Fruit Cove Middle School
7th & 8th Grade Parent Night

What Is Our Goal Tonight?

Our goal is to share our vision for the 2026-2027 school year and our so we can partner together to help our students have a successful school year.

- Welcome parents!
- Staff Introductions ☺
- PTO
- Academics
- Elective Choices
- Schoology & HAC
- Clubs
- FCMS Flight Plan
- PBIS Rewards
- Sports
- Safety
- Social Media
- School Communication

Fruit Cove Middle School <u>Team</u>

- 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
- Parents!!

Fruit Cove Middle School PTO

Soaring to Excellence in 2026-27

Fruit Cove Middle School PTO is a 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 also supports students with dances, after school events, book fairs, and end of year celebrations.

Follow us on our socials!

Follow us   Like   Share

FACEBOOK   INSTAGRAM

Follow us on Social Media!

Join PTO

+Be involved with your child's school

+Get to know the staff

+Build home-school connection

+Support FCMS needs

+Fun ☺

How Can Parents Support Their Middle Schooler?

❑ Tools
  ➤ Schoology
    ➤ Assignments, Resources, Communication
  ➤ HAC (Home Access Center)
    ➤ Gradebook, Attendance, Discipline

❑ Communicate
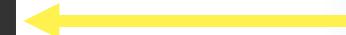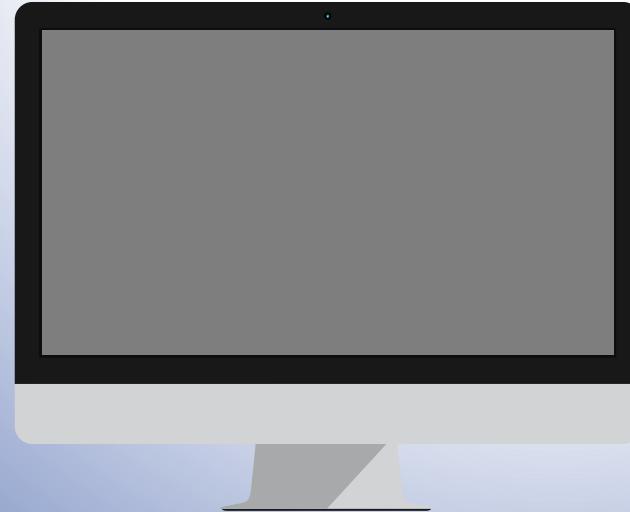 ➤ Teacher
  ➤ School Counselor
  ➤ Administration

❑ **Limit Social Media**

❑ Ensure solid sleep time

Schoology

□ FCMS Website: Clever – Link for Students

- Communication
- Assignments
- Notes
- Make up Work
- Messages

Home Access Center

(HAC)

The HAC portal enables parents the ability to receive timely information to support and monitor their children's academic progress.
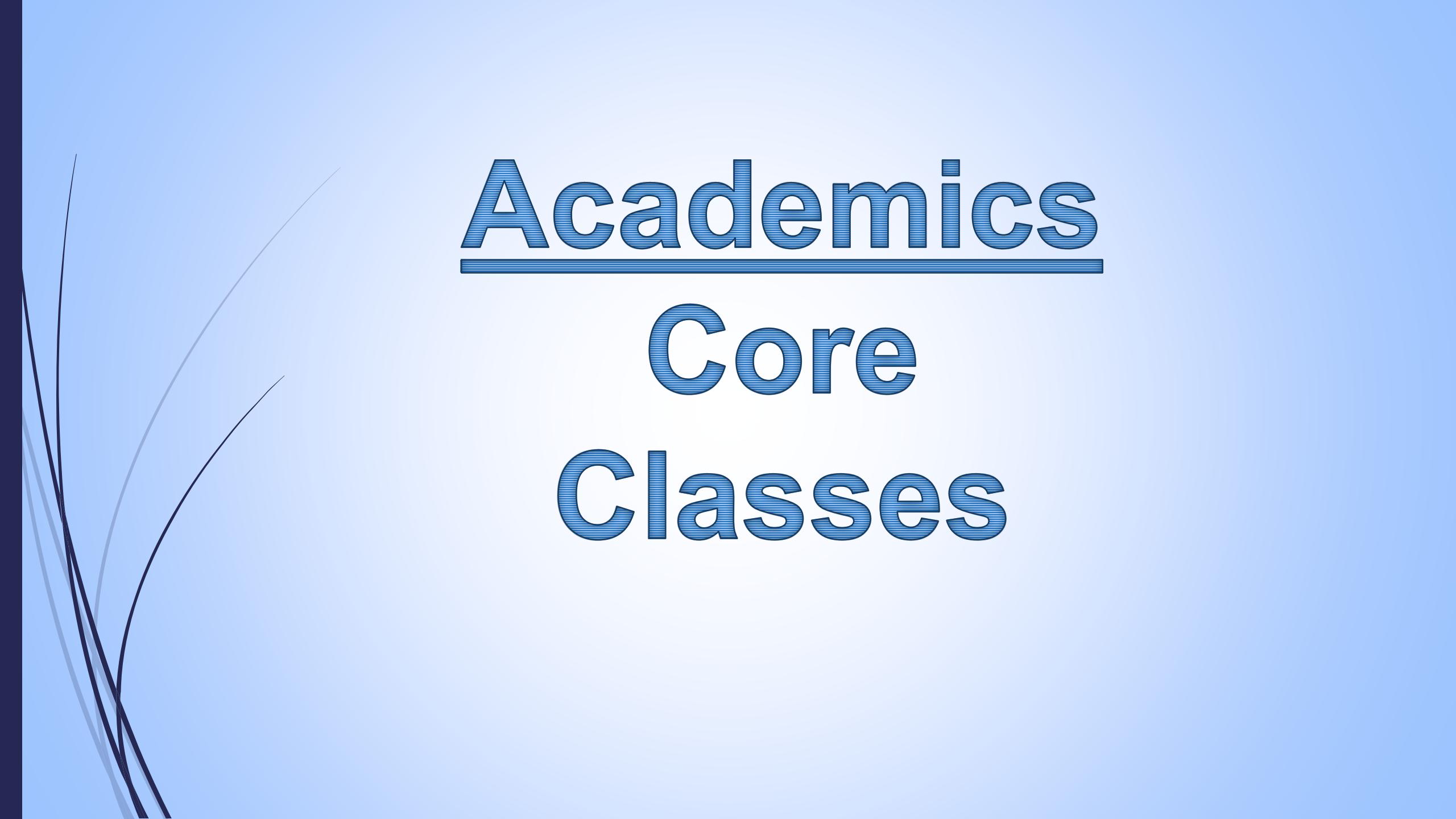
At a minimum, check HAC once a week.

- **Attendance**
- **Discipline**
- **Class work grades**
- **Test scores**
- **Report card grades**
- **Interim grades**

Academics

Core Classes

Current 6th Grade Core Course Recommendations
ELA, Science, Social Studies

Test Scores and Grade Requirements	ELA	Social Studies	Science
5th grade FAST PM3 Level: 1, 2 or low 3 *AND* **Grade average of mid B or lower in 6th grade STANDARD** **OR** **Grade average of D or F in 6th grade ADVANCED**	Standard 7th Grade ELA	Standard 7th Grade US History	Standard 7th Grade Science
5th Grade FAST PM 3 Mid-level 3, 4 or 5 *AND* **Grade average of C or higher in 6th grade ADVANCED** **OR** **Grade average of A or high B in 6th grade STANDARD**	Advanced 7th Grade ELA	Advanced 7th Grade US History	Advanced 7th Grade Science

Current 7ᵗʰ Grade Core Course Recommendations
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Academics: Core Courses
(ELA, Science, Social Studies)

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

- Core Course Verification / Elective Selection Form will be sent home with your student Tuesday, February 17th . This form is due signed, Tuesday, February 24th

- *Schedule Change* request link

  - Will be sent out to families via email after May FAST testing results are released.

Academics: Math Progression

PM 3 FAST results from this school year, 2025-26, will be reviewed at the end of the school year to determine if a student qualifies to take an advanced Math course, if they did not originally qualify when recommendations were completed in March.

2025-26 Grade Level	Math Course	Math Requirements
7th (Current 6th Graders)	7th Standard Math	5th grade Math FAST PM 3 results: Low Level 3 and below
7th (Current 6th Graders)	7th Advanced Math	5th grade Math FAST PM 3 results: Mid/High Level 3 to a mid Level 4
7th (Current 6th Graders)	Algebra 1 Honors	5th grade Math FAST PM 3 results: High Level 4 to Level 5
8th (Current 7th Graders)	Pre-Algebra (Standard)	6th grade Math FAST PM 3 results: Level 3 and below
8th (Current 7th Graders)	Algebra 1 Honors	6th grade Math FAST PM 3 results: Level 4 and Level 5 and a "C" or higher in current class
8th (Current 7th Graders)	Geometry Honors	Passed Alg. 1 Honors in 7th grade with a "C" or higher

Algebra 1 Honors in 8th Grade
(Eligible to apply for Early College)

8th Grade
Algebra 1 Honors
(Counts towards High School GPA and EOC is 30% of final grade)

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9th Grade
Geometry Honors
(EOC is 30% of final grade)

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10th Grade
Algebra 2 Honors

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11th Grade
AP Pre-Calc, AP Statistics, Dual Enrollment Math, Math for Data & Financial Literacy Honors, Probability & Statistics Honors

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12th 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 11th grade)

Pre-Algebra in 8th Grade

8th Grade
Pre-Algebra

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9th Grade
Algebra 1 Honors
(EOC is 30% of final grade)

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10th Grade
Geometry Honors
(EOC is 30% of final grade)

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11th Grade
Algebra 2 Honors

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Elective Courses

Grade Level	Elective Options
7th	Art 2D
7th & 8th	Health
7th & 8th	Band
7th & 8th	Chorus
7th & 8th	Computer Discoveries 2 & 3
7th & 8th	Student Success Skills
7th & 8th	Theatre 1 & 2
7th	Beginning Spanish (2-year commitment)
8th	Art 2D 2
8th	Spanish I (High School Credit)
8th	WEB (application required)

Academics: Elective Requests Process

February 17-Core Course Verification/Elective Selection form sent home with your student.
February 24-Core Course Verification/Elective Selection form due signed by parent.

WEB (rising 8th only) is an application-based electives with limited class size. The application must be filled out in addition to selecting the elective as your first choice. Online applications are due by Tuesday, April 15st. Applicants who are approved to take these courses will be notified in May.

Please note that elective options are subject to change. Attached are FAQ's for more information on how to best select your electives.

FCMS Flight Plan

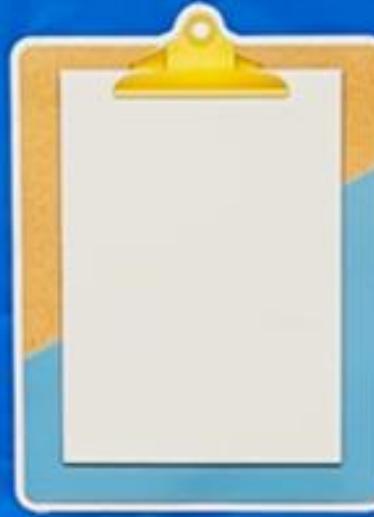| Pillars	CLASSROOM	LUNCHROOM	HALLWAYS/ Media Center/School Events
Responsibility and Trustworthiness	• Be on time • Take out materials • Use phone ONLY as guided by the teacher • Stay on task during group work • Ask for clarification or help, if needed • Turn in assignments • Clean up your area	• Sit at your assigned table • Use your ID card when purchasing lunch • Show integrity	• Move efficiently to arrive to your next location on time • Keep your phone put away • Use a pass to leave class • Maintain appropriate walking pace during transition • Use self-control • Return library books in good condition and on time
Respect and Fairness	• Go quietly to your assigned seat • Use appropriate language • Be kind to others • Use time wisely • Raise your hand • Allow others to learn • Stay seated until dismissed • Treat people fairly • Respect differences in opinion	• Follow directions given by adults • Remain in your spot in line • Throw away trash • Use kind words and good manners	• Follow directions given by adults • Respect others' space • Be polite and courteous • Use appropriate language • Be positive
Citizenship and Caring	• Greet your teachers and classmates • Have a positive attitude • Engage in your learning • Always try your best • Demonstrate good sportsmanship • Be kind • Show empathy • Express gratitude • Help people in need	• Keep the school clean • Follow lunch expectations • Talk with someone new	• Support a peer in need who may be lost, needs help carrying items, hold a door open • Help keep the school areas clean • Observe and follow traffic rules • Follow rules for after school events

PBIS Rewards

- 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 and emotional skills, and character education.

- School Store ran by our WEB students!

- PBIS Rewards – Pilot Points!

Safety

Safety

- Resource Officer
- Centegix Badges
- Required Safety Drills
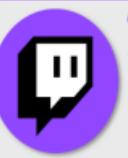- Doorways
- Fortify Florida

Social Media

Parents should continue to be **extremely** involved in cell phone monitoring.

- When to use it?
- When and where to charge it?
- Appropriate communication
  - Words, topics, apps, friends/contacts
- Age-Appropriate Apps
- Parental Controls
- Cyber Bullying

Control access to content with blocking and unblocking features.

Content filters
Austin

Objectionable	Social media
All blocked	All but 3 blocked
Customize >	Customize >

Messaging	Games
All blocked	10 blocked
Customize >	Customize >

Downloads	Videos
Not blocked	Not blocked
Customize >	Customize >

Malware	Other
All blocked	All blocked
Customize >	Customize >

Snapchat
Parental Controls

SETUP PARENTAL CONTROL

14 Social Media Sites Parents Need to be Aware Of

ABOUT TIKTOK
TikTok, born as Musical.ly's successor, quickly rose as the top choice for short videos, especially among youth. In late 2022, it reached *2 billion global downloads*, and a 2022 Statista report revealed that *41% of its users are aged 10 to 19*, underlining its appeal to teenagers.

CONCERNS SURROUNDING TIKTOK
- ⚠ Exposure to Mature Content
- ⚠ Time-consuming and Addictive Nature
- ⚠ Predatory Behavior in Comments
- ⚠ App Bans in Countries

ABOUT TINDER
Tinder, the popular dating app with swiping, attracts adults but *some teens under 18 use it*. In 2022, it reached *400 million downloads and 75 million monthly users.*

CONCERNS SURROUNDING TINDER
- ⚠ Minimum Age Restriction Often Ignored
- ⚠ Exposure to Explicit Content
- ⚠ Potential Encounters with Predatory Individuals

ABOUT FACEBOOK
Facebook, the largest social network globally with *3.03 billion monthly active users*, continues to exert influence, but the 2022 Hootsuite Social Trends Report revealed a decline in its usage among teens. *Only 32% of U.S. teenagers* reported using the platform.

CONCERNS SURROUNDING FACEBOOK
- ⚠ Data Privacy Issues
- ⚠ Exposure to Misleading Content
- ⚠ Online Predators in Open Groups

ABOUT YUBO
Yubo, dubbed the "Teen Tinder," is a social app for teens. In 2022, it had *60 million downloads* and millions of *monthly users aged 13 to 25*, offering profiles, photos, and livestreaming for connections like dating apps.

CONCERNS SURROUNDING YUBO
- ⚠ Potential for Inappropriate Relationships
- ⚠ Live Streaming Risks
- ⚠ Users Bypassing Age Verification

ABOUT SNAPCHAT
Snapchat, launched in 2011, changed messaging with disappearing content. In 2022, it reached *484 million downloads*. Although *48% of U.S. teens favor it*, competition from similar apps may challenge its dominance.

CONCERNS SURROUNDING SNAPCHAT
- ⚠ Temporary Nature of Content
- ⚠ Location Sharing Features
- ⚠ Compulsive Usage due to 'Streaks'

ABOUT ASK.FM
Ask.fm, with *215 million users* as of 2022, is a Q&A platform allowing anonymous questions, attracting many teens and young adults, promoting candid conversations.

CONCERNS SURROUNDING ASK.FM
- ⚠ Anonymity Can Lead to Cyberbullying
- ⚠ Exposure to Inappropriate or Harmful Content
- ⚠ No Moderation for Questions

ABOUT INSTAGRAM
As of 2022, Instagram, the favored photo-sharing platform, has *over 547 million downloads*. It's a primary social hub for about 71% of U.S. teens, who form a significant part of its user base.

CONCERNS SURROUNDING INSTAGRAM
- ⚠ Exposure to Inappropriate Content
- ⚠ Peer Pressure and the Quest for Likes
- ⚠ Potential for Cyberbullying

ABOUT OMEGLE
Omegle is an online chat platform for random text and video conversations, *popular among teenagers*, with over *90 million monthly visits* in 2022.

CONCERNS SURROUNDING OMEGLE
- ⚠ Frequent Inappropriate Content
- ⚠ No Effective Age Verification
- ⚠ Risk of Encountering Predators
- ⚠ Cyberbullying
- ⚠ Data Leakage
- ⚠ Screen Recording

ABOUT YOUTUBE
As of 2023, YouTube boasts *2.70 billion monthly users*, including *77% of U.S. teens*, who engage with a wide range of content.

CONCERNS SURROUNDING YOUTUBE
- ⚠ Exposure to Inappropriate or Misleading Content
- ⚠ Comments Section and Bullying or Predatory Behavior
- ⚠ Algorithm and Unsuitable Content Suggestions

ABOUT ROBLOX
Roblox is a massive game creation platform, with *millions of users, including children and teenagers*. It's crucial for parents to be aware of their children's activities on the platform for a safe gaming experience.

CONCERNS SURROUNDING ROBLOX
- ⚠ In-Game Chat Can Expose Kids to Inappropriate Content
- ⚠ Predatory Behaviors
- ⚠ Microtransactions Can Lead to Unexpected Expenses

ABOUT WHATSAPP
In 2022, WhatsApp, known for end-to-end encryption, reached *5 billion downloads*. About *17% of U.S. teenagers use it* for messaging and group chats.

CONCERNS SURROUNDING YOUTUBE
- ⚠ Privacy Concerns with Data Sharing
- ⚠ Potential for Inappropriate Messaging
- ⚠ Unintentional Personal Information Disclosure
- ⚠ Cyberbullying
- ⚠ Exposure to explicit content
- ⚠ Unwanted Messages or Invitations from Strangers

ABOUT TWITCH
Twitch, initially for gamers, now has *30 million daily users* enjoying diverse content. Parents should supervise their children's viewing for age-appropriate material.

CONCERNS SURROUNDING TWITCH
- ⚠ Exposure to Inappropriate Content during Live Streams
- ⚠ Potential for Encountering Predatory Behavior in Chat
- ⚠ Financial Risks with In-Platform Purchasing

ABOUT TELEGRAM
Telegram has *700 million monthly users* in 2023, known for its privacy features. Teenagers and young adults also use it for secure messaging, group chats, and content sharing.

CONCERNS SURROUNDING TELEGRAM
- ⚠ End-to-End Encryption and Monitoring Difficulty
- ⚠ Public Channels and Inappropriate Content
- ⚠ Anonymity Features and Predatory Individuals

ABOUT DISCORD
Discord, initially for gamers, has become a versatile communication tool with *13.5 million weekly active servers*. It's especially *popular among teens and young adults* and is known for its customizable servers used for various interests and events.

CONCERNS SURROUNDING DISCORD
- ⚠ Explicit content in certain servers
- ⚠ Excessive Friend Requests
- ⚠ Unsolicited Private Messages
- ⚠ Overly Personal Questions
- ⚠ Encouragement of Secrecy
- ⚠ Data Breaches
- ⚠ Phishing Scams
- ⚠ Data Privacy Settings

- **Morning Announcements**
- **FCMS Newsletter**
- **Parent Square**
- **FCMS Website**
- **Email**
- **Instagram**
  - **School: @fruitcove_flyers**
  - **WEB: @fcmsweb**
- **Call US: 904-547-7880**

School
Communication

THE HOME-SCHOOL
SCHOOL
CONNECTION

CLUBS

- FFEA
  - Florida Future Educators of America
- Chess Club
- B6
- NJHS
  - National Junior Honor Society
- FCA
  - Fellowship of Christian Athletes
  - Open to athletes and non-athletes
- Art Club
- Drama Club
- Marine Science
- Role Playing Games (RPG)
- Sunshine Sate Young Readers Award Club

SJCSD Parent Permission Form
School Based Club or Student Organization

SJCSD Parent Permission Form
School Sponsored Events and Activities

SPORTS

- **FCMS: Volleyball, Basketball, Cross Country, Track & Field**

- **SJMSAA (St. Johns Middle School Athletic Association)**
    - SJMSAA is an independent, <u>private</u> non-profit corporation that oversees 12 sports in 16 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.
    - SJMSAA sports are not operated through the school systems.

SJMSAA Website: SJMSAA.org

Ms. Richardson is the SJMSAA Liaison.

We're here to help!

For questions specific to your child, please reach out to your child's teachers and/or our School Counselors:

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