## Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



**Bi-Weekly Newsletter** 

April 11, 2025

#### CHARACTER COUNTS! 3180 Racetrack Rd



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month: April — All Pillars

#### Important Dates

April 18 Student/Teacher Holiday

April 23 Interims Issued

May 13 SAC meeting 2:30

**May 26** Memorial Day - Student/ Teacher Holiday

May 30 Last Day for Students Fourth Quarter Ends 12:50pm dismissal

**June 2** Last Day for Teachers -Teacher Planning Day

## "HOME OF THE FL<u>yers"</u>

904-547-7880

## Mission Statement

Fruit Cove Middle School will inspire in all students a passion for lifelong learning, creating educated and

## **Testing News**

The May testing calendar is available on the Fruit Cove Website.

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

| Sun                       | Mon                          | Tue                          | Wed                                    | Thu                          | Fri                          | Sat |
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| 4                         | 5<br>6 <sup>th</sup> READING | 6<br>6 <sup>th</sup> READING | 7                                      | 8<br>7 <sup>th</sup> READING | 9<br>8 <sup>th</sup> READING | 10  |
| <b>11</b><br>Mother's Day | 12<br>6 <sup>th</sup> MATH   | 13<br>6 <sup>th</sup> MATH   | 14                                     | 15<br>8 <sup>th</sup> MATH   | 16<br>7 <sup>th</sup> MATH   | 17  |
| 18                        | 19<br>ALGEBRA<br>EOC         | 20<br>ALGEBRA<br>EOC         | 21<br>8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE<br>SCIENCE | 22<br>GEOMETRY<br>EOC        | 23                           | 24  |
| 25                        | 26<br>Memorial Day           | 27                           | 28                                     | 29                           | 30                           | 31  |

## **Relay For Life News**



Relay for Life will be Saturday, April 12 from 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Hope Lodge Jacksonville (4583 Worrall Wy, Jacksonville, FL 32224).

This is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Relay for Life.

Please plan on joining us and join our school team at <u>http://main.acsevents.org/goto/fruitcove</u>

More details to help the day of will come closer to the event.

### **Band News**



On Friday, April 4, eight students earned Superior Ratings and 4 earned Excellent Ratings at the District 21 Solo/Ensemble MPA held at St Augustine High School. Congratulations on their successful performances!

Saturday, April 12 the FCMS Jazz Ensemble will be performing at 10:00 AM at the Orange Blossom Jazz Festival in Apopka, FL

Saturday, April 20 the FCMS Jazz Ensemble will be performing at 3:00 PM at the Lakeside Jazz Festival in Port Orange, FL

School Hours 7:30am-1:50pm

Wednesday Dismissal @ 12:50pm

The building is open from 7:00am to

## **Science Fair Winner**



Congratulations to Keerthan Katta who received 4 awards in the District Science Fair.

- Stem Research award •
- The Lemelson Early Inventor Prize (\$100)
- Nominated for Thermo Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge
- First place in Junior Intelligent Machines

He is advancing to State Science fair competition on March 25. Good luck!



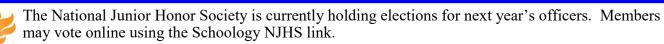
## Women in Need WEB Drive



Make Your Mom Proud!

March 18 - April 22, WEB is working with 2 Men and a Truck to host a supply drive for women in need. We are collecting shampoo, soap, baby food, diapers, toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks for women and children, lotion, feminine hygiene, new XL twin sheets, and non-perishable food. These items will be delivered to women in local shelters on Mother's Day. Local shelters receiving the packages include: The Betty Griffin House, The Hubbard House and The Quigley House. Students may bring donations to their first period class. Thank you for your consideration and kindness. Let's color the world with kindness this Mother's Dav!

## NJHS News



In addition, the end of the year celebration will be held at school on Monday, May 12. It will be held after school in the cafeteria and should last about 30 minutes. Pizza and cookies will be provided. There will be a sign-up link on Schoology later this quarter.

## **B6** News

CUB UPCOMING MEETING DATES: April 24 and May 8 (LAST MEETING OF YEAR) 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**

**UPCOMING MEETING DATES:** April 22 and May 6 (LAST MEETING OF YEAR) 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).



FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES CLUB will meet May 7 and 21<sup>st</sup> from 1-2pm. Please see Coach Benavides in room 570 for a permission form to join the club and attend the meetings in May. A basketball star and a track star will be speaking and sharing their testimonies in May. Come join us!!!

## **FCA Club**

## **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 include the student's name on the SchoolPay form!

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SchoolPay: Paperback Library Book (\$10)

SchoolPay: Hard Cover Library Book (\$20)

#### The votes are in!

The favorite SSYRA book at FCMS is <u>Kelcie Murphy and the Academy for the</u> <u>Unbreakable Arts</u> by Erika Lewis! Thanks to everyone who voted.

The 2025-2026 SSYRA list is now out! Click the link below for a video preview of next year's titles.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sm0sBH3acMw

Visit our media center webpage for more information about the SSYRA Program.

## **After School Tutoring**



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

## 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.

| PBIS News  | Safety Reminder   |
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| We are adding more items to the PBIS store, check it out!  |   |
| We deliver on the first and third Friday of each<br>month. We try to guarantee delivery if you order by<br>Tuesday of the day before delivery.   | Children should only cross the street at these designated crosswalks where crossing guards are present:   |
| If you have a question about an item you received,<br>you can use the special link (click below) on the<br>school website or message Mrs. Alford directly.   | <ul> <li>* Flora Branch Blvd. and Race Track Road</li> <li>* Durbin Creek Blvd. and Race Track Road</li> <li>* Flora Branch Blvd. and Durbin Creek Blvd.</li> <li>* Durbin Creek Blvd. in front of the Pine Crossing<br/>Subdivision</li> </ul> |
| PBIS Item Issue  | Student should not wear earbuds while riding a bike or scooter.   |
|  | Morning Parent Drop Off<br>For the safety of all our students, drop off children<br>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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| Pizza!   | Yearbook News   |
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## Front Desk Gentle Reminders

#### SCHOOL ACCESS

For the safety and security for students and staff, all visitors and volunteers that come to campus must have an approved school access application on file with the school district. Starting April 1st, the school district will be transitioning to a new program for school access. During this transition, the district will take over processing any new school access applications, so there may be delays in processing them. Schools will not have the ability to approve new applications so visitors/volunteers without an approved application will not be allowed on campus. If you already have an active, approved application on file, no action is needed.



As we are in the last quarter of the school year, events will be taking place throughout our district. Everyone must have school access to go past the front office of any school. If you plan to go into a school, and have not completed a school access form in the past, it is highly recommended that you complete this form right away. The form can be found at <u>https://</u> stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply. Completion of background screening can take two weeks or

longer. If you completed a school access form in the past and think your approval may have expired (approval lasts for 3 years), call your child's school and they will provide your current information.

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.

## **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** <u>online absence form</u>.

You can find answers to almost all your attendance questions on the Fruit Cove website under "<u>Attendance Information & Forms</u>." Contact <u>Dawn Gillis</u> for more information

## **School Website**

<a href="http://www-fcs.stjohns.k12.fl.us">http://www-fcs.stjohns.k12.fl.us</a> 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.

## **Counselors'** Corner



Share. Listen. Restate. Explain how you're feeling. Listen to how the other person is feeling. Restate what they explained about their perspective to make sure you understand how they feel.



Take responsibility. Apologize. Make a change. If you made a mistake, own it. Say that you're sorry, but sorry isn't enough! Explain how you'll make a change.



Give a bug and a wish. Share what's bugging you and then what you wish the other student would do. "It bugs me when you won't let me have the ball. I wish we could take turns!"



**Ask "How can I help?"** If a student shares how they're feeling, ask how you can help. Then, listen to what they say.



Brainstorm a solution. Work together to problem solve! Brainstorm ideas, and pick one to try.



Ask an adult for help. If you need help or are hurt, uncomfortable, or unsafe, go to an adult you trust right away. Tell them what happened.



Use an "I feel" statement. Tell the other student how you feel and what made you feel that way. "I feel angry when you won't let me have the ball."

Let it go. Think about what happened. Sometimes, if it's a small thing or an accident, you can make a choice to let it go and move on.



Make a deal. Work together on a compromise! Find a win-win deal that will work well for everyone.



**Cool off! Then, come back to the wheel.** If you need a minute before you can speak respectfully to a student, take a break and a breath!



End with a... Once a conflict is resolved, choose how you will show it! End with a hive five, a hug, or a handshake to show it's over and you worked it out.

## Welcome to Bus Planner Web Parent Portal

#### Go to <u>https://sjcsd.mybusplanner.com</u> click on log in and then select parent portal.





**Click create account**. Using the email address that you use for your children and fill in all the questions

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#### In this section you can see your child's bus information

#### **My Students**

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This will give you access only to the students who are associated with your email that you sign up with.

If you have any questions or need further assistance please reach out to Tiffany Bravo at Transportation Office: **904-547-8076** 

St. Johns County Schools.

CURRENT 5TH-7TH GRADE STUDENTS PORTATION APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Session One: June 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13
Session Two: June 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27

Two Part Application Process-Click Here 1. Parent online application

2. Student essay/teacher recommendation

Canoe, Kayak, Windsurf, SUP, Surf,

# Fish and much more!

# **Don't Miss The Fun**

Check out our website site at: https://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/marinescience/

> Kristina Bransford Program Coordinator marinescienceprogram@stjohns.k12.fl.us







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