Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILO



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

March 7, 2025

CHARACTER COUNTS! 3180 Racetrack Rd



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month: March — Trustworthiness

Important Dates

March 11

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

March 13

Third Ouarter 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

SÂC 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.

"HOME OF THE FLYERS"

904-547-7880

Mission Statement

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

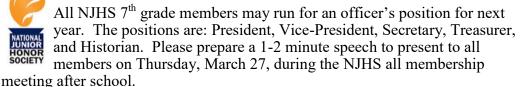
NJHS Pet Drive

Pet Drive begins on Monday, March 3, and will run through Thursday, March 13. Please bring in food, treats, collars, leashes, toys, used towels or blankets, for cats and dogs. The homeroom with the most donations will win fresh baked cookies!



NJHS News

TIME TO SIGN UP FOR OFFICER POSITIONS



You may campaign for the position by placing posters up in the 7th and 8th grade hallways and the main hallways. No handing out candy or toys, but stickers or paper buttons are fine. You may start campaigning as soon as you sign up. No posters larger than a regular sheet of copy paper please.

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

WEB: Bingo!



BINGO! Our WEB team is hosting an after-school Bingo game on Tuesday, March 11 from 1:50-2:30pm. Come for friendship, fun and prizes! Students may sign up for Bingo in the PBIS events calendar. All students must have a parent permission slip for WEB events on file to attend. You may bring your permission slip to the event or bring it to your P1 teacher prior to the event. You can find a link to the parent permission slip on the Fruit Cove Website under FCMS Clubs. We hope to see you on March 11th!

WEB Parent Permission Form

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

2025-2026 WEB Class

7th Graders: if you have listed WEB as a preference for your electives choice, you will soon receive an email with a short WEB application that includes a request for four teachers who you would like to write a recommendation. We appreciate your interest in WEB!

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: March 6, April 10, 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

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: March 11, March 25, April 8, 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). Students need to bring a chess board to participate. Students can keep their chess boards in the lockers in my room.

Library News



Hours: 7:10am—1:50pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7:10am—12:50pm Wednesday

Jennifer Jaeger, Media Specialist



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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 include the student's name on the SchoolPay form!

SchoolPay: Paperback Library Book (\$10)

SchoolPay: Hard Cover Library Book (\$20)

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

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.

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.

FRUIT COVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

IS INVITING YOU TO
RISING 6TH
PARENT NIGHT



TUESDAY

MARCH 11

FCMS AUDITORIUM 6:30PM

- FCMS VISION AND CULTURE
- 2025-2026 ELECTIVE CHOICES
- CORE CLASS PROGRESSION
- PTO
- SCHOOL SAFETY
- SCHOOLOGY & HAC
- SCHOOL COMMUNICATION
- PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT
- SCHOOL-HOME CONNECTION

Counselors' Corner

Test-Taking Strategies

Read the question carefully, then reread the passage or the problem.

Examine <u>every</u> answer choice before you choose your answer

Label your answer (Math)

Look for <u>proof</u> in the passage
and underline it (ELA)

Always <u>check</u> your work!

X-out answers that you know are wrong

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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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

Important Attendance Information!



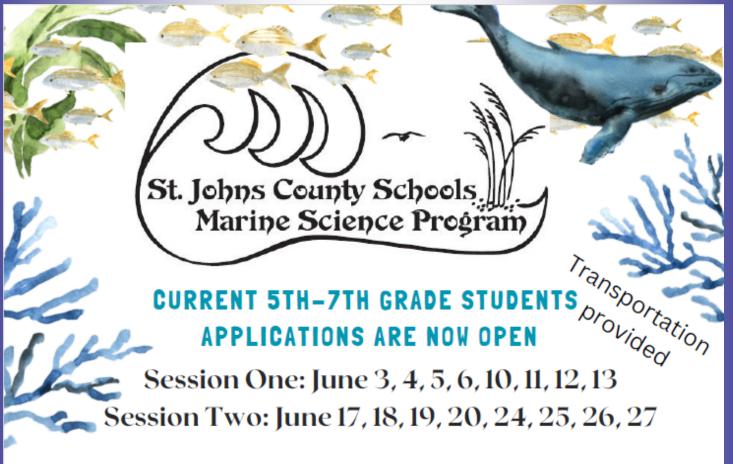
All attendance notes need to be received by the school within **48 hours** of your student returning to school. This can be via a written note or through our **NEW** online absence form.

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



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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Website



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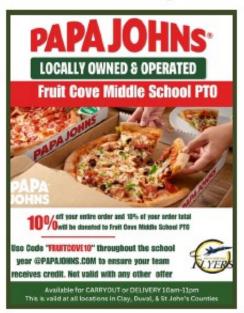
Facebook



Tickets

https://my.cheddarup.com/c/fcm s-glow-dance-copy

Volunteers: Link coming soon!



PTO MEMBERSHIP

https://bit.ly/fcmsptomembership

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ARE YOU OUR NEXT

PTO Board Member?

We are looking for the following people to fill our PTO Board

for next school year.

Dance Committee Co-Chair
Fundraising Chair
Communications Chair

Fence Cups

If you're interested, email for more information. FCMSPTOPRESIDENT@GMAIL.COM





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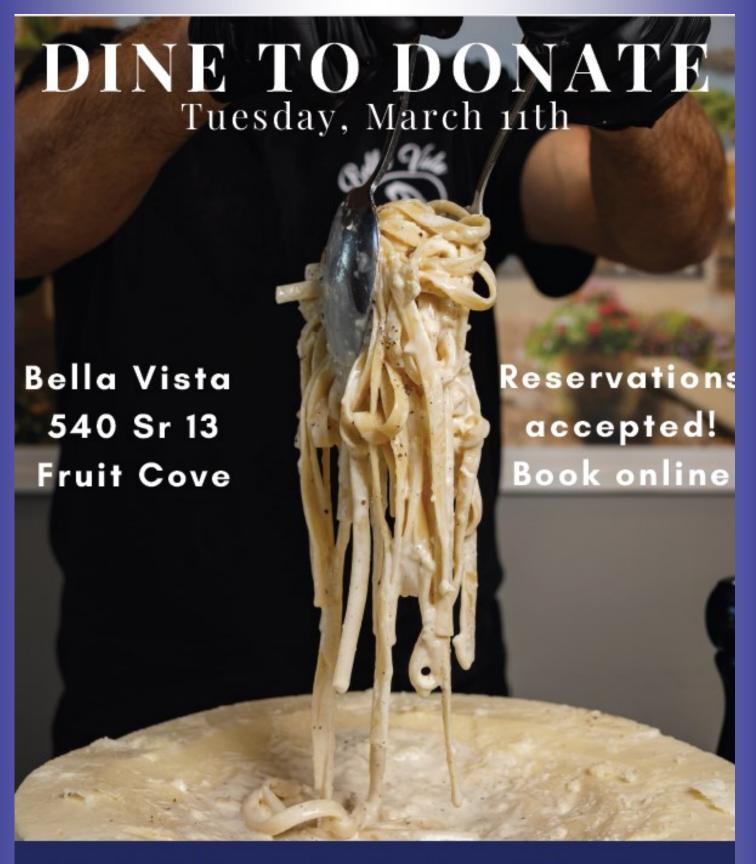






Craig T Hadgis DDS

Board Certified Orthodontic Specialist



10% of all dine-in food sales will be donated to Fruit Cove Middle School!



1385 ST JOHNS PKWY, SAINT JOHNS SPIRIT NIGHT

20% of all proceeds will be donated to our school

MARCH 10, 2025, MARCH 24, 2025

APRIL 7, 2025, APRIL 21, 2025

ALL DAY

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