

Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

May 9, 2025

CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pillar of the Month:
May — Citizenship

Important Dates

May 13

SAC meeting 2:30
Wind Symphony Spring
Concert 6:30pm

May 14

8th Grade Award
Ceremony 8am

May 15

Last day to place PBIS
orders

May 16

Gradventure 1pm

May 16 & 17

Middle School Track
State Championship

May 20

Jazz Ensemble Spring
Concert 6:30pm

May 26

Memorial Day - Student/
Teacher Holiday

May 30

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

School Hours
7:30am-1:50pm

Wednesday Dismissal
@ 12:50pm

The building is open
from 7am—3pm.

3180 Racetrack Rd

"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

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 th READING	6 6 th READING	7	8 7 th READING	9 8 th READING	10
11 Mother's Day	12 6 th MATH	13 6 th MATH	14	15 8 th MATH	16 7 th MATH	17
18	19 ALGEBRA EOC	20 ALGEBRA EOC	21 8 th 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 and wear their NJHS t-shirt to the celebration!

PBIS News

May 15 is the last day to place PBIS orders!

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



UPCOMING MEETING DATES: May 15 (LAST MEETING OF YEAR) **from 1:55-3:30pm** Parents, please arrange for your child to be picked up in the front of the school by 3:30 pm at the front loop (or walk/ride bike home). Information regarding this last meeting was emailed to all parents and is posted on Schoology group page.

Chess Club News

We had our last meeting on Tuesday, May 6th. Have a safe summer and I will see you next year!



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.

Important Dates

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)

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.

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.

Fruit Cove Middle Yearbook

Deadline to order:
May 16

Order at
yearbookordercenter.com

School code: 10456

Thanks for supporting
our yearbook team
Have a great summer!

Pizza!

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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

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

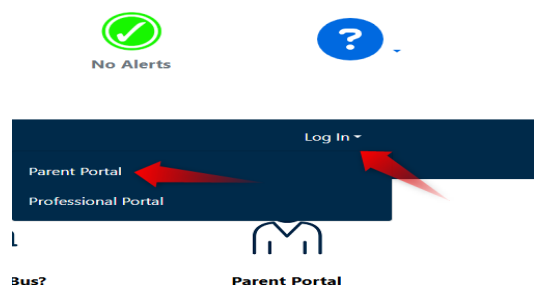
<<http://www-fcs.stjohns.k12.fl.us>>

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.

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

Log In

Email

Password

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Log In

Forgot Your Password?

Create Account

Password Requirements

Length : 8 +
At least one special character
At least one number
At least one lower case letter
At least one upper-case letter

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Password

Confirm Password

☐ I'm not a robot

By clicking 'Submit', you agree to the [College of San Jose Privacy Policy](#)

Submit

Close

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

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Online Forms and Requests

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**



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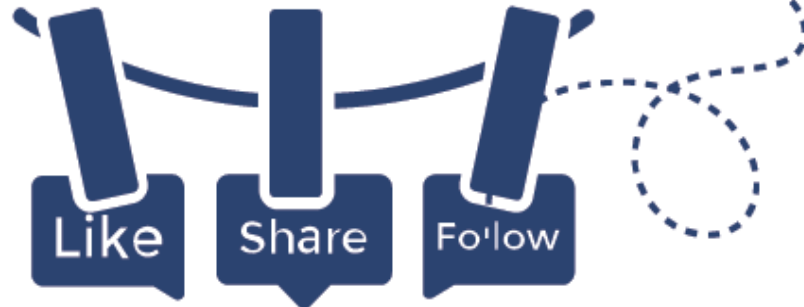
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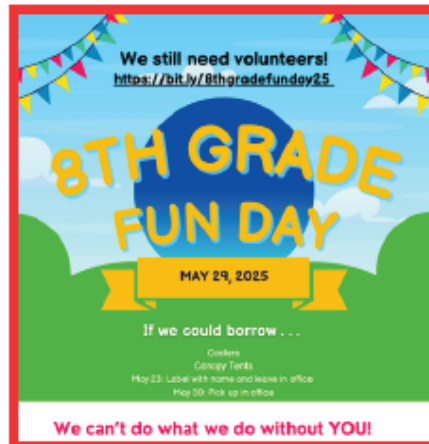
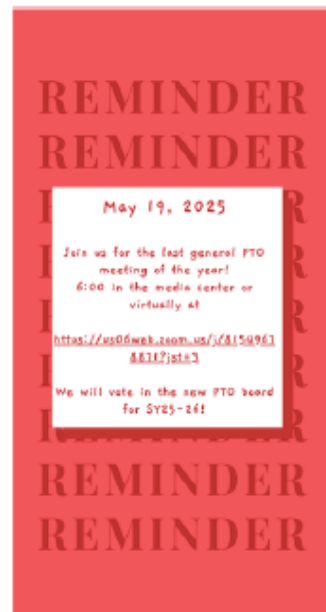
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Keep in touch with us over the summer by following the FCMS PTO on our official socials!



Thank you so much to everyone who helped distribute the 8th grade yard signs. You're ah-mazing!

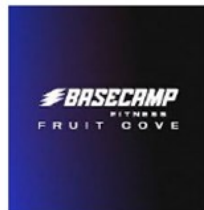




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