



Pillar of the Month:
December - All pillars

Important Dates

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

January 15

Report Cards

January 19

Martin Luther King Jr Day
Student/Teacher Holiday

February 10

Interims Issued

February 13

Teacher Inservice Day
Student Holiday

February 16

Presidents' Day
Student/Teacher Holiday

March 12

Third Quarter Ends
March 13

School Hours
7:30am-1:50pm

Wednesday Dismissal @
12:50pm

The building is open from
7:00am to 3:00pm.

December 19, 2025

Mission Statement

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



We wish you a joyful holiday season filled with peace, happiness, and well-deserved rest. Happy New Year!

December 22 - January 1 Winter Break

Jan. 2 - Teacher Planning Day

Jan. 5 - Classes Resume!



B6 Club News

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

Upcoming meetings:

January 8 and January 22, 1:55-3:00pm.

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 3:00pm).



NJHS collected over 270 toys for the toy drive. Thank you FCMS families for supporting this cause and our school!

The next NJHS meetings will be in January.

Tuesday, January 13th is the officers meeting

Thursday, January 15th is the all members meeting.

NJHS News

STEM Fair

Please join us in congratulating the winners of the Fruit Cove Middle School STEM fair. The 1st , 2nd and 3rd place winners will go on to the regional STEM fair on February 3. The awards ceremony on February 5th at First Coast Technical College.

1st place - Adriana Aboutalebi 8th grade - Engineering project: Sunken Solar Panel
Tie for

2nd place -Emily Davis 8th grade Breaking waves

2nd place - Nishal Chitteti- 8th grade A Eye

3rd place -The team of Hannah Seo and Tatsa Balaji 8th grade Floating Garden



Honorable Mention -

Puneeth Yerra 8th grade- Digital Pantry

The team of Shravan Nair and Sareyar Janagamu 8th grade - Bio-Band

Benjamin Monteiro - 8th grade Eyes on the Road

Sophia Carvalho -6th grade Crystal Growth



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.

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:

[SchoolPay: Paperback Library Book \(\\$10\)](#)

[SchoolPay: Hard Cover Library Book \(\\$20\)](#)

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](#)

Save the date & money!

8th Grade Incentive Trip to Gradventure Universal Studios

Friday, May 15th

Information packets will be handed out in the New Year along with details to attend.

Cost will be \$225 per student. Details will be provided.



January Testing

FRUIT COVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

January
2026

WIDA TESTING 1/12-3/13

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1 New Year's Day	2
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
12 8 TH FAST MATH	13 6 TH FAST MATH	14 6 TH FAST MATH	15 7 TH FAST MATH AM/PM	16
19 M L King Day	20	21	22	23 Testing window ends.
26	27	28	29	30

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

Cell Phone Reminder

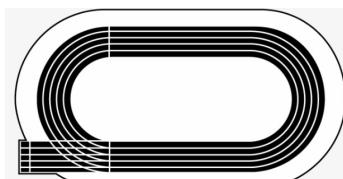
Florida law prohibits middle school students from using wireless devices during the instructional school day, from the time they arrive on campus until the end of the day. This means phones must be powered off and stored away. Students may not call parents if in school. PLEASE add the school phone number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

The number is (904) 547-7874.



Track & Field News

2026 FCMS Track and Field season begins Monday, Jan 26th. Email Coach Benavides at jill.benavides@stjohns.k12.fl.us for all required forms. ALL requirements must be submitted BEFORE an athlete may join us.



School Advisory Council

Join Us FCMS Families!



Our School Advisory Council (SAC) meets with the administration to stay updated on issues impacting our school.

For more information, please visit our website: <https://www-fcs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/sac/>

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 13. 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.

EVENT SCHEDULE 2025-2026

1

OCT
ALL DAY

CAREER LESSONS
THROUGH CIVICS
CLASSES

Latris 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

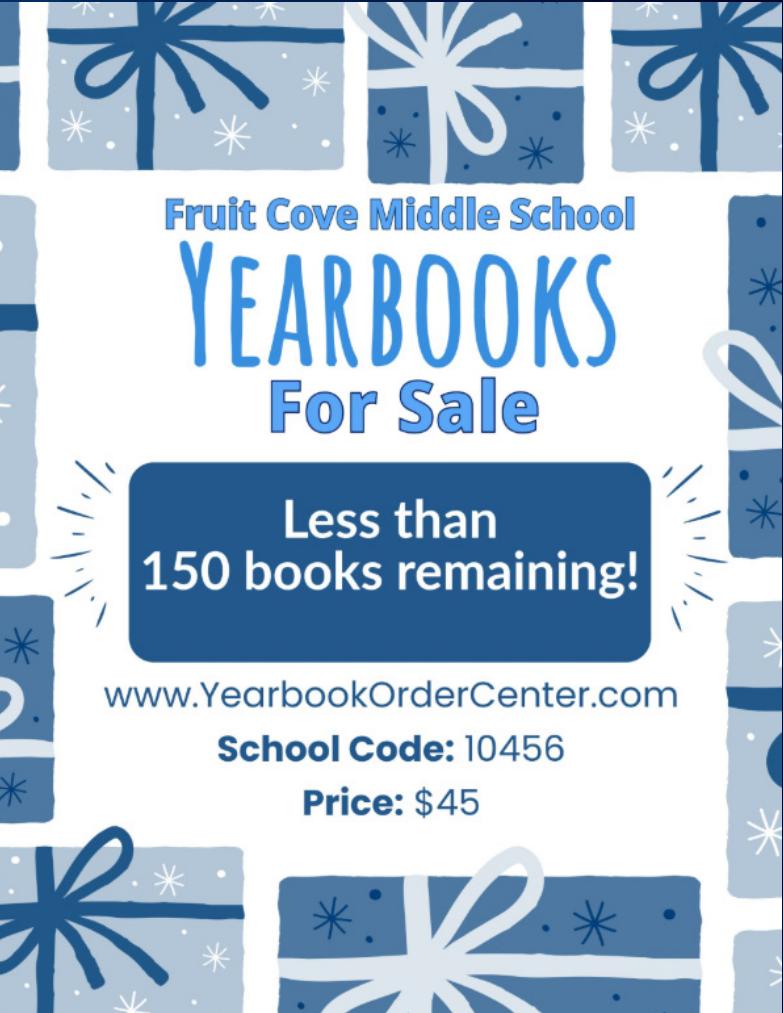
24-26

FEB
ALL DAY

CREEKSIDE HIGH
SCHOOL SCHEDULES

Go through language arts classes.
Other schools will be TBD

Media Center



Fruit Cove Middle School
**YEARBOOKS
For Sale**

Less than
150 books remaining!

www.YearbookOrderCenter.com

School Code: 10456

Price: \$45

Career Academies

Application submission deadline for students currently enrolled in a St. Johns County public school: January 26, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.

Timeline

Nov. 4- Dec. 10	Middle School Blitz held at each Middle School
10-Dec	High School Showcase Event 3:30 – 7:00 pm (World Golf Village Convention Center, 500 S Legacy Trail, St. Augustine, FL 32092)
5-Jan	Online Application OPENS 8:00 for newly applying 5th, 8th and 9th grade students.
January 8-22	Academy Nights (see schedule below)
21-Jan	St. Johns County Center for the Arts AUDITIONS at St. Augustine High School.
January TBD	Murray Middle School Arts auditions will be held at Murray Middle School and please bring your printed audition form. **Check school websites for audition sign-up directions.
26-Jan	Registration Deadline – Online – Registration will be closed at 5:00 p.m.
31-Jan	Last day for late applications
1-Jul	All out of zone placement decisions will be finalized

Each high school will host an informational 2026 Academy Night. All parents with a student interested in attending one of the academies should make plans to attend these events. Each Academy Night will begin promptly at the time listed.

1/21/2026	Allen D. Nease High School	6:00 – 7:30pm
1/12/2026	Bartram Trail High School	6:00 – 7:30pm
1/20/2026	Beachside High School	6:00 – 7:30pm
1/8/2026	Creekside High School	6:00 – 7:30pm
1/13/2026	Pedro Menendez High School	6:00 – 7:30pm
1/14/2026	Ponte Vedra High School	6:00 – 7:30pm
1/15/2026	St. Augustine High School	6:00 – 7:30pm
1/15/2026	St. Johns Technical High School	5:30 – 7:00pm
1/13/2026	St. Johns Virtual School	5:30 – 7:00pm (Virtual)
1/22/2026	Tocoi Creek High School	5:30 – 7:00pm

Any SJCSd resident who is moving a student from home school, virtual school or private school may apply for an academy by pre-registering for school online at the SJCSd website and selecting to also apply for a Program of Interest. All pre-registrations need to be completed online by the end of the school day January 26, 2026.

For more information: <https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/> If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact the Career & Technical Education Department at (904) 547-6000.



JAN

12 - AWAY VS PACETTI BAY
15 - BYE
21 - HOME VS SWISS POINT
22 - HOME VS GAMBLE ROGERS
TEACHER APPRECIATION
27 - HOME VS MURRAY
29 - AWAY VS LANDRUM

FEB

3 - AWAY AT SEBASTIAN
5 - HOME VS PACETTI BAY
10 - BYE
12 - AWAY VS SWISS POINT
17 - AWAY AT GAMBLE ROGERS
19 - AWAY AT MURRAY
24 - HOME VS LANDRUM
26 - HOME VS SEBASTIAN
8TH GRADE NIGHT

MAR

1 - SEMI FINALS
4 - CHAMPIONSHIP

Doors open - 5:00pm
Girls - 5:30pm
Boys - 6:30

FC BASKETBALL

Front Office Reminders

Forgotten items: Please drop off any schoolwork, projects, PE clothes, or band instruments by 8:15 AM. After that, only lunch, lunch money, glasses, or medicine can be accepted.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Early checkout: To pick up your student early, arrive by 1:20PM (12:20PM on Wednesdays). After that, you'll wait until dismissal at 1:50PM (12:50PM on Wednesdays).

School Access: Non-staff individuals must complete the district's volunteer application for school access, valid for 3 years. For assistance with the online application, call (904) 547-3945.

Attendance: If a student misses school, the parent/guardian must complete an online form or submit a note within 48 hours detailing the absence date, reason, and signature. Emails and phone calls are not accepted for notifying absences.

 St. Johns County School District has introduced ParentSquare, a sleek communication platform for sharing vital updates from the district, your child's school, and teachers—all in one place. Please download the app Google Play or Apple Store!



Android



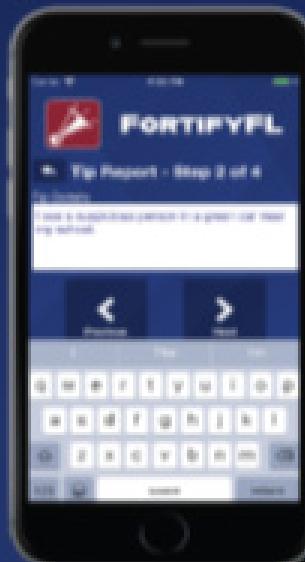
iOS



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



PTO "FLYER"

DEC 19



Website



Instagram



Facebook



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/donate.



OPEN POSITION

8th GRADE EVENTS

The PTO is looking for a passionate new addition to our team! Much of the planning in this position is already in motion and we need somebody to successfully see it through.

Please contact PTO PRESIDENT VIA EMAIL:
FCMSPTOPRESIDENT@GMAIL.COM

SPIRIT WEAR

[https://www.fcmspto.com
/category/spirit-wear](https://www.fcmspto.com/category/spirit-wear)



BRAVOZ™
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Fun Night

Thursday, February 12, 2026
6-9pm

Get your discounted tickets and support the PTO by pre-purchasing here:
<https://bit.ly/3WdyfO1>

Trampoline Park
Laser Tag
Ninja Course

14985 Old Saint Augustine Road
Jacksonville, FL

8TH GRADE

SEMI FORMAL

Ladies and gentlemen the moment you've been waiting for 8th grade goes to the movies {semi formal}

We're rolling out the red carpet, grabbing the snacks, and dancing throughout the film!

Red Carpet Premier {Spirit Week} will be Jan 26-
Jan 30

Mark your calendars for ticket sales go on January 5th at 7:00am, sale ends Jan 23rd at 3:00pm!

6PM | 02.01.2026 | 8PM



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THANK YOU

to the PTO BUSINESS PARTNERS

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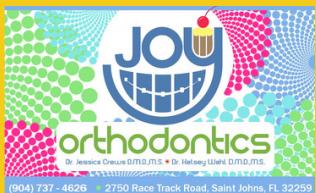


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