

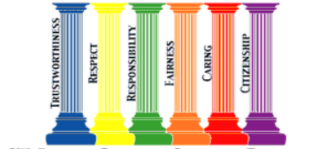
# Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

February 21, 2025

## CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month:  
February — Caring

### Important Dates

#### March 11

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

#### March 13

Third Quarter Ends

#### March 14

Teacher Planning Day-  
Student Holiday

#### March 17-21

Spring Break - Student/  
Teacher Holiday

#### March 24

Classes Resume for  
Students

#### March 27

Report Cards

#### April 8

SAC meeting 2:30

#### April 18

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.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to 7th grader Alexandra Wolcott who submitted an essay to the St. Johns Education Association "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. essay and poster contest". Alexandra won 2nd place in the Middle School category for her essay about how Dr. King fought against racial injustice in our country, and how we must continue to address inequality and injustice in our nation today. Alexandra is a member of the FCMS Drama club as well as NJHS, enjoys theater and is also an avid reader.

### SJCS D SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

•Congratulations to 8th grader Keethan Katta who received four awards including the Stem Research award and the Lemelson Early Inventor Prize. He won first place in the Junior Intelligent Machines category and was nominated for the Thermo Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge. He is advancing to the State Science fair competition on March 25, 2025.

•Nishal Chitteti, 7th grade, won 2nd place for Junior Intelligent Machines and the Naval Science Award from the Office of Naval Research for Excellence in STEM.

•Emily Davis, 7th grade, won 3rd place in the Engineering Category for "From Sea to Sip: How Color affects Desalination."



## FCMS SAC Needs Parent/Family Input

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>

## NJHS News



Students, if you have missed some days of school lately and need help getting caught up with assignments, please join our after-school tutoring sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There will be NJHS members available to help you with your work. The sessions are Tuesdays in Mrs. Doemel's room and Thursdays in Ms. Fabo's room. Make sure you bring your printed and signed Parent Permission form (see below).

[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)

## 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).

## Counselor's Spot

### 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE IS ALMOST HERE....

8<sup>th</sup> grade students will meet with high school counselors to go over classes that will be on their schedule next year and have an opportunity to choose electives. Parents are welcome to attend via speakerphone on their child's cell phone.

#### **CREEKSIDE:**

Students will go to the media center with their **Science** teacher on the following days:

Date	Teacher	Period	Start	End
Monday	Holle	1	7:30 AM	8:16 AM
February 24th	Holle	2	8:20 AM	9:06 AM
	Holle	3	9:10 AM	9:56 AM
		Lunch	10:00 AM	10:30 AM
	Planning	4	10:34 AM	11:20 AM
	Holle	5	11:24 AM	12:10 PM
	Holle	6	12:14 PM	1:00 PM
	Holle	7	1:04 PM	1:50 PM
Date	Teacher	Period	Start	End
Tuesday	Lima	1	7:30 AM	8:16 AM
February 25th	Lima	2	8:20 AM	9:06 AM
	Lima	3	9:10 AM	9:56 AM
		Lunch	10:00 AM	10:30 AM
	Planning	4	10:34 AM	11:20 AM
	Lima	5	11:24 AM	12:10 PM
	Lima	6	12:14 PM	1:00 PM
	Lima	7	1:04 PM	1:50 PM
Date	Teacher	Period	Start	End
Wednesday	Byrd	1	7:30 AM	8:16 AM
February 26th	Byrd	2	8:20 AM	9:06 AM
	Byrd	3	9:10 AM	9:56 AM
		Lunch	10:00 AM	10:30 AM
	Planning	4	10:34 AM	11:20 AM
	Students who missed	5	11:24 AM	12:10 PM
	Students who missed	6	12:14 PM	1:00 PM
	Students who missed	7	1:04 PM	1:50 PM

#### **ALL OTHER SCHOOLS:**

Students will be pulled individually on the following days. They will receive a verification sheet with their meeting time or will be called from class. \*Some schools opt to contact families directly instead

03/04/25	Nease High School in Professional Library
02/26/25	Beachside High School
03/05/25	Tocoi Creek High School (may contact directly)
03/05/25	Bartram Trail High School (may contact directly)
TBA	Ponte Vedra High School (may contact directly)

## ESE News

### Parent Survey Exceptional Student Education Your Input is Important!



Each year, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) conducts a survey designed to provide FDOE and the United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, with information on how well Florida's schools are partnering with parents and promoting parent involvement in their child's education. The survey is open to all parents of children with an individual educational plan (IEP) receiving ESE services from preschool age through grade 12.

The 2024/2025 ESE Parent Survey is open beginning February 2025 and will close on 6/30/2025. The survey can be completed on the web or mobile phone by visiting:

[2025 ESE Parent Survey](#)

Your responses will help guide efforts to improve services and results for children and families. All information provided will remain confidential. You may submit one online survey for each child receiving services.

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**TUESDAY**

**MARCH 11**

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**FCMS AUDITORIUM  
6:30PM**

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- FCMS VISION AND CULTURE
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## 8th Grade Semi-Formal Dance



## 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

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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, 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, 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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# PTO

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Website



Instagram



Facebook



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THE FCMS PTO PRESENTS

## A Starry Night

THE 8TH GRADE SEMI-FORMAL

SUNDAY | 12:15 | 1:45 - 4:00 PM  
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6515 ST. JOHN'S GOLF DRIVE  
ST. JOHNS, FL 32057

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/2025-semi-formal-copy/items?cart>



### The FCMS PTO Is Looking For

OPEN POSITIONS:

- Dance Committee Chair
- Spirit Wear Chair
- Communications Chair

The 24-25 committee chairs are available to help you get ready to take over the role for 25-26! Come join the fun!

[fcmsptopresident@gmail.com](mailto:fcmsptopresident@gmail.com)

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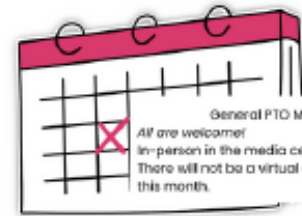
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### PTO MEMBERSHIP

<https://bit.ly/fcmsptomembership>

## Reminder



General PTO Meeting

All are welcome!  
In-person in the media center.  
There will not be a virtual option to join this month.



**02/24/25  
6:00**

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