

Fruit Cove Middle School

THE PILOT

Bi-Weekly Newsletter

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February 6, 2026



Pillar of the Month:
February - Caring

Important Dates

February 10

Interims Issued
1:50-3pm Donuts & Valentine Vibes
2pm SAC Meeting
6pm Rising 7 & 8th Grade Parent Night

February 13

Teacher Inservice Day
Student Holiday

February 16

Presidents' Day
Student/Teacher Holiday

February 17

6pm Rising 6th Grade Parent Night

March 12

Third Quarter Ends
March 13

March 13

Teacher Planning Day
Student Holiday

March 16-20

Spring Break
Student/Teacher Holiday

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.

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.



NJHS News



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.



Donuts & Valentine Vibes

Tuesday, February 10

1:50 -- 3:00pm

Cafeteria Patio

WEB is sponsoring a Donuts and Valentine Vibes after school party on Tuesday, February 10 from 1:50-3pm. This is open to ALL students who purchase an event ticket in PBIS under events. Cost is 7 points. Enjoy music, games, friendship and of course, donuts. All students must have a ride home at 3pm and a bring the signed **parent permission slip** to the event as required by state law. We hope to see you there!

April & May Testing

FRUIT COVE MIDDLE SCHOOL						
April 2026						
BEST WRITING 3/30-4/10						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	3/30 8 th Grade BEST WRITING	3/31 8 th Grade BEST WRITING	1 BEST WRITING MAKE-UPS	2 BEST WRITING MAKE-UPS	3 NO SCHOOL Good Friday	4
5 Easter Sunday	6 7 th Grade BEST WRITING	7 7 th Grade BEST WRITING	8 6 th Grade BEST WRITING	9 6 th Grade BEST WRITING	10 BEST WRITING MAKE-UPS	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

FRUIT COVE MIDDLE SCHOOL						
May 2026						
FAST TESTING AND EOC'S						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 CIVICS EOC	2
3	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	9
10	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	16
17	18 ALGEBRA 1 EOC	19 8 th SCIENCE	20 8 th SCIENCE	21 GEOMETRY EOC	22 MAKE-UPS	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26 MAKE-UPS	27 MAKE-UPS	28 MAKE-UPS	29 MAKE-UPS	30

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

FCMS PROCTORS FOR MAY TESTING

If you are an approved volunteer and would be interested in proctoring for May testing at FCMS, contact Debra Dill at Debra.dill@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Follow this link to sign-up to be a volunteer at FCMS:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D48A8AC2BA0FF2-62100722-mayproctors>

FRUIT COVE MIDDLE SCHOOL IS INVITING YOU TO RISING 7th & 8th GRADE PARENT NIGHT

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 10TH

FCMS AUDITORIUM
6:00- PRESENTATION

- WELCOME TO MIDDLE SCHOOL
- FCMS VISION AND CULTURE
- DTO
- 2026-2027 ELECTIVE CHOICES
- CORE CLASS PROGRESSION
- SCHOOL SAFETY
- SCHOLOGY & HAC
- SCHOOL COMMUNICATION
- PARENT INVOLVEMENT
- SCHOOL-HOME CONNECTION

FRUIT COVE MIDDLE SCHOOL IS INVITING YOU TO RISING 6TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT

Tuesday, FEBRUARY 17TH

FCMS AUDITORIUM
5:30-PTO SPRITIT WEAR SHOPPING
6:15- PRESENTATION

- WELCOME TO MIDDLE SCHOOL
- FCMS VISION AND CULTURE
- DTO
- 2026-2027 ELECTIVE CHOICES
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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.

Please congratulate the following athletes on the FCMS Track and Field Teams

GIRLSTEAM

Siona Arif	Brooke Gonzalez	Naomi Porter
Andrianna Britos	Sidney Hiebenthal	Andrea Prieto
Addison Brown	Ava Hinrichs	Niva Ramachandraw
Elise Bulc	Savannah Hurt	Prerana Reddy
Alayah Cervantes	Lauren Johnston	Avery Richardson
Effie Chenarak	Emelyn Johnston	Noam Salzman
Charlotte Craig	Hayley Kaltenbacher	Piper Seefried
Shruthika Dega	Sunidhi Kashyap	Ella Shen
Malana Drummond	Katie Kepner	Skyler Smith
Abigail Dushuttle	Katie Larson	Krishna Somani
Madelen Finch	Risha Mamgain	Riley Tor
Amelia Flood	Madison Moran	Maria Vergeichik
Emma Godfrey	Riey Negasi	Anna Wittmann
	Arna Patel	Autumn Wyatt

BOYS TEAM

Tyler Adams	Liam Hinson	Aashif Naufal
Parker Akins	Thomas Hurt	Sahil Naval
Daniel Amaral	Amari Isom	Nandan Paraamkusham
Savir Arukil	Ben Jacobs	Chase Payton
Rider Bloom	Gabe Jones	Christopher Plumeri
Caleb Bouge	Vihaan Kandoi	Jonathon Polf
Ethan Bourke	William Kent	James Regar
Jemaine Boyd	Harrison Lafser	Ryan Ribler
Brooks Bunnell	Owen Lane	Cole Ristau
Chase Carter	Leo LaVopa	Wesley Ritzau
David Christian	Matteo LaVopa	Carlos Sanchez
Oslo Cook	Lucca Leo	Isamu Scholes
Evan Crossway	Jack Lombardi	Vasee Selvan
Bryce Cunningham	Nicholas Lugo	Liam Slilat
Jace Dixon	Tristan Martin	Rhuntain Son
Michael Donovan	Jesiah Martinez	Jonathon Suarez
William Dorner	Gavin Mendez	Xavier Thomas
Isaiah Dunn	Brayden Merlino	Zeke Vallas
Cooper Finch	Caleb Mitchell	Jaden Varghese
Isaac Hernandez	Mudil Nair	Derek Zheng



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](#)



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](#)



UPCOMING MEETING DATES: Upcoming meetings: Feb 19, March 5, April 9, April 23 and May 7th (last meeting of year). Meetings dates will always be posted on the Schoology group page. Parents, please arrange for your child to be picked up in the front of the school by 3:00pm (or walk/ride bike home).

Fruit Cove Middle School

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Don't miss out on the book of the year.

LESS THAN 50 BOOKS REMAINING!
www.yearbookordercenter.com
School Code: 10456

Price:
\$45





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

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.

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.

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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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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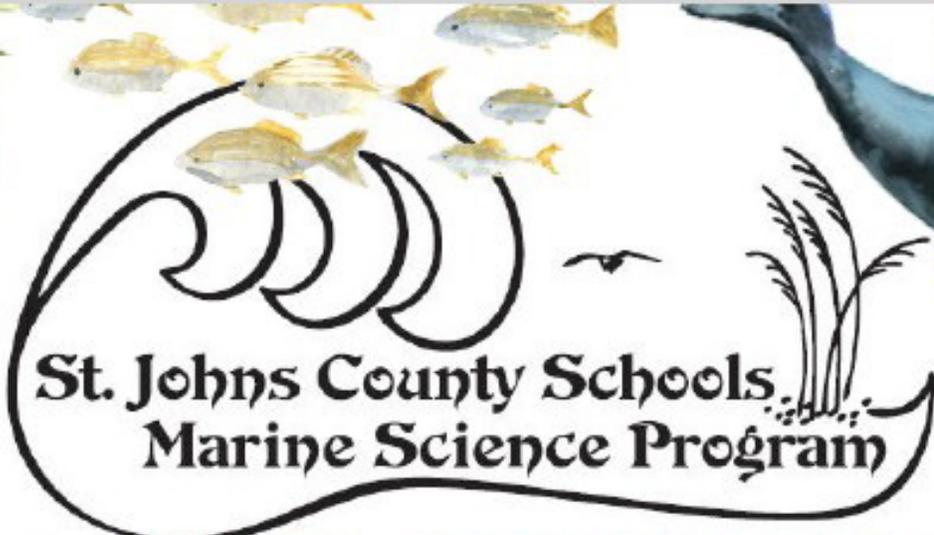
Thank you for your support!



<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.



**St. Johns County Schools
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**SUMMER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
CURRENT 5TH-7TH GRADE STUDENTS
APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN**

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Session 2: June 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25



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**Kristina Bransford
Program Coordinator**

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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

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A MEMBER OF THE PTO BOARD, PLEASE EMAIL FCMSPTOPRESIDENT@GMAIL.COM

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