



COUGAR NEWS

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Dear Crookshank Cougar Families,

We have successfully completed the first 2-weeks of school! Our students are busy earning something new each day. Our teachers are working hard to teach our distance learners and students in the brick and mortar model. Thank you, parents, for all the support you provide our teachers and staff members. Remember, regular daily attendance (whether your child is a distance learner or brick and mortar) is vitally important to your child’s social-emotional growth and academic progress.

If you are interested in serving to help our school grow even stronger, consider being a part of our amazing PTO! Contact our PTO President Mrs. Liz Beute lizbeute@yahoo.com for more information. If you are interested in serving on our School Advisory Council this year, please contact, me at Marquez.Jackson@stjohns.k12.fl.us or our SAC Chair, Ms. Alex Robinson at Alexandria.Robinson@stjohns.k12.fl.us Let’s continue to build and growth together this school year.

Your Partner in Education,

Marquez Jackson, Principal-Learning Leader

OUR VISION:

Working together, we all succeed.

OUR MISSION:

Our professional learning community at John A. Crookshank Elementary School is dedicated to the development of students’ academic, social, and emotional well-being. We will plan purposeful lessons and instruct standards using best practices, so all students are equipped with a growth mind-set and the skills necessary to address and overcome challenges they may face in their future.

Registration

Please make sure you have completed all the steps required for registration so we can make sure your son/daughter has a spot in a classroom. Students with missing documentation have not been placed with a teacher. You may visit <http://www-ces.stjohns.k12.fl.us/registration/> or contact Lisa Cogar at (904) 547-7846 if you need assistance or have questions.

Important Dates

9/21-10/16 iREADY Testing

9/24 Virtual SAC Meeting 4PM

10/20 Picture Day

10/30 End of Quarter 1



Please note that every Wednesday is EARLY RELEASE at 1:50PM.

SCHOOL HOURS

Office Hours 7:55AM-3:45PM (daily)

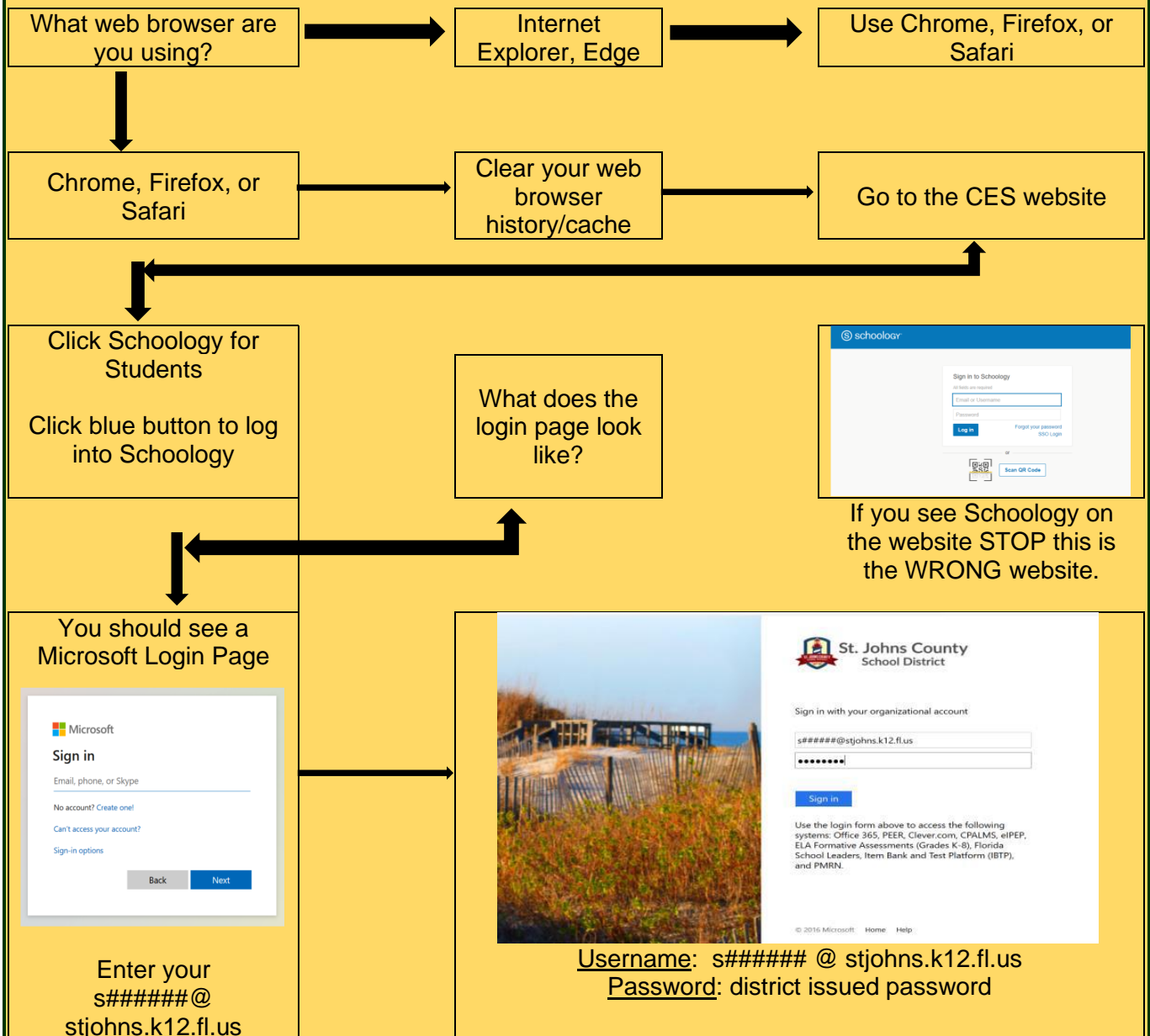
Student Hours 8:25AM-2:50PM (M, T, TH, F)
8:25AM-1:50PM (Wed.)

Doors open at 8:00AM for students

Distance Learner Technology Issues

If your child is a distance learner and experiences technology issues during the day, please inform your child's teacher via email and/or Class Dojo. Incoming calls during instructional times will not be directed to the classroom. Incoming calls will be directed to the teacher's voicemail. While your student waits for support have them read a book, complete a reading and/or math iREADY lesson, explore the CES Student Links page, or complete outstanding classwork.

Additional ways to support your distance learner with technology issues:



- Complete a request for help at <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/contact/schoology/> .
- Contact the front desk at Crookshank and they will direct you to our IT Keishia McLendon.

Logging in to Schoology for Student Access

Schoology is an online tool that manages curriculum, assessments, conferences, resources, calendar, and other classroom management tasks. Schoology will become the primary communication tool between home and school this year for all K-12 students.

1. Go to stjohnsschools.schoology.com
2. Enter your S#####@stjohns.k12.fl.us and click Next
3. Enter your Student Password and click Sign In
4. Click No – DO NOT Stay Signed In



5. Click on your appropriate course.



Please visit these sites for more information on Schoology, the online platform we will use for conferencing and virtual instruction. Please use Google Chrome for Schoology.

[Click here for the SJCS D Schoology for Parents site](https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/edtech/schoology/schoology-for-parents/) or cut and paste this link into your browser: <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/edtech/schoology/schoology-for-parents/>

[Click here for the SJCS D Schoology for Students site](https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/edtech/schoology/schoology-for-students/) or cut and paste this link into your browser:

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Distance Learning Expectations

Our teachers are teaching students in a classroom while also simultaneously delivering instruction to students at home. We are committed to keeping all children on pace and focused on the same high standards, the way in which learning occurs will vary from the classroom to the distance learning setting. Teachers need time to adjust to the demands of dual platforms and develop the most effective strategies that can be sustained.

We ask that parents use the same methods of communication that you used prior to the pandemic. Teachers cannot respond to parent communication during the school day while teaching. Please communicate with our teachers in one of the following ways: Class Dojo, email, voicemail. Teachers will respond during non-instructional times.

We also ask that students follow the provided distance learning schedule; this will vary based on class and students' needs. Teachers will ask students to log on at certain times for whole group live sessions. During non-live sessions, students will be asked to complete independent work, assignments, and assessments. It is the expectation that students be on time to their sessions, a teacher cannot stop instruction to catch a student up. Teachers will offer specific times to remediate instruction for distance learners if needed.

Attendance is being recorded daily; your student will be marked absent if they do not log on. In addition, students that log on for attendance only then log off will be marked absent beginning next week.

If your student is not able to regularly attend Schoology sessions, engage with their teacher, and/or complete assignments, in the best interest of your child please reconsider this learning model. If you need to request a change, please refer to the section on this newsletter titled "Changing Options".

Masks and Temperature Checks

Masks are to be worn by all students until a temperature check is completed and they are able to socially distance themselves from others. **Please make sure your child has a mask and it is labeled with his/her name.**

Temperature checks will occur upon arrival. Any student with a temperature at or above 100.4 degrees will be referred to the nurse and a parent/guardian will be responsible for picking up his/her student.



While on school property and in a vehicle, you **MUST** put your cell phone down. We ask this for the safety of our students and our staff members.

DISMISSAL

Students needing to go home prior to dismissal will be escorted to their guardian's vehicle. *ONLY guardians are able to check students out prior to the end of the school day.* NO EARLY DISMISSAL AFTER 2PM. Please follow these steps:

- Park in one of three designated parking spots in the second row. Spots will be marked with a sign.
- Please call (904)547-7840 in order to reach the receptionist in the front office.
- Tell the reception area the first and last name of the student(s).
- Have a photo ID ready to show the staff member that will approach your vehicle.
- Your child will be delivered to your car after ID check. **STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS.**

Please give yourself enough time for this process. It may take a few minutes for your child to be dismissed.

If you are changing the way your child normally goes home, please contact the school in one of three ways: **via the Dismissal Change link on our school's homepage**, a note in the planner, or a written note from home.

Dismissal changes **will not** be accepted over the phone OR after 2:00PM/1:00PM on Weds. unless there is an emergency.

Home Access Center (HAC)

The Home Access Center (HAC) portal is available to registered parents and/or guardians, and to enrolled students. The HAC portal provides parents and students with a daily summary page of student information including schedule and attendance, discipline information, class work, test scores, grades and course requests. It also allows students to view their own records in the system to help keep them informed and actively participating in their progress. **This system will be used this school year to communicate student progress and grades.** Parents/Guardians must have a valid email address on file with a St. John's County School in order to create a HAC account.

Parents/Guardians can register online:

<https://homeaccess.stjohns.k12.fl.us>

- At the Home Access Center Login screen, click the link "Click Here to Register for HAC" On the Home Access Center User Registration fill out all of the required fields.
- You should receive an email with a link to complete your registration

For additional information on the HAC portal, access the webpage at <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/>

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Breakfast and lunch will be served at no cost.

Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria from 8:00AM-8:25AM.

Beginning 8/31, parents of our CES Distance Learners will be stopping at CES to pick up breakfast and lunch between 9:00-9:30AM each day.

Alternative seating areas will be utilized to promote social distancing options. Increased point of sale locations during lunch periods will be available. Please make sure all lunchboxes and water bottles are clearly labeled with your child's name.



CHANGING OPTIONS

In the event you need to request a change from Distance Learning to Brick & Mortar or vice versa, our process is outlined below.

1. Use the following request form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=V9CzsxL8P0-S9HK-boRDURmCnGRQaaFMv-WO-nllbFdUMjVWMVFKWUxJTDk4MjM2V0Q5NVkzVTFTQi4u> .

- a. *If requesting a move to Distance Learning, please watch our distance learning video for an overview of responsibilities and expectations:*
<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/online-learning/>.
 - b. *If requesting a move to Brick & Mortar, loaner devices provided by the school will be collected. In addition, all instructional materials MUST be returned.*
2. *School administration will review each request.*
 3. *Students will continue participating in their current model until notified of the new placement.*
 4. *Please note that this process will take at least 48 hours. This time allows for families to return laptops and instructional materials. It also allows for our system to update and process the change.*

