

Fruit Cove Middle School "THE PILOT"



Bi-Weekly Newsletter

November 7, 2025

CHARACTER COUNTS!



Pillar of the Month:
November — Citizenship

Important Dates

November 11
Veterans Day
Student/Teacher Holiday

November 13
Interims Issued

November 24-28
Thanksgiving Break
Student/Teacher Holiday

December 19
Second Quarter/First
Semester Ends
12:50pm Dismissal

Dec. 22-Jan. 1
Winter Break
Student/Teacher Holiday

January 2
Teacher Planning Day
Student Holiday

January 5
Classes Resume for
Students
Second Semester Begins

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
caring contributors to the world.

Toy Drive

The National Junior Honor Society will be sponsoring a toy drive
beginning on November 10 and running through December 5. Please
bring in any unwrapped toy to donate. All donations will be given to
the local chapter of *Toys 4 Tots*. The homeroom with the most
donations will receive fresh baked cookies!



Sole-Mates for Kindness



We are collecting new adult and children
size socks for the needy this month.
Please consider picking up a pair of
socks for a neighbor in need. When you
donate, your name will be added to a
drawing for a fun prize. Let's throw
kindness like confetti and donate !



News



PBIS School Store

Students have daily opportunities to earn PBIS points for
showing positive character traits such as citizenship,
trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, and
caring. These points can be exchanged for rewards
through our online PBIS store. PBIS is managed,
fulfilled and delivered by our WEB Team.

To order, students can log in through /clever, visit PBIS and make their
selections. Rewards are delivered on the first and third Friday of each month, and
orders should be placed by the Tuesday before delivery to ensure they arrive that
week.

Would you like to support our efforts to reward positive choices and good
character? Donations to our PBIS store are always appreciated. Here is the link:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/12ZC1TLXAE366?ref=wl_share

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Cell Phone News

Florida law prohibits middle school students from using wireless devices during the instructional school day, from the time they arrive on campus until the end of the day. This means phones *must be powered off and stored away*. Students may not call parents if in school. PLEASE add the school phone number to your contacts so your student or administration can reach you via phone if necessary. The number is (904) 547-7874.



FCA News

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club is an outstanding way for athletes to connect to other athletes as well as deepen their faith. Required Forms are found under "School Clubs" on our school website. Please turn all forms into Mrs. Benavides Room 570. Club fee is paid on SchoolPay.



<https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/2526-FCA-Club-Fee/SbzAkUk>

B6 Club News



B6 Cub is now accepting applications. B6 is a club for students who want to be a student leader who models a positive presence on campus. Stop by room 483 to pick up an application and parent permission form. Both applications must be returned to Mrs. Bass to be considered for B6. Students will be added to the B6 Club Schoology group upon application approval.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES: Upcoming meetings: Nov. 20, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, and Jan. 22. 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 3:00pm at the front loop (or walk/ride bike home at 2:30pm).

XC News

Congratulations to those on our leader board! Your hard work is paying off!

FCMS GIRLS 2025 XC LDR BOARD		
Finch	Madelen	1103
Godfrey	Emma	1109
Flood	Amelia	1120
Wittmann	Anna	1239
Craig	Charlotte	1344
Gonzales	Brook	1345
Wyatt	Autumn	1345
Dushuttle	Abigail	1422
Porter	Naomi	1434
Vergeichik	Maria	1448
Schafer	Leelah	1517
Muniz	Avery	1524
Madera	Hope	1552
Moran	Madison	1606
Kepner	Katie	1616
Lebron	Julia	1626
Straka	Viktoria	1644
Patel	Arna	1658
Sinnaduval	Shyla	1708
Hurt	Savannah	1707
Riey	Negasi	1734

FCMS BOYS 2025 XC LDR BOARD		
Cunningham	Bryce	951.9
Akins	Parker	959.5
Lafser	Harrison	1007
Lugo	Nicholas	1032
Hurt	Thomas	1041
Finch	Cooper	1049
Isom	Amari	1117
Thomas	Xavier	1119
Jacobs	Ben	1138
Ritzau	Wesley	1235
Ristau	Cole	1235
LaVopa	Matteo	1238
Jones	Gabe	1254
Nair	Mudil	1324
Regal	James	1341
Chouitem	Ryan	1344
Peterson	Seth	1349
Carter	Chase	1409
Stallcup	Landon	1420
Scholes	Isamu	1426
LaVopa	Leo	1438



Sports News



The Flyers Girls and Boys teams are the 2025 County Champions! The Girls team defeated Pacetti Bay Wildcats in the championship match at Fruit Cove and finished their season with a record of 13-1. The Boys team defeated the Swiss Point Raiders in the championship match at Swiss Point and finished their season with a record of 12-2. We are so proud of our teams this season and all that they accomplished this year.



FRUIT COVE MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL 2025—2026

Girls Coach: Mandy Risenmay

Boys Coach: James Tansey

GIRLS BASKETBALL INFORMATION

***** An Athletic waiver is required for tryouts.**

OPEN GYM

November 4, 6, 13 & 19 2-3 PM

TRYOUT INFORMATION

7 & 8th Grade Girls	Monday, December 1	2:00-4:00pm
6th Grade Girls	Tuesday, December 2	2:00-4:00pm
Call backs—Girls	Wednesday, December 3	1:00-3:00pm
Call backs—Girls	Thursday & Friday, Dec. 4 & 5	2:00-4:00pm

BOYS BASKETBALL INFORMATION

***** An Athletic waiver is required for tryouts**

OPEN GYM

November 18 and 20, 2-3 PM

TRYOUT INFORMATION

8th Grade Boys	Monday, December 1	4:00-6:00pm
7th Grade Boys	Tuesday, December 2	4:00-6:00pm
6th Grade Boys	Wednesday, December 3	3:00-5:00pm
Call backs—Boys	Thursday & Friday, Dec. 4 & 5	4:00-6:00pm

SEASON PRACTICE INFORMATION

*****A physical is required if a student makes the team**

PRACTICE BEGINS - MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025

Girls Practice: 2-4pm Boys Practice: 4-6pm

SEASON GAME INFORMATION

Girls games start at 5:30 PM Boys game start at 6:30 PM

Game days are Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning January 13.

On Game days the students will go home and meet at the game
45 minutes prior to the start of their game.

Library News

Welcome to the 2025/2026 School Year!



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.

Students may check out three books at a time and keep them for two weeks. Overdue book notices are sent by email every Wednesday at 9:00am. There are no overdue fees, however, students who lose or damage a book are responsible for the cost of the item. Payments can be made using SchoolPay: \$10 for paperback books, \$20 for hard cover books (see the website).

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](#)



The SSYRA Program has begun! Interested students will be added to an SSYRA Course in Schoology **after** the [parent permission form](#) is returned. **Registration is ongoing until December 1, 2025.** Students will read an SSYRA book and take a 25-point quiz on the book. They must score 60% or over to receive credit for the book. Successful quizzes are rewarded with a Schoology badge and a PBIS point. The program ends on Sunday, April 26, 2026.

[2025-2026 Sunshine State Young Readers Award List](#)

The Battle of the Books team will be determined by the quizzes completed by Sunday, January 19, 2026. The seven students with the most books read and the highest average quiz score will make up the team. The District Battle will take place virtually on Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

For more information, visit the media center website:

<https://www-fcs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/sunshine-state-young-readers-program/>

Testing News

January 2026		WIDA TESTING 1/12-3/13				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5 CLASSES RESUME FOR STUDENTS	6 8 TH FAST READING AM/PM	7 6 TH FAST READING	8 6 TH FAST READING	9 7 TH FAST READING AM/PM	10
11	12 8 TH FAST MATH	13 6 TH FAST MATH	14 6 TH FAST MATH	15 7 TH FAST MATH AM/PM	16	17
18	19 M L King Day	20	21	22	23 Testing window ends.	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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

SAC News

Please Join Us FCMS Families **Our School Advisory Council (SAC) needs school** **family and community members!**

Our group meets with administration to get informed about matters that affect our school. For more information, please visit our website: <https://www-fcs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/sac/>

Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 18. Join us in person or online!

Microsoft Teams Need help? **Join the meeting now**

Meeting ID: 295 114 505 494 5
Passcode: Sz6xL25r

Dial in by phone

+1 904-420-0831, 972032183# United States,
Jacksonville

Find a local number

Phone conference ID: 972 032 183#

Contact Tee'ha Carroll
at teeha.carroll@stjohns.k12.fl.us
or call if you have any questions at 904.547.7880.

Guidance News

EVENT 2025-2026 SCHEDULE

8th Grade
transition to HS

1

OCT
ALL DAY

CAREER LESSONS
THROUGH CIVICS
CLASSES

Labs 835 and 845

5

DEC
2ND PD

MIDDLE SCHOOL
BLITZ

Overview of Academies throughout the district

Auditorium

18

FEB
ALL DAY

HIGH SCHOOL VIDEO
THROUGH PE CLASSES

Auditorium

19

FEB
2ND PD

CREEKSIDE HIGH
SCHOOL PEP RALLY

Auditorium

24-26

FEB
ALL DAY

CREEKSIDE HIGH
SCHOOL SCHEDULES

Go through language arts classes.
Other schools will be TBD

Media Center



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FRUIT COVE YEARBOOK

HOW TO BUY..

WEBSITE TO ORDER:
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SCHOOL CODE: 10456
\$45 DOLLARS!

8TH GRADE DEDICATIONS
ARE \$20 - ORDER BY
DEC 1 TO BE IN THE
YEARBOOK.

Front Office Reminders

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.

School Access: School access (proceeding past the front office of any school) is required for every individual that is not a staff member of the St. Johns County School District. This is done through completion of the district's **volunteer application**. School access is good for 3 years. For help completing the online application, please call (904) 547-3945.

Attendance: If a student is unable to attend school, upon returning, the parent/guardian must complete an online attendance form, or submit a note within 48 hours stating the date of the absence, the specific reason for the absence, and have the parent/guardian's signature.

Emails and phone calls are not accepted as notification of absence.

Welcome Military Families

We want to wish a warm welcome to all our military families here at Fruit Cove Middle School. We are working with Purple Heart Schools to provide special care and resources for the children of our servicemen and servicewomen. Please check out the military resources page on our website.



ParentSquare News

We're excited to share that St. Johns County School District is launching a new and improved way to stay connected — **ParentSquare!**

[Download the App](#)

ParentSquare is a unified communication platform that streamlines how we share important information with you. With this all-in-one tool, you'll receive updates from the district, your child's school, and teachers — all in one convenient place.

Please download the App!



Android



iOS

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

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.

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PTO

"FLYER"



Website



Instagram



Facebook

SPIRIT WEAR

<https://www.fcmspto.com/category/spirit-wear>

PTO MEMBERSHIP

<https://www.fcmspto.com/join-the-pt>

PTO BOARDING PASS FUNDRAISER

<https://www.fcmspto.com/product-page/scorecard-25-26>

12 days of appreciation

Help the FCMS PTO celebrate our teachers and staff to show our appreciation for all their hard work throughout the year! Donate now at www.fcmspto.com/donate.



	ONE	TWO	THREE
Access to PTO's Webinars	✓	✓	✓
Early Access to School Tickets	✓	✓	✓
Color Printer for color (not 30 copies)	✓	✓	✓
Headset	✓	✓	✓
Headset (not 300 value)	✓	✓	✓
Gifts: \$200 Code Ninja Gift Certificate	✓	✓	✓

100% of membership fees go back to teachers and students.

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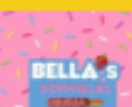
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