

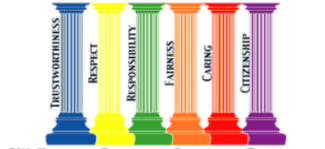
# Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

February 7, 2025

## CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month:  
February — Caring

### Important Dates

#### February 11

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

#### February 12

Early Release Wednesday  
returns! 12:50p dismissal

#### February 14

Teacher Inservice Day -  
Student Holiday

#### February 17

Presidents' Day - Student/  
Teacher Holiday

#### March 11

SAC meeting 2:30  
Rising 6th Grade Parent  
Night 6:30pm

#### March 13

Third Quarter 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.

## 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.

## FCMS SAC Needs Parent/Family Input

Hello FCMS Families,

The time of year has come to complete the School Advisory Council (SAC) Survey by March 28. Please use the link below to access the survey. It shouldn't take more than 5 minutes of your time and provides valuable feedback we use to complete the School Improvement Plan for the next year. ALL responses are anonymous.

Remember, you have a voice. This is your chance to praise the good and help highlight areas of need to promote positive changes. Thank you for your time to complete the survey.

FCMS SAC

<https://surveys.stjohns.k12.fl.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=p3MLn521>



## Jazz Band News

Congratulations go out to our jazz ensemble. At their Music Performance Assessment, they received Superior Ratings!



## NJHS News



NJHS officers will meet on Tuesday, February 11, after school in Mrs. Doemel's room. All NJHS members will meet on Thursday, February 13, after school in the cafeteria. This meeting will last about 30 minutes. All members are required to attend. There will be a short presentation on elections for officers next year. Also, information on upcoming service opportunities both in school and out of school will be presented.

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](#)

## 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 [Jennifer Jaeger](#) 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)

## Hurricane Make-up Days are Completed!

Reminder: We will return to Early Release Wednesdays on February 12, 2025. Dismissal will be at 12:50pm.

## 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: 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: 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).

**FRUIT COVE  
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

IS INVITING YOU TO

**RISING 7TH & 8TH  
GRADE PARENT NIGHT**



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**TUESDAY**

**FEBRUARY 11**

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**FCMS AUDITORIUM  
6:30PM**

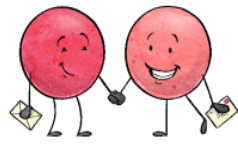
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- FCMS VISION AND CULTURE
- 2024-2025 ELECTIVE CHOICES
- CORE CLASS PROGRESSION
- PTO
- SCHOOL SAFETY
- SCHOOLOGY & HAC
- SCHOOL COMMUNICATION
- PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT
- SCHOOL-HOME CONNECTION



## Guidance News

# 12 Ways to Show Kindness



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Just listen to a friend



Write someone a kind note



Invite someone to join you



Forgive someone for a mistake



Let someone else go first



Give someone a high-five

Work with someone new



Help clean up



Help someone having a tough day



Hold the door open for others



Do an extra chore



Spend time with a friend

## Safety Reminder

Children who ride bikes or scooters to always wear a helmet.

Children should only cross the street at these designated crosswalks where crossing guards are present:

- \* 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

Student should not wear earbuds while riding a bike or scooter.

### Morning Parent Drop Off

For the safety of all our students, drop off children only at the **designated area in front of the school.**

Allow extra time on cold or rainy days when the line is extra long.

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## Yearbook News

# Fruit Cove Middle School

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

### 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, Syllas 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!



## Front Desk Gentle Reminders

### SCHOOL ACCESS

Fruit Cove Middle School regularly uses volunteers in several areas such as after school events, field trips, chaperoning, sporting events, drama productions, band, parent conferences and PTO – the opportunities are plentiful! They exist during school and after school hours so helping out can fit almost anyone's schedule! For the safety of the students and staff at Fruit Cove, St. Johns County School District has a policy where all visitors must complete a volunteer online school access form which is good for three years. When doing so you are agreeing to a criminal background check and a sexual offender check. You are also agreeing to abide by the policies and procedures of the St. Johns County School Board and its facilities while volunteering. The process can take two – six weeks to process your form.

If you have any questions feel free to contact our office at (904)547-7880.

<https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/>

### Forgotten items

If a student has left schoolwork, a project, PE clothes, a band instrument, etc., please drop it off no later than **8:15AM**. These items will not be taken after that time. The only exceptions would be lunch, money for lunch, glasses, or medicine. Thank you for your help with this!

### Early checkout

If you need to take your student out of school early, the latest time that he/she can be picked up is at 1:20PM (12:20PM on Wednesdays). If you come after that time, you will need to wait until dismissal at 1:50PM (12:50PM on Wednesdays) to get your student.

## Testing News

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

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

## 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](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](#)." Contact [Dawn Gillis](#) for more information

## 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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