

Fruit Cove Middle School

THE PILOT

Bi-Weekly Newsletter

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February 20, 2026



Pillar of the Month:
February - Caring

Important Dates

- 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
- April 3**
Student / Teacher Holiday
- April 28**
Interims Issued
- May 15**
Gradventure

Mission Statement

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



School Advisory Council (SAC) Parent Survey

Survey Window is OPEN NOW until March 27



[CLICK HERE](#)

NJHS News



There will be an officers meeting on February 24 in Mrs. Doemel's room. It will be after school until about 2:30. An all-membership meeting will be on Thursday, February 26 after school in the cafeteria. Make sure you are picked up by 2:30.

The Pet Supply drive will begin on Monday March 2 and will run through Thursday, March 12. Food, toys, treats, leashes, collars, old towels and blankets are needed. Please bring in items to donate to your homeroom. The homeroom with the most items collected will win fresh baked cookies. All donated items will go to the St. Johns Pet Adoption Center.



UPCOMING MEETING DATES: March 5, April 9, April 23 and May 7 (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).



School Hours
7:30am-1:50pm

Wednesday Dismissal @
12:50pm

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

April & May Testing

FRUIT COVE MIDDLE SCHOOL						
April 2026						
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 8 th Grade BEST WRITING	9 8 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						
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>

NEWS FROM YOUR WEB TEAM

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING WEB NEXT YEAR?

Rising 8th graders interested in joining WEB next year must select WEB as their first elective choice. Once elective selections are received, student families will be mailed a very short WEB application to complete. Students will select 4 teachers to write recommendations. We hope you'll consider WEB!

THE KINDNESS CHALLENGE!

The WEB team invites all students and staff to take part in a Month of Kindness. Simply make a plan and commit to one intentional act of kindness each day. Whether it's a kind word or a small gesture, no act of kindness is ever too small.

PBIS STORE

Our WEB Team would like to give a big thank you to the Rotary Club of Bartram Trail/Julington Creek. The Rotary Club is donating items for our PBIS store. All students earn points for showing good character. Those points may be exchanged for awards in our PBIS store. Thank you, Rotary Club!



Track & Field News

Congratulations to our runners making the track leader board!

2026 FRUIT COVE MIDDLE TRACK TEAM RECORD BOARD

GIRLS		BOYS	
Emma Godfrey 10:59.48 PR/SR	3000M	Parker Akins 9:42.08	
Emma Godfrey 5:13.53 PR	1500M	Parker Akins 4:37.20 PR	
Emma Godfrey 2:31.42	800M	Thomas Hurt 2:31.45	
Emma Godfrey 1:04.06 PR	400M	Parker Akins 1:02.4 PR	
Lauryn Johnston 30.47	200M	Keegan Shoulder 31.12	
Avery Richardson 14.07	100M	Keegan Shoulders 14.78	
	800R		
	400R		
	100R		
	200H		
Madison Moran 21.94	100H		
	LONG JUMP	Keegan Shoulders 4.10M	
Shruthika Dega 7.93m PR	SHOT PUT		
	POLE VAULT		



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](#)

Fruit Cove Middle School

LOVE YOUR YEARBOOK

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

LESS THAN 50 BOOKS REMAINING!

www.yearbookordercenter.com

School Code: 10456

**Price:
\$45**



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](#)



HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

COMING SOON...



February 19th

During second period, students will attend the Creekside High School Assembly.

February 20th

During ELA, students will receive their verification sheets. These sheets will show their recommended courses and available electives for them to rank.



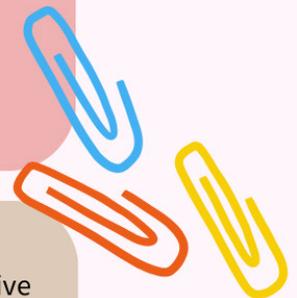
REGISTRATION:

8th grade students will meet with high school counselors to go over classes that will be on their schedule next year and have an opportunity to choose electives. Parents are welcome to attend via speaker on their child's cell phone.

CREEKSIDE...

Students will go to the media center with their Language Arts teacher on the following days:

Date	Teacher
Monday, February 23 th	Kalfa
Tuesday, February 24 th	Porter
Wednesday, February 25 th	Kelley/make ups
Thursday, February 26 th	Test



OTHER Schools...

Students will be pulled individually on the following days. They will receive a verification sheet with their meeting time or will be called from class.

*Some schools opt to contact families directly instead

02/26/26	Nease High School in Professional Library
03/04/26	Beachside High School
TBA	Tocoi Creek High School (will contact directly)
TBA	Bartram Trail High School (may contact directly)
TBA	Ponte Vedra High School (may contact directly)



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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SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

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.

[Support our positive choices initiative!](#)
[Visit our PBIS store!](#)

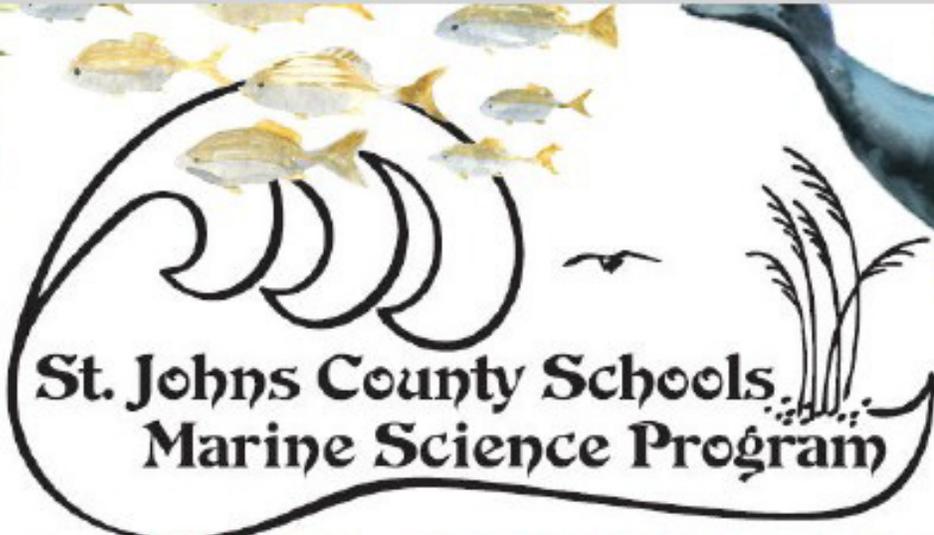
Thank you for your support!



<<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.



**St. Johns County Schools
Marine Science Program**

**SUMMER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
CURRENT 5TH-7TH GRADE STUDENTS
APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN**

Transportation
provided



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Session 1: June 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11
Session 2: June 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25



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Check out our website site for details at:

<https://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/marinescience/>

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Website



Instagram



Facebook

2026-27 PTO BOARD POSITIONS



WE ARE LOOKING FOR

Business Partners

Works with Fundraising Chair to foster relationships with our current business partners and looks for new business partners to support FCMS. This is a valued position as the support is critical for the success of the PTO and the resources we provide to FCMS.

Communications

Makes consistent posts on Social Media pages, highlights business partners regularly, makes flyers for events. This position also creates the bi-weekly newsletter (with help from the Presidents).

Membership

Helps drive the PTO membership from August through October.

Secretary

Takes notes during virtual quarterly Board Meetings and General Meetings.

Teacher Appreciation

Decorates the Teacher's Lounge for holidays, helps with teacher gifts, brainstorms new ideas to spoil the teachers and staff!

8th Grade Events

Manages details for one semi-formal and 8th grade fun day.



Tropical LUAU DANCE

Get ready for a night of tropical vibes! Come dressed in your tropical finest!

FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH

2:00-4:00 PM

Ticket sale information coming soon. Check the next newsletter and FCMS PTO website for updates.

ALL GRADES WELCOME!



Deepest Condolences

THE FCMS PTO SENDS OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE PATRIOT OAKS COMMUNITY FOR THE HEARTBREAKING LOSS EXPERIENCED THIS WEEK. WE STAND TOGETHER DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

THANK YOU

to the PTO BUSINESS PARTNERS

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