuming no liability for reimburs of any activity.	e health, safety and welfare of students and employees,
I/We hereby grant permission and give my/our consent for my student to (1) be may be deemed necessary by the district, its agents, servants, or employees degree emergency first aid care as may be necessary or appropriate; and (3) receive the event of accident or illness. To assist in that medical care or treatment, I/we Medical Information Form and or the School Health Card is true and accurat responsible for acts or omissions of third parties as a result of securing medical or employees harmless and indemnify them from any claim, cause of action or or emergency treatment rendered to my student. In the event that a student must return to school independently for reasons of he the teacher in charge, etc., we agree to accept full responsibility for and to princidental expenses. This permission slip also serves as a contract that the student meach teacher as to making up missed assignments.	earting the activity; (2) be administered medication and/or eatment in hospitals, medical offices, or elsewhere in the expresent that the medical information supplied on the E. The district, its agents, servants, or employees are not a care. I/We will hold the district and its agents, servants, demand arising out of any form of or the lack of medical ealth, accident, failure to conform to rules established by any for the cost of medical care, transportation and other
My student, by his/her signature hereto, fully agrees and consents to the foregoing	ing with permission to participate in the listed field study.
Student's Name (Print):	
Signature of Student	Date
My student requires medication and/or medical attention: YESNO ***MUST ANSWER. IF "YES", Fill out the medical form on the ba If yes, you must complete the Medical Information Form (obtained from the personnel trained to administer the medication.	ack of this paperactivity supervisor) and provide the medication to the
Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date
Cell Phone Work Phone	Home Phone
Emergency contact, if parent unavailable	Phone
Family Physician	TVI
	Phone

Board Approved 8.12.14 (Revised July 2017)

**ONLY FILL OUT IF YOU MARKED "YES"

MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM

(Required for any student requiring medication or medical attention)

Child's Name:				
Date of Birth:				
Health Insurance Provider and # of Medical Plan:				
Doctor's Name & Phone #:				
Parent's Contact Number: Cell:	Work:	Other:		
If parents cannot be reached in an e	mergency, please contact:			
Name:	Phone #:			
	BILITIES OR PROBLEMS IN TAFFECT HIS/HER PARTIC	VOLVING YOUR CHILD WHICH IPATION.		
Asthma	Diabetes	Nightmares		
Allergies	Ear Infection	Sinus		
Bronchitis	Epilepsy	Sleepwalking		
Bed Wetting	Heart Disease	Other		
have an Authorization to Administer Me medication if not already on file in the sch Rx label including student's name, dosa medication. All non-prescription medica administered by school personnel must be school. All medication and required documentation	dication form signed by both the pa nool clinic. All medication must be age, and frequency of administration ation in the possession of student e in the original container and requi	d school personnel during the field study must arent/guardian and the physician ordering the received in the original container with current on, physician's name, and expiration date of s at the middle and high school level not tres written permission from the parent to the old Clinic prior to the field study.		
Name of Medicine:				
What it is to be used for:				
How it is to be given:	Quantity to be given:	Time to be given:		
Parent's Signature				
IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: I hereby treatment for my child named above.	request the physician/emergency te	am selected by the supervisor provide		
Name: (Print)				
Parent's Signature:	Date:			



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6:00-8:00pm

More Information





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