

Fruit Cove Middle School

THE PILOT

Bi-Weekly Newsletter

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March 6, 2026



Pillar of the Month:
March - Trustworthiness

Important Dates

- March 10**
SAC meeting 2:00pm
- 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
- May 29**
Last Day for Students
12:50pm Dismissal

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.



School Advisory Council (SAC)
Parent Survey

Survey Window is OPEN NOW until March 27

[CLICK HERE](#)

Next SAC meeting is March 10 2:00 - 2:30pm



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.

NJHS News



March 16 — 20, 2026



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).



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>

Chocolate & Beyond

Congratulations to Don Isabelle and the FCMS Jazz Band for their wonderful performance at the SJCSO "Chocolate and Beyond" celebration on Saturday, February 21.



Fruit Cove Middle School

Yearbooks For Sale!!

We are down to our final quantities!!!

Spring into memories before they're gone!

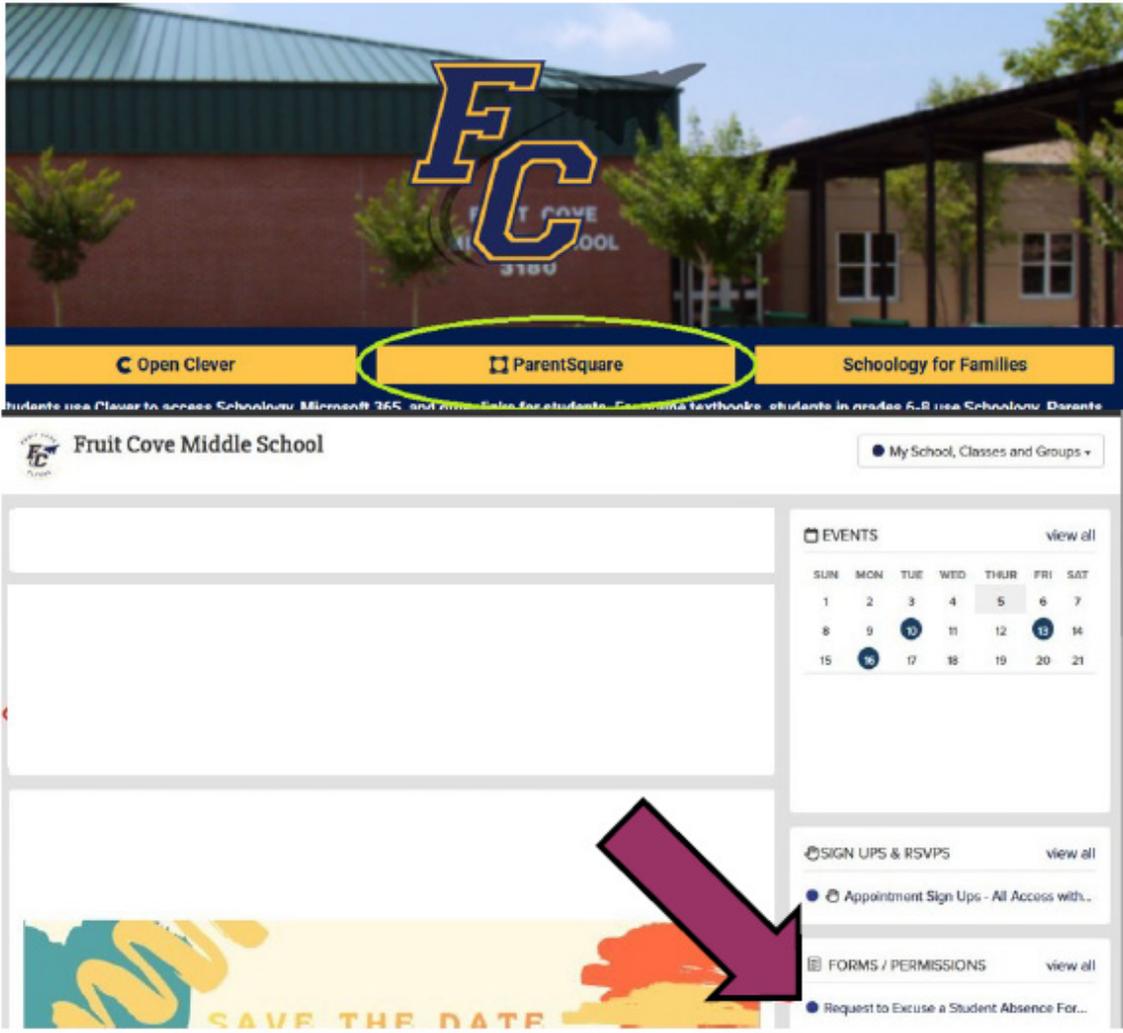
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www.yearbookordercenter.com

School Code: 10456



Beginning March 9, online absence forms will now be available through Parent Square. Parents will follow the same process as before, filling out the form and uploading any pertinent information.



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.



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.

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](#)

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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[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.



PTO

MARCH 6

"FLYER"



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, brainstorm new ideas to spoil the teachers and staff!

8th Grade Events

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



General Board Meeting: March 30th. More details in the next newsletter!

8TH GRADE FUN DAY

Celebrate the end of your middle school years!



ACTIVITIES

**THURSDAY,
MAY 28TH**

EVENTS

TREATS

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

APRIL 27TH-MAY 1ST

Please donate to help buy gift cards for our teachers and staff!

[HTTPS://WWW.FCMSPTO.COM/DONATE](https://www.fcmspto.com/donate)



Tropical LUAU DANCE

ALL GRADES WELCOME!

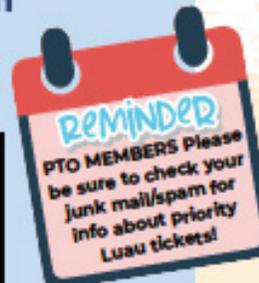
Get ready for a night of tropical vibes! Come dressed in your tropical finest!

**FRIDAY,
MARCH 27TH**

2:00-4:00 PM

Tickets on sale March 9th!
\$11 includes two slices of pizza, a bag of chips and a water bottle.

www.fcmspto.com



REMINDER
PTO MEMBERS Please be sure to check your junk mail/spam for info about priority Luau tickets!



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