

Fruit Cove Middle School

THE PILOT

Bi-Weekly Newsletter

3180 Racetrack Road "Home of the Flyers" 904-547-7880



May 8, 2026



Pillar of the Month:
May - Citizenship

Important Dates

May 12
8th Grade Awards

May 15
Gradventure

May 25
Memorial Day
Student / Teacher Holiday

May 29
Last Day for Students
12:50pm Dismissal

June 1
Last day for Teachers

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.



The end of year celebration will be held on Monday, April 11 in the cafeteria. We will say goodbye to our 8th graders and officers, and welcome our new officers. Pizza and cookies will be served.

MEDICATION PICK UP

ALL medication should be picked up from the clinic by Friday, May 29th by 2:00pm. School/district policy does not allow medication to remain in the school over the summer. Any medication left in the clinic after Friday, May 29th, will be discarded according to policy. Please call your school nurse, Cindi Tranquellino, with any questions at 547-7887. Have a great summer!

*** If you want/allow your child to pick up their EPIpen or inhaler, please respond with your permission via email to cindi.kane-tranquellino@stjohns.k12.fl.us***

Prescription pills need to be picked up by a parent



UPCOMING MEETING DATES: May 14 (last meeting of year). **PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATE!**

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).

May Testing



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 BIOLOGY EOC	15 GRADVENTURE MAKE-UPS	16
17	18 ALGEBRA 1 EOC	19 8 TH SCIENCE	20 8 TH SCIENCE	21 ALGEBRA AND GEOMETRY EOC	22 MAKE-UPS	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27 MAKE-UPS	28 MAKE-UPS	29 MAKE-UPS	30
31						

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>

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

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.

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:

Be sure to include your student's name on the SchoolPay form!



[SchoolPay: Hard Cover Library Book \(\\$20\)](#)

[SchoolPay: Paperback Library Book \(\\$10\)](#)

IMPORTANT MEDIA CENTER DATES

Friday, May 1 – Testing begins! Limited hours
Wednesday, May 6 – Last day for students books
Friday, May 15 – **ALL BOOKS ARE DUE**

Does your child want
to take a virtual course
over the summer?



DEADLINE: MAY 28TH @ 3 PM

If they are planning to take a course online over the summer, you/they must submit the request by this deadline. School counselors will not be available during the summer to approve requests.



INSTRUCTIONS

- Go to www.FLVS.net
- create an account
- use the flex feature
- register to take BOTH segments
- list the school counselor
- choose SJVS platform
- choose any start time

COUNSELORS

Amanda Johnson (last names A-L)
amanda.johnson@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Kelly Howard (last names M-Z)
kelly.howard@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Rising 9th graders:
Students are responsible for letting their high school counselors know when they are complete with their summer virtual course.



IMPORTANT

Reminder

**This is LAST CALL
for purchasing a
yearbook.**

**! 45 Books
Left !**

www.yearbookordercenter.com

School Code 10456

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.



CREEKSIDE SUMMER FOOTBALL SKILLS CAMPS

FOR MORE INFO/REGISTRATION VISIT: WORKTOWINFOOTBALL.COM

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAMP

JUNE 8-11

9AM - 12PM

CREEKSIDE H.S.

Our Elementary Football Camp, designed for 1st-5th grade students, introduces young athletes to the basics of football in a fun, safe, and encouraging environment.



MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP #1

JUNE 22-24

6PM - 8PM

CREEKSIDE H.S.

Our Middle School Football Camp, players will learn essential FUNdamentals, develop position-specific skills, and build habits needed to excel on and off the field.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP #2

JULY 20-24

6PM - 8PM

CREEKSIDE H.S.


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 (ParentSquare) 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

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!](#)
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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.



PTO

MAY 8

"FLYER"



Website



Instagram



Facebook

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sign up to donate
supplies for 8th Grade
Fun Day or volunteer
your time!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044AAA-AE2AA3FDC43-63931030-8thgrade#/>

**8TH GRADE
FUN DAY**

*Celebrate the end of your
middle school years!*

ACTIVITIES **THURSDAY,
MAY 28TH** GAMES

TREATS

Join the PTO Board!

Whatever your skills, we need you! The board meets twice a month, including general PTO meetings with parents, and it's often a virtual meeting.



Communication

Post on PTO social media, collect information for school newsletter from other board members



Secretary

Take notes during our meetings (1 board and 1 general a month) and share them afterward



8th Grade Events

Coordinate 8th grade semi-formal and 8th grade fun day with school admin and outside vendors



Business Partners


Keep track of business donors, coordinate in-kind donations, and ensure recognition at school

Please email fcmsptopresident@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the board!

THANK YOU

to the PTO BUSINESS PARTNERS

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