

# Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

April 25, 2025

## CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month:  
April — All Pillars

### Important Dates

**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

**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

## Testing News

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

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

May 2025						
FAST PM 3 AND EOC TESTING WINDOW: 5/1 - 5/29						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 CIVICS	2 CIVICS	3
4	5 6 <sup>th</sup> READING	6 6 <sup>th</sup> READING	7	8 7 <sup>th</sup> READING	9 8 <sup>th</sup> READING	10
11 Mother's Day	12 6 <sup>th</sup> MATH	13 6 <sup>th</sup> MATH	14	15 8 <sup>th</sup> MATH	16 7 <sup>th</sup> MATH	17
18	19 ALGEBRA EOC	20 ALGEBRA EOC	21 8 <sup>th</sup> GRADE SCIENCE	22 GEOMETRY EOC	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31

## NJHS News



The end of the year celebration will be on Monday, May 12 in the cafeteria. The new officers will be introduced and we will say goodbye to our current officers.

Congratulations to the new NJHS officers: President—Rohan Chilakapati, Vice President—Aarav Bukka, Secretary—Patrick Chapman, Treasurer—Kyle Wang, and Historian—Eira Puri.

Pizza and cookies will be provided. Members need to sign up on the Schoology NJHS site.

## FCA Club



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!!!

## Track News



Congratulations to our FC track team who competed this past weekend. Mason McCoy made it on the 2025 leader board in the 100m. Aeby VanDoran now holds the record in the 400 and 200, Avery Richardson jumped up on the board in the 100M. Emma Godfrey holds all three records in the 3000M, 1500M, and 800M. Zach Thomas continues to take time off his 800M record. Danny Itkin holds tight to the 300m and 1500m, taking down the All Time School record in the 3000M. Eli Belz continues to throw farther in the Shot Put and well as Shruthika Dega in the girls Shot Put. We are so proud of our athletes!!!

## B6 News



**UPCOMING MEETING DATES:** 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:** 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).

## PBIS News

We are adding more items to the PBIS store, check it out!

We deliver on the first and third Friday of each month. We try to guarantee delivery if you order by Tuesday of the day before delivery.

If you have a question about an item you received, you can use the special link (click below) on the school website or message Mrs. Alford directly.



**PBIS Item Issue**

## 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.

## 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](#)

### Important Dates

**Wednesday, May 7 — Last day for students to check out books**

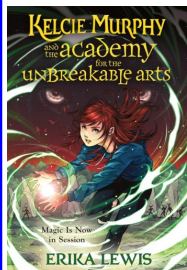
**Friday, May 16 — ALL Library books are due!**

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 include the student's name on the SchoolPay form!

SchoolPay: Paperback Library Book (\$10)

SchoolPay: Hard Cover Library Book (\$20)

### **The votes are in!**



The favorite SSYRA book at FCMS is **Kelcie Murphy and the Academy for the Unbreakable Arts** 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.

## 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.

## Help Your Child Prepare For STANDARDIZED TESTS

### Do Your Best On The Test!

If you're looking for ways to help your child prepare for standardized testing, follow these test-taking tips to ensure the best chance for success.

### 1. Keep It Positive

Start test day by reminding your child that he will:

- ☐ A "ROCK THIS TEST!"
- ☐ B "SHOW WHAT HE KNOWS"

You'll be surprised the difference a few words of encouragement can make.

### 2. Promote Strong School Habits

Support what your child's teachers are doing in class by making sure your child attends school regularly and misses as few days as possible.

### 3. Work With Your Child's Teacher

Talk to your child's teacher about any concerns you have or your child has, especially if she has test anxiety.

Ask for test readiness strategies you can work on at home.

### 4. Don't Cram

Make sure your child gets plenty of rest the night before testing. Don't try to cram a year's worth of learning into one late night.

Trust that your teachers have been preparing their students all year long!

### 5. Make The Most of Test Day

Start with a healthy breakfast on test day! Avoid:

- ☐ A SUGARY FOOD (CAN CAUSE JITTERS)
- ☐ B HEAVY FOOD (CAN CAUSE SLEEPINESS)

### 6. Reinforce Test-Taking Skills

If your child is unsure of an answer, remind him or her to go slowly, and:

- ☐ A "PAY ATTENTION TO EACH QUESTION"
- ☐ B "GO WITH YOUR GUT"

### 7. Keep It In Perspective

One test does not sum up a child's entire academic record. Classroom success comes from many factors and standardized tests are just one part of the picture.

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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 <https://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](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.





# ***SPIRIT NIGHTS AT ISLAND WING***

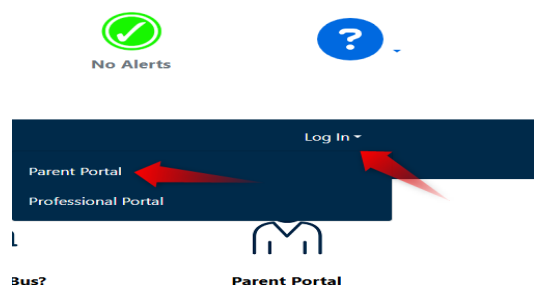
**APRIL 28, 2025**

**ISLAND WING COMPANY AT  
BARTRAM MARKET WILL DONATE  
20% OF ALL SALES TO  
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## Welcome to Bus Planner Web Parent Portal

Go to <https://sjcsd.mybusplanner.com> 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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At least one upper-case letter

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





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APRIL 25

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### PTO MEMBERSHIP

<https://bit.ly/fcmsptomembership>

**PTO General Meeting**  
Monday, April 28  
6:00  
School Media Center or  
Virtually:  
<https://bit.ly/ptoApril28>  
  
Free Women's Self-Defense Class  
to Follow

## FUN DAY

Volunteers needed for  
8<sup>th</sup> grade fun day on May 29.  
<https://bit.ly/8thgradefunday25>

We are also asking families to loan the PTO  
5-7 coolers  
10 canopy tents  
May 23: Label with name and leave in office  
May 30: Pick up in office

ARE YOU OUR NEXT

## PTO Board Member?

We are looking for the following people to fill our PTO Board for next school year:  
Fence Design Chair

If you're interested, email for more information.  
[FCMSPTOPRESIDENT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FCMSPTOPRESIDENT@GMAIL.COM)

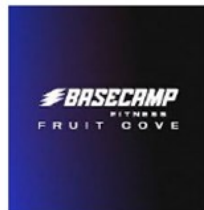




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