

# Fruit Cove Middle School

Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night

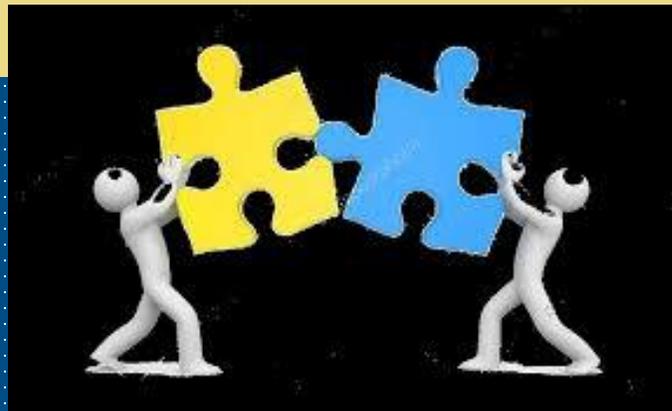
# What Are Our Goals Tonight?

- Welcome Parents!
- Staff Introductions
- Familiarize parents with transition from elementary school to middle school
- Reassure parents we are here to work together!



# Fruit Cove Middle School Team

- Principal Angela Hensley
- Assistant Principals Adrienne Hilts, Matt Hodges
- Deans of Students Kourtney Williams, Zach Sharpe
- School Counselor (A-L) Amanda Johnson
- School Counselor (M-Z) Kelly Howard
- PTO Presidents Ashley Sopotnik, Johnna Seymour
- School SRO Deputy Flood
- **Parents!! 😊**



# PTO

- ❑ Fruit Cove Middle School PTO is volunteer organization set up to support the whole school. Parents, teachers, students, staff and administration are what makes us great
- ❑ Throughout the year the PTO supports the teachers with snacks, lunches, breakfast and gifts
- ❑ The PTO supports the students with dances, after school events, book fairs, and end of year celebrations
- ❑ For more information on how to join and be more involved please see them tonight!



# PTO



Join the  
Stay on Flight  
with Fruit Cove  
Facebook Page  
for everything  
you need to  
know!



# Bell Schedules

## Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri

| 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade                                    |
|--|
| Homeroom/Period 1<br>7:30 – 8:16 (46)                    |
| Period 2<br>8:20 – 9:06 (46)                             |
| Period 3<br>9:10 – 9:56 (46)                             |
| Period 4<br>10:00 – 10:46 (46)                           |
| Period 5<br>10:50 – 11:36 (46)                           |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lunch (w/Period 5)<br>11:40 – 12:10 (30) |
| Period 6<br>12:14 – 1:00 (46)                            |
| Period 7<br>1:04 – 1:50 (46)                             |

## Wednesday

| 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade                               |
|---|
| Homeroom/Period 1<br>7:30 – 8:08 (38)               |
| Period 2<br>8:12 – 8:49 (37)                        |
| Period 3<br>8:53 – 9:30 (37)                        |
| Period 4<br>9:34 – 10:11 (37)                       |
| Period 5<br>10:15 – 10:52 (37)                      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lunch (w/Period 5)<br>10:56 – 11:26 |
| Period 6<br>11:31 – 12:08 (37)                      |
| Period 7<br>12:12 – 12:50 (38)                      |



- Students may arrive on campus starting at 7:00am
- The school doors open at 7:10am
- Supervision starts at 7:00am
- 1<sup>st</sup> Period Teacher = Homeroom Teacher
- 4 minutes between classes is plenty of time

# Arrival & Dismissal



## ARRIVAL

- Buses unload at 7:10am
- Students enter through the bus loop in the back of the school
- Students go directly to 1<sup>st</sup> period or to the cafeteria for breakfast

## DISMISSAL

- The end of the day 1<sup>st</sup> bell signals the bus rider dismissal



## ARRIVAL

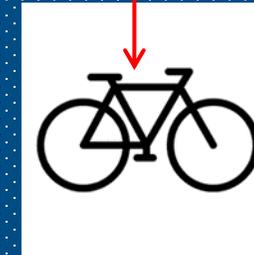
- Car drop off is in the front of the building, excluding the front loop
- Students may be dropped off starting at 7:00am. Outside supervision starts at 7:00am
- Students may enter the building at 7:10am
- Students go directly to 1<sup>st</sup> period or to the cafeteria for breakfast

## DISMISSAL

- Students are dismissed by school hallway



Wear a helmet!!!



## ARRIVAL

- Entrance in the back of the school by the park
- Bring a lock for your bike
- Students may enter the building at 7:10am
- Students go directly to 1<sup>st</sup> period or to the cafeteria for breakfast

## DISMISSAL

- Students are dismissed by school hallway

# How Can Parents Support Their Middle Schooler

## ☐ Tools

- Schoology
  - Assignments, Resources, Communication
- HAC (Home Access Center)
  - Gradebook, Attendance, Discipline



## ☐ Communicate

- Teacher
- School Counselor
- Administration



# Schoology

- Learning Management System (similar to Blackboard or Canvas)
- Communication
- Assignments
- Class Notes
- Educational Videos
- NOT Virtual Learning



# Cellphones

House Bill 1105

☐ Devices are to be silenced and stored in their backpack upon entering the school building.



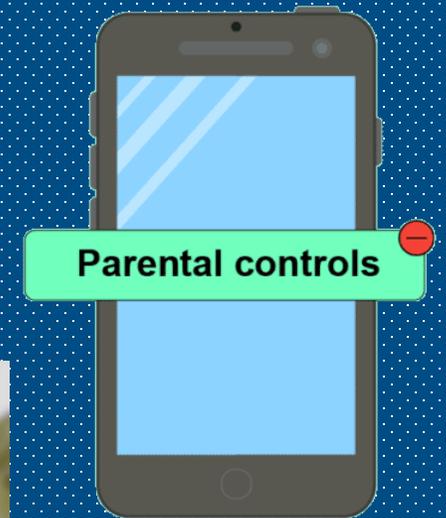
# Ear Buds/Headphones



- Ear buds/Headphones are allowed to be brought to school but **MUST** be stored in backpack upon arrival into the school building

# Cellphone/Social Media Monitoring for Middle School Students

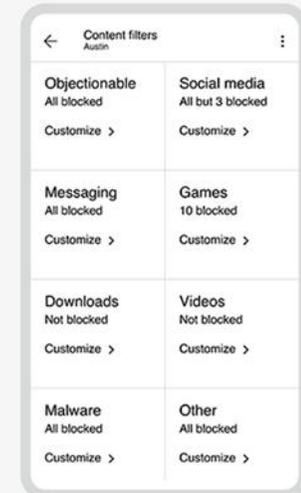
- Family Agreements
- Appropriate Communication
- Parental Controls
- Cyber Bullying
- School Expectations
- Where is the phone at night?
- Keeping Passwords Secure



# 14 Social Media Sites Parents Need to be Aware Of

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|---|---|---|---|
| <p><b>ABOUT TIKTOK</b></p> <p>TikTok, born as Musical.ly's successor, quickly rose as the top choice for short videos, especially among youth. In late 2022, it reached <b>2 billion global downloads</b>, and a 2022 Statista report revealed that <b>41% of its users are aged 10 to 19</b>, underlining its appeal to teenagers.</p> | <p><b>CONCERNS SURROUNDING TIKTOK</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exposure to Mature Content</li> <li>Time-consuming and Addictive Nature</li> <li>Predatory Behavior in Comments</li> <li>App Bans in Countries</li> </ul>  | <p><b>ABOUT TINDER</b></p> <p>Tinder, the popular dating app with swiping, attracts adults but <b>some teens under 18 use it</b>. In 2022, it reached <b>400 million downloads</b> and <b>72 million monthly users</b>.</p>   | <p><b>CONCERNS SURROUNDING TINDER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum Age Restriction Often Ignored</li> <li>Exposure to Explicit Content</li> <li>Potential Encounters with Predatory Individuals</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>ABOUT FACEBOOK</b></p> <p>Facebook, the largest social network globally with <b>3.02 billion monthly active users</b>, continues to exert influence, but the 2022 Hootsuite Social Trends Report revealed a decline in its usage among teens. <b>Only 22% of U.S. teenagers</b> reported using the platform.</p>                  | <p><b>CONCERNS SURROUNDING FACEBOOK</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data Privacy Issues</li> <li>Exposure to Misleading Content</li> <li>Online Predators in Open Groups</li> </ul>  | <p><b>ABOUT YUPO</b></p> <p>Yupo, dubbed the "Teen Tinder," is a social app for teens. In 2022, it had <b>60 million downloads</b> and millions of <b>monthly users aged 13 to 20</b>, offering profiles, photos, and livestreaming for connections like dating apps.</p>                       | <p><b>CONCERNS SURROUNDING YUPO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential for Inappropriate Relationships</li> <li>Live Streaming Risks</li> <li>Users Bypassing Age Verification</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>ABOUT SNAPCHAT</b></p> <p>Snapchat, launched in 2011, changed messaging with disappearing content. In 2022, it reached <b>464 million downloads</b>. Although <b>48% of U.S. teens</b> favor it, competition from similar apps may challenge its dominance.</p>   | <p><b>CONCERNS SURROUNDING SNAPCHAT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temporary Nature of Content</li> <li>Location Sharing Features</li> <li>Compulsive Usage due to 'Streaks'</li> </ul>   | <p><b>ABOUT ASK.FM</b></p> <p>Ask.fm, with <b>218 million users</b> as of 2022, is a Q&amp;A platform allowing anonymous questions, attracting many teens and young adults, promoting candid conversations.</p>   | <p><b>CONCERNS SURROUNDING ASK.FM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anonymity Can Lead to Cyberbullying</li> <li>Exposure to Inappropriate or Harmful Content</li> <li>No Moderation for Questions</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>ABOUT INSTAGRAM</b></p> <p>As of 2022, Instagram, the favored photo-sharing platform, has <b>over 147 million downloads</b>. It's a primary social hub for about <b>71% of U.S. teens</b>, who form a significant part of its user base.</p>  | <p><b>CONCERNS SURROUNDING INSTAGRAM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exposure to Inappropriate Content</li> <li>Peer Pressure and the Quest for Likes</li> <li>Potential for Cyberbullying</li> </ul>  | <p><b>ABOUT OMEGLE</b></p> <p>OmeGLE is an online chat platform for random text and video conversations, <b>popular among teenagers</b>, with <b>over 50 million monthly visits</b> in 2022.</p>  | <p><b>CONCERNS SURROUNDING OMEGLE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frequent Inappropriate Content</li> <li>No Effective Age Verification</li> <li>Risk of Encountering Predators</li> <li>Cyberbullying</li> <li>Data Leakage</li> <li>Screen Recording</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>ABOUT YOUTUBE</b></p> <p>As of 2022, YouTube boasts <b>2.70 billion monthly users</b>, including <b>77% of U.S. teens</b>, who engage with a wide range of content.</p>   | <p><b>CONCERNS SURROUNDING YOUTUBE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exposure to Inappropriate or Misleading Content</li> <li>Comments Section and Bullying or Predatory Behavior</li> <li>Algorithms and Unsuitable Content Suggestions</li> </ul>  | <p><b>ABOUT ROBLOX</b></p> <p>Roblox is a massive game creation platform, with <b>millions of users</b>, including <b>children and teenagers</b>. It's crucial for parents to be aware of their children's activities on the platform for a safe gaming experience.</p>                         | <p><b>CONCERNS SURROUNDING ROBLOX</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-Game Chat Can Expose Kids to Inappropriate Content</li> <li>Predatory Behaviors</li> <li>Microtransactions Can Lead to Unexpected Expenses</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>ABOUT WHATSAPP</b></p> <p>In 2022, WhatsApp, known for end-to-end encryption, reached <b>5 billion downloads</b>. About <b>17% of U.S. teenagers use it</b> for messaging and group chats.</p>  | <p><b>CONCERNS SURROUNDING WHATSAPP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Privacy Concerns with Data Sharing</li> <li>Potential for Inappropriate Messaging</li> <li>Unintentional Personal Information Disclosure</li> <li>Cyberbullying</li> <li>Exposure to explicit content</li> <li>Unsolicited Messages or Invitations from Strangers</li> </ul> | <p><b>ABOUT TWITCH</b></p> <p>Twitch, initially for gamers, now has <b>20 million daily users</b> enjoying diverse content. Parents should supervise their children's viewing for age-appropriate material.</p>   | <p><b>CONCERNS SURROUNDING TWITCH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exposure to Inappropriate Content during Live Streams</li> <li>Potential for Encountering Predatory Behavior in Chat</li> <li>Financial Risks with In-Platform Purchasing</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>ABOUT TELEGRAM</b></p> <p>Telegram has <b>700 million monthly users</b> in 2022, known for its privacy features. Teenagers and young adults also use it for secure messaging, group chats, and content sharing.</p>   | <p><b>CONCERNS SURROUNDING TELEGRAM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>End-to-End Encryption and Monitoring Difficulty</li> <li>Public Channels and Inappropriate Content</li> <li>Anonymity Features and Predatory Individuals</li> </ul>  | <p><b>ABOUT DISCORD</b></p> <p>Discord, initially for gamers, has become a versatile communication tool with <b>12.5 million weekly active users</b>. It's especially popular among teens and young adults and is known for its customizable servers used for various interests and events.</p> | <p><b>CONCERNS SURROUNDING DISCORD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explicit content in certain servers</li> <li>Excessive Friend Requests</li> <li>Unsolicited Private Messages</li> <li>Overly Personal Questions</li> <li>Encouragement of Stalking</li> <li>Data Breaches</li> <li>Phishing Scams</li> <li>Data Privacy Settings</li> </ul> |

Control access to content with blocking and unblocking features.



Parents should continue to be

**EXTREMELY**

involved in cell phone monitoring.

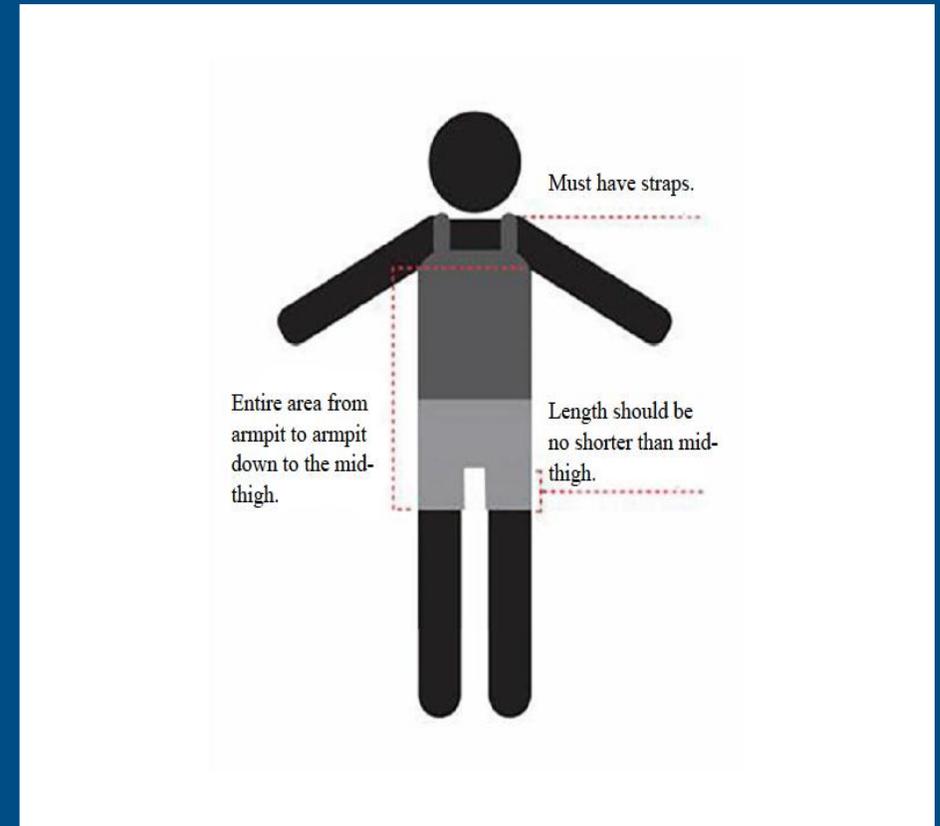


# Dress Code

The full dress code can be found in the Student Code of Conduct located on the SJCSD website under the tab labeled **Families**.

## Highlights:

- No pajamas
- No exposed midriff
- Rips or tears in clothing above the mid-thigh must not expose skin



# PBIS School

We believe we can make a positive impact on our school system and community by emphasizing and promoting a focus on **positive** school climate.

Character Counts, in partnership with PBIS produces exceptional results in academics, social/emotional skills, and character education.

PBIS rewards – Pilot Points!!



# PBIS School



# Academics: Core Courses (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies)

## How is my student placed in Core classes?

- Current teacher recommends the class by using the following criteria:
  - Grades in the current class
  - FAST Test Scores from 2024-25
    - Math
    - ELA
- Placements are subject to change based on results of PM3 FAST results and final grades for this school year (2025-26)

## When will I be able to view these recommendations and what if I would like to request a change?

- Course Verification/Elective Forms
  - February 23<sup>rd</sup> –distributed
  - February 27<sup>th</sup> – Forms Due
- ***Schedule Change*** request link
  - Will be sent out to families via email after May FAST testing results are released (June)

# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Placement

The school district auto places students in the correct Math class according to PM3 test results.

If your student did not currently qualify for Advanced Math when recommendations were completed in February, we will be reviewing PM3 FAST results from this school year, 2025-2026, in **May** to determine if they now qualify to take an Advanced Math course.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Math

- FAST PM3 (4<sup>th</sup> Grade): (March)
  - High Level 3-Level 5
- FAST PM3 (5<sup>th</sup> Grade): (May)
  - High Level 3-Level 5

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Standard Math

- FAST PM3 (4<sup>th</sup> Grade): (March)
  - Level 1- Mid Level 3
- FAST PM3 (5<sup>th</sup> Grade): (May)
  - Level 1- Mid Level 3

## Algebra 1 Honors in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

(Eligible to apply for Early College)

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Algebra 1 Honors  
(Counts towards High School GPA and  
EOC is 30% of final grade)

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Geometry Honors  
(EOC is 30% of final grade)

### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

Algebra 2 Honors

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

AP Pre-Calc, AP Statistics, Dual Enrollment  
Math, Math for Data & Financial Literacy  
Honors, Probability & Statistics Honors

### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

AP Pre-Calc, AP Statistics, Dual Enrollment Math,  
Math for Data & Financial Literacy Honors,  
Probability & Statistics Honors, AP Calculus AB  
(if AP Pre-Calc taken in 11<sup>th</sup> grade)

## Pre-Algebra in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Pre-Algebra

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Algebra 1 Honors  
(EOC is 30% of final grade)

### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

Geometry Honors  
(EOC is 30% of final grade)

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

Algebra 2 Honors

### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

AP Pre-Calc, AP Statistics, Dual Enrollment  
Math, Math for Data & Financial Literacy  
Honors, Probability & Statistics Honors

# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA, Social Studies, and Science Placement

## Advanced

- “A” average in 5<sup>th</sup> grade subject area

**AND**

- FAST PM3 (4<sup>th</sup> grade):
  - Mid Level 3, Level 4 or 5 ELA

## Standard

- “B” or below in 5<sup>th</sup> grade subject area

**OR**

- FAST PM3 (4<sup>th</sup> grade):
  - Level 1-Level 3 ELA

# Support for Varying Needs

- ❑ Intensive Reading classes
- ❑ Teachers and students supported by academic coaches
- ❑ Individualized/small group attention



# Typical 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule

| Period | Course-Section   | Description                   | Room        | Teacher | Time                     | Building                              |
|--------|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|---------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1      | 2109010-2        | M/J World History             | 0575        |         | 7:30 AM - 8:16 AM        | 491 - Fruit Cove Middle School        |
| 2      | 9009110-2        | ICT Essentials 1              | 0620        |         | 8:20 AM - 9:06 AM        | 491 - Fruit Cove Middle School        |
| 3      | <b>1508010-6</b> | <b>M/J Ed Gym/Dance 6</b>     | <b>0810</b> |         | <b>9:10 AM - 9:56 AM</b> | <b>491 - Fruit Cove Middle School</b> |
| 4      | 0800000-4        | M/J Health 1 - 6th Grade only | P8          |         | 10:00 AM - 10:46 AM      | 491 - Fruit Cove Middle School        |
| 5      | 1001010-5        | M/J Language Arts 1           | 0560        |         | 11:24 AM - 12:10 PM      | 491 - Fruit Cove Middle School        |
| 6      | 1205010-6        | M/J Grade 6 Math              | 0525        |         | 12:14 PM - 1:00 PM       | 491 - Fruit Cove Middle School        |
| 7      | 2002040-9        | M/J Comprehensive Science 1   | P7          |         | 1:04 PM - 1:50 PM        | 491 - Fruit Cove Middle School        |

# Electives

1. PE (required)
2. Digital Discoveries (required)
3. Intensive Reading (as needed)
4. Choose Top 4
  - Chorus
  - Band
  - Health
  - Student Success Skills
  - Theater



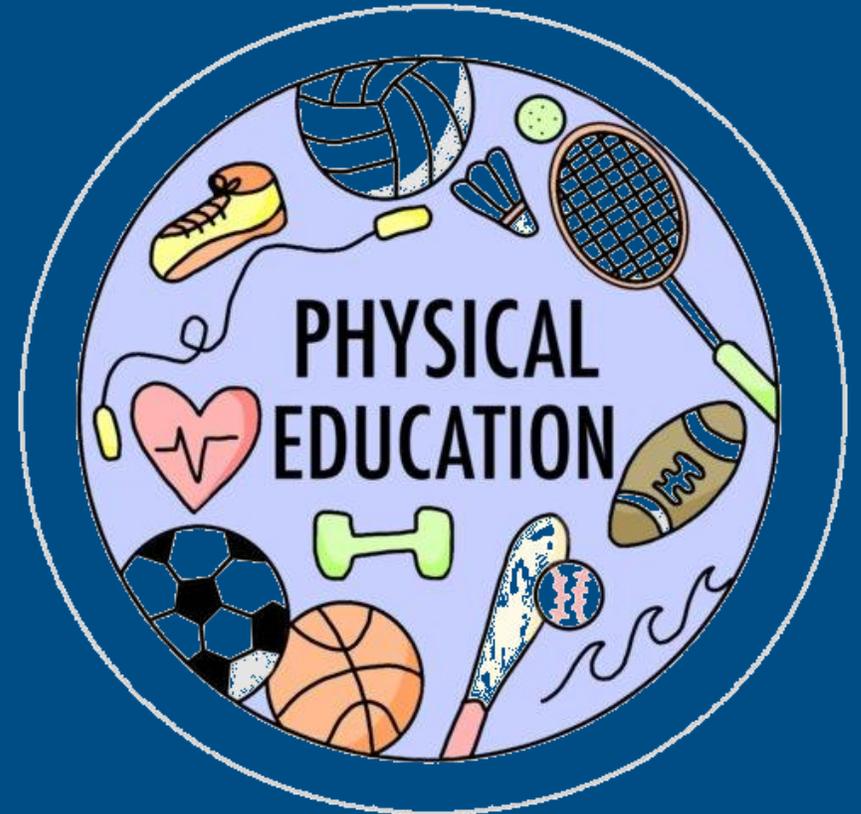
# Intensive Reading

- ❑ This course takes the place of an elective
- ❑ The purpose of this course is to provide support in the area of reading
- ❑ Placement will be based on PM 3 FAST scores

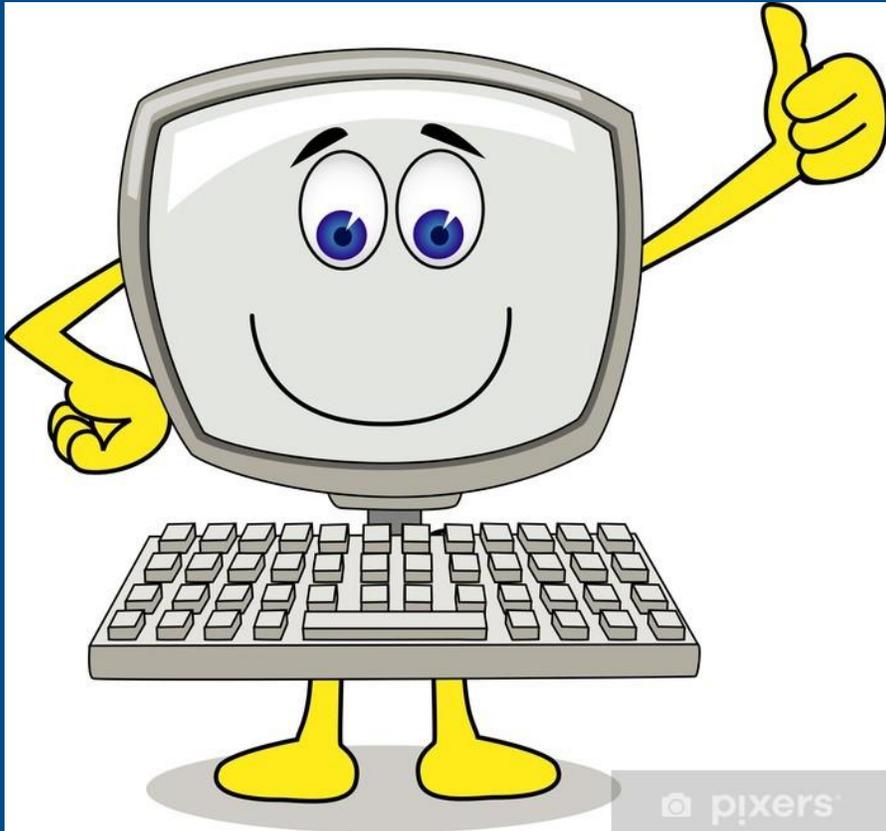


# Physical Education

- ❑ All 6<sup>th</sup> graders are enrolled in (2) one semester PE course, or one full year
- ❑ Students are required to dress out for PE
- ❑ PE uniforms will be available to purchase in the summer. A link will be emailed out and will be accessible through SchoolPay. Uniforms will be distributed the first couple weeks of school through PE classes.
- ❑ Students need a combination lock for their gym locker. They will give the locker combination to their PE coach



# Digital Discoveries



- Introduces students to core concepts associated with computers and their use
- Includes hands on opportunities to explore various software applications, including the creation of a template-based webpage and a basic computer program
- Opportunities to earn digital tool certificates which aid in support of future industry certifications in high school

# Band



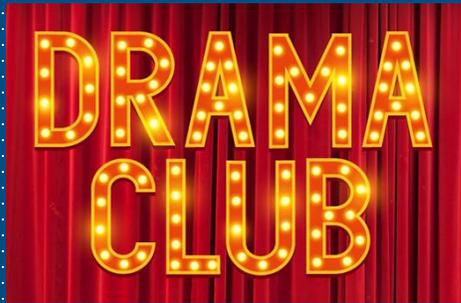
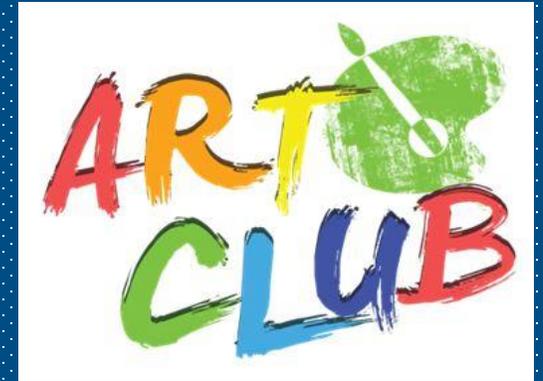
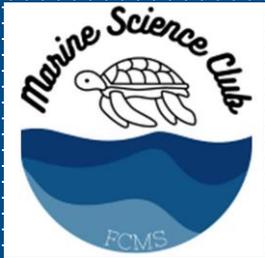
*Music  
can change  
the world.  
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# WEB

Where **E**verybody **B**elongs



# Clubs



# Sports

- **FCMS: Volleyball, Basketball, Cross Country, Track & Field**
- **SJMSAA (St. Johns Middle School Athletic Association)**
  - SJMSAA is an independent, private non-profit corporation that oversees 12 sports in 14 public middle schools and several private schools in St. Johns County. Sports are open to students in St. Johns County who are home-schooled as well. Sports include: **football, baseball, softball, golf, tennis, cheer, soccer, beach volleyball, dance and performance training, pickleball.**
  - SJMSAA uses district middle school names and facilities under a license agreement with the district. SJMSAA sports are not operated through the school systems. **SJMSAA Website: SJMSAA.org**

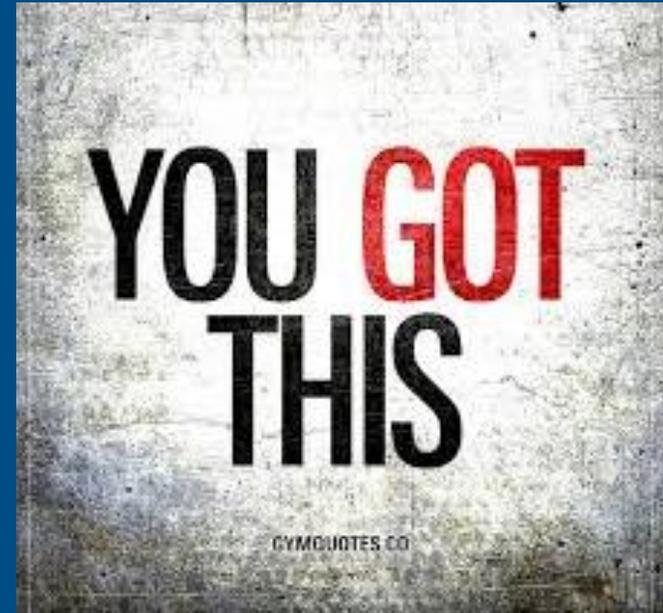


# Questions?

**We are excited to welcome  
your child to FCMS!!!**

For questions specific to your child, please reach out to our counselors:

- School Counselor (A-L)      Amanda Johnson
- School Counselor (M-Z)      Kelly Howard



# What Do I Do Now?

- ❑ Join [@fruitcove\\_flyers](#) and [@FCMSWEB](#) on Instagram
- ❑ Watch for emails with details on 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Connection, This will be held the last week of July

