Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

March 28, 2025

CHARACTER COUNTS! 3180 Racetrack Rd

904-547-7880

Mission Statement

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

"HOME OF THE FLYERS"

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

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!

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 40th 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.

Drama News

Join us on April 10 & 11 for the Wizard of Oz (Youth edition) Drama Production.

6:00pm FCMS Auditorium

April 10

Tickets are available on SchoolPay.

April 11

ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

AIRNESS

Pillar of the Month: March — Trustworthiness

Important Dates

April 8 SAC meeting 2:30

April 10 Wizard of Oz Production

April 11 Wizard of Oz Production

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

> School Hours 7:30am-1:50pm

Wednesday Dismissal @ 12:50pm

The building is open from 7:00am to

Art Awards

Congratulations to six Fruit Cove students on their submissions to the SJCSD All County Middle School Art Show in the categories of Drawing, Painting, and Mixed Media. Two entries, one in Drawing and one in Mixed Media were winners! The art show is currently on display at the St. Augustine Art Association.

<u>Art Show Participants:</u> Tatsa Balaji Anika Bhat - Winner Emma Burnette Zihui Cao Emily Davis Saanvi Kotha - Winner











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

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

FAST Writing begins Monday, March 31

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April 2025	BEST WRI	TING TESTING W	INDOW: 3/31 -	4/11			
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20 Easter Sunday	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30				

4-H Public Speaking

Congratulations to Mia Martell, the 6th Grade Fruit Cove Middle School Florida 4-H Public Speaking contest winner for 2025. Second place winner is Deekshitha Merugu and third place winner Vathsalya Dhanjayan. Mia will represent FCMS at the District

contest next month.



Battle of the Books



ongratulations to the 2025 FCMS

Battle of the Books team, Aarav Bukka, Akshara Gangadi, Mudil Nair, Shreya Patchipulusu, Emily Pham, Naomi Porter, Tejasavini Saravanan! They came in tied for 3rd out of 14 middle school teams in SJCSD!



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 Ouigley 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 Day!

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

B6 News



B6 CLUB 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: 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: 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

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!

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

FCA

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 <u>jill.benavides@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> 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.

Counselors' Corner	Safety Reminder			
Test-Taking Strategies	Children who ride bikes or scooters to always wear a helmet.			
Read the question carefully, then reread the passage or the problem.	Children should only cross the street at these designated crosswalks where crossing guards are present: * Flora Branch Blvd. and Race Track Road			
Examine <u>every</u> answer choice before you choose your answer	 * 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. <u>Morning Parent Drop Off</u> For the safety of all our students, drop off children only at the designated area in front of the school. 			
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	Allow extra time on cold or rainy days when the line is extra long.			
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.

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</u> <u>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

<<u>http://www-fcs.stjohns.k12.fl.us</u>> 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. 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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Craig T Hadgis DDS Board Certified Orthodontic Specialist

MARCH 31, 2025

SPIRIT NIGHTS

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ISLAND WING COMPANY AT BARTRAM MARKET WILL DONATE 20% OF ALL SALES TO FRUIT COVE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO





1385 ST JOHNS PKWY, SAINT JOHNS SPIRIT NIGHT

20% of all proceeds will be donated to our school

APRIL 7, 2025 ALL DAY





FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

