

Fruit Cove Middle School

THE PILOT

Bi-Weekly Newsletter

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January 23, 2026



Pillar of the Month:
January - Respect

Important Dates

January 27

6th Grade Health Screenings

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

March 13

Teacher Planning Day
Student Holiday

March 16-20

Spring Break
Student/Teacher Holiday

March 23

Classes Resume for Students

March 26

Report Cards

School Hours

7:30am-1:50pm

Wednesday Dismissal @

12:50pm

The building is open from

7:00am to 3:00pm.

Mission Statement

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



6th Grade Health Screenings

Screening for vision, hearing, scoliosis, height, and weight are mandated by Florida Administrative Code 64F-6.003

Our health screenings will be Tuesday 1/27/26. Students will be screened during history classes (it only takes 5 minutes). Please see newsletter for "Opt-out" option. For Questions, please call your school nurse. (904)547-7887.

February 1, 2026

6:00 - 8:00pm

St. Johns Golf & Country Club



8th Grade Semi-Formal

Tickets can be purchased for \$30 by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.fcmspto.com/>

NJHS News

Current NJHS members are collecting Valentine's Day decorations, cards, toys, games, etc.. to donate to Wolfson's Children's Hospital. Collection is going on now through January 30. Please no food items and nothing scented. Bring in donations to Mrs. Doemel's room or Ms. Farbo's room. This is only for NJHS members to donate or create items to decorate the rooms at the hospital.



NJHS officers meeting will be on Tuesday, February 10, after school in Mrs. Doemel's room. Meeting will end by 2:30.

All membership meeting will be on Thursday, February 12, after school in the cafeteria. The meeting will end by 2:30.

Make sure you are picked up by 2:40.

April & May Testing

April 2026 BEST Writing 3/30 — 4/10

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3/30	3/31	1	2	3 NO SCHOOL Good Friday
8 th Grade BEST WRITING	8 th Grade BEST WRITING	BEST WRITING MAKE-UPS	BEST WRITING MAKE-UPS	
6	7	8	9	10 BEST WRITING MAKE-UPS
7 th Grade BEST WRITING	7 th Grade BEST WRITING	6 th Grade BEST WRITING	6 th Grade BEST WRITING	
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

May 2026 FAST Testing & EOC's

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 CIVICS EOC
4 CIVICS EOC	5 8 th FAST READING AM & PM	6 6 th FAST READING	7 6 th FAST READING	8 7 th READING AM & PM
11 8 th FAST MATH	12 6 th FAST MATH	13 6 th FAST MATH	14 7 th FAST MATH AM & PM	15 GRADVENTURE MAKE-UPS
18 ALGEBRA 1 EOC	19 8 th SCIENCE	20 8 th SCIENCE	21 GEOMETRY EOC	22 MAKE-UPS
25 Memorial Day	26 MAKE-UPS	27 MAKE-UPS	28 MAKE-UPS	29 MAKE-UPS

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

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, February 10 at 2:00pm.

ALL current and interested SAC Members are asked to participate in person.



8th Grade Behavior Reward Field Trip

Your middle school grad(s) can celebrate with all their friends and experience the thrills of BOTH Universal Orlando theme parks (Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure).

Event: Universal Orlando's Gradventure 2026

Where: Islands of Adventure & Universal Studios Orlando

When: May 15, 2026

Cost: Student \$225 (NO REFUNDS!!!)

[More information & Forms](#)

Fruit Cove Middle School Last Call for Yearbooks!

New year, new memories to look back on!

Don't let the calendar flip without grabbing one of the last few yearbooks. Trust me - this smart dog knows you'll be glad you did!"

\$45

Less than 150 remain!

website to buy: www.yearbookordercenter.com

School Code : 10456



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: Hard Cover
Library Book (\$20)**

**SchoolPay: Paperback
Library Book (\$10)**

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](#)



B6 Club News

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

Upcoming meetings:
February 5 & 19 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).

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

Calling all runners! Track 2026 begins Jan 26. Who thinks they can break one of our school record? Who believes they can earn a spot on the 2026 Record Board? Running is the foundation of ALL sports. Whether you are going after a school record or you are trying to improve your speed and endurance for your primary sport, TRACK is your ticket! Join us for the 2026 Track season! Contact Coach Benavides for more information. Don't delay! Everything must be turned in BEFORE your athlete may train and race with us.

GIRLS RECORDS			BOYS RECORDS			
NAME	EFFORT	YEAR	EVENT	NAME	EFFORT	YEAR
EK Leungire	11:21.47	2023	3000M	Danny Irkin	9:39.05	2025
EK Leungire	5:12.99	2023	1500M	Jesse Benavides	4:27.14	2018
Emma Godfrey	2:26.92	2025	800M	Jesse Benavides	2:07.47	2018
Ella Holick	1:04.81	2021	400M	Aiden Carpio	55.21	2021
Camille Andrews	28.18	2023	200M	Bryce Hudgins	23.96	2023
Harmony Arthur	12.76	2024	100M	Bryce Hudgins	11.29	2023
Ava Stone	17.63	2024	100H	Jack Andreoli	18.43	2025
Ava Stone	33.19	2024	200H	Jack Andreoli	31.46	2024
12 Unpublished Records	10:23.66	2022	800R	Travis (Missed) Chase Perneck	8:49.08	2025
12 Unpublished Records	4:24.09	2021	400R	Sam Longley/Dan Thomas	3:50.36	2025
12 Unpublished Records	53.27	2021	100R	David Walker/Travis Anderson	46.55	2023
Elizabeth Talbot	9.8M	2023	Shot Put	Elijah Belz	11.57M	2025
Sarah Buchanan	15.89 Ft	2019	Long Jump	Davis Baldwin	4.58M	2022
Camille Andrews	10.5 Ft	2023	Pole Vault			





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

FLYER BASKETBALL

8TH GRADERS

Program of Interest Application
window now open!

Go to HAC Directions to see how to apply

What is a program of Interest?

Opportunities exist for students to either learn real-world experience, graduate with an AA degree, start a career, further study an art, or join JROTC

Go to Programs of Interest to find out what program are available

Keep in Mind

Your paragraph text

This is not the time to request electives, only to apply for a program of interest

Window closes on 1-26-26



Remember

Students will go over their high school schedules at the end of February with their high school counselor to review teacher recommendations and to choose electives. A schedule will be sent out at a later date

Questions?

Email academies@stjohns.k12.fl.us or call (904) 547-6000
or Email your child's school counselor
Amanda.Johnson@stjohns.k12.fl.us (A-L)
Kelly.howard@stjohns.k12.fl.us (M-Z)

FRUIT COVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

8TH GRADERS HIGH SCHOOL TIMELINE

Feb 17-18

LABS 835 & 845

Students will go to Labs 835 and 845 through their PE classes. They will view a short video to learn about high school GPA, bright futures scholarships, employability characteristics, and college entrance expectations. They will also fill out a course planner to get an idea of what their 9th grade schedule will look like. Students without PE will go on Feb 17th.

Feb 19

AUDITORIUM

Creekside will host a high school presentation during 2nd period that includes basic high school information and what Creekside has to offer. Students will get a chance to listen to the Creekside marching band as well as hear from actual Creekside students about their experiences throughout high school. Students with modified schedules should plan accordingly if they do not want to miss this presentation.

Feb 20

ELA CLASSES

Students will receive verification sheets in their ELA classes. These verification sheets will include the courses they were recommended for. They also have available electives that students can rate from 1-5. They should take these sheets home to review with parents, have them sign it, and return the next week to high school counselors when they meet with them.

Feb 23-26

MEDIA CENTER

Students will meet with Creekside high school counselors in the media center through their ELA classes to review their verification sheets. Students will be allowed to take their cell phones with them so that parents can be included in the brief meetings as well. Make sure to be ready with any questions as there will only be a few minutes to meet.

TBD

TBD

Nease, Beachside, Toco Creek, and Bartram Trail High Schools will invite students individually to either meet at Fruit Cove or virtually to discuss their 9th grade schedules.

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!



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iOS



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



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Students can earn PBIS points daily for exhibiting positive traits like citizenship, trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, and caring. These points can be traded for rewards in our online PBIS store, managed by the WEB Team. To order, students log in via /clever, choose their rewards, and place orders by Tuesday for delivery on the first and third Friday of each month.

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[Visit our PBIS store!](#)

Thank you for your support!



<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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FCMS FUN NIGHT | THURSDAY, FEB. 12th

Get tickets early to take advantage of the FCMS discount!
Friends and family welcome!
No school the next day!

Trampoline Areas • Laser Tag • Ninja Course

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8TH GRADE PREMIER WEEK

★ Day 1: Movie Star Monday
Dress like a famous actor, musician, or iconic character from a red-carpet premiere.

🏆 Day 2: Awards Show Spirit Day
Wear school colors or spirit wear as if you're attending the big award night for your school.

🪑 Day 3: Class & Chill Wednesday
PAJAMA DAY

★ Day 4: Best Ensemble Cast Day
Coordinate matching outfits with a friend group or club

🕺 Day 5: -80s & 90s Pop Icons
Dress like a celebrity from another era—Madonna, MJ, Britney, Prince, etc.

PLEASE FOLLOW ALL SCHOOL GUIDELINES WHEN DRESSING UP

JOIN OUR TEAM! FCMS PTO BOARD

THE PTO HAS OPENINGS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS IN THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

- SECRETARY
- MEMBERSHIP
- 8TH GRADE EVENTS
- TREASURER
- BOOK FAIR
- TEACHER APPRECIATION



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