



COUGAR NEWS

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Dear Crookshank Cougar Families,

It's hard to believe we have completed 5 weeks in our first quarter! I appreciate everyone's cooperation, from parents, to our faculty and staff for a great start to our school year. Our Fall iReady diagnostic testing is underway for Math and ELA! This will provide our teachers with additional data to inform their instruction for your child. I love seeing our students engaged in the instruction through both the brick and mortar as well as the distance learning platform. Remember, regular daily attendance (whether your child is a distance learner or brick & mortar) is critical to your child's social-emotional growth and academic progress.

Thank you to our families for encouraging their children to read each day and to get plenty of rest at night!

Working together, we all succeed. Thank you for your continued support!

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 for Brick and Mortar Students

10/6 Virtual Open House (Schoology)

10/5-10/6 3-5 Distance Learner ELA iREADY

10/8-10/9 K-2 Distance Learner ELA iREADY

10/20 Picture Day

10/30 End of Quarter 1



Please note that every Wednesday is EARLY RELEASE at 1:50PM. **Beginning October 14, EARLY RELEASE at 12:55PM.**

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

Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated September 15-October 15, 2020 and is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about the countless contributions of Hispanic Americans in our state's history. During Hispanic Heritage Month, Governor Ron DeSantis and First Lady Casey DeSantis invite all Florida students to participate in the 2020 Hispanic Heritage Month art and essay contests with the theme of *"Celebrating Untold Stories and Contributions of Hispanic Americans in Florida."* Students in grades K-3 have a chance to win a cash prize by submitting their original artwork, and students in grades 4-12 can earn a 4-year Florida Prepaid Scholarship through the essay contest. In addition, students, parents, teachers and principals are invited to nominate full-time educators in elementary, middle and high schools for the Hispanic Heritage Month Excellence in Education Award. The deadlines for the artwork, essay contest, and Excellence in Education Award are due 5:00 pm Eastern Time on Thursday, October 15, 2020.



To learn more about Florida's rich history of contributions by Hispanic-Americans and for more information about the art, essay and educator contests, please visit www.FloridaHispanicHeritage.com.

SUMMER READING OLYMPICS CELEBRATION

On **October 6, 2020**, John A. Crookshank Elementary will be honoring the students who achieved medal status for the summer reading program. Due to COVID-19, we are not able to have our usual assembly or the making of ice cream sundaes at lunch. Instead, our principal Mr. Jackson will go to every classroom and present the medal and prizes to our Summer Reading Olympic medal winners! Distance Learners who achieved medals and are logged on through Schoology will also be recognized at this time.

On **October 7, 2020**, the PTO will be providing a choice of packaged ice cream treats during lunch times for the medal winners. We invite our Distance Learner medal winners to visit the parent pick up lane on October 7, from 10:00-10:30, to receive your ice cream treat and to pick up your medal and prizes.



iREADY TESTING UPDATE FOR DISTANCE LEARNERS

Distance Learners are recommended to test at school.



DO NOT BEGIN THE TEST AT HOME.

In order to collect reliable and valid data to help your student, the district is encouraging students to complete their iREADY Diagnostic at school. All students are expected to report at 8:50AM with a mask for check in. Testing will take place from 9:00AM-10:00AM. All students will have their temperature taken upon arrival. See the schedule below for the dates your student is recommended to come in and take their iREADY Fall Diagnostic. We use the collected data to help group our students in small groups. Small group instruction is an instructional strategy that delivers targeted instruction to help close learning gaps.

Grade 3-5 students will test on Monday 9/28 and Tuesday 9/29 for Math, then Monday 10/5 and Tuesday 10/6 for ELA.

Grade K-2 students will test on Thursday 10/1 and Friday 10/2 for Math, then Thursday 10/8 and Friday 10/9 for ELA.

If your student **WILL NOT** test at school please contact: Yvette Gonzalez at (904)547-7841.

Interim Reports

On Wednesday, September 30 interim reports will be available on the HOME ACCESS CENTER (HAC) for only grades 3-5. A paper copy will not be sent home. 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.

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/>

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Grade level presentations will be uploaded to Schoology. Teacher will provide a log on to ALL students.

FALL CONFERENCES

Teachers will provide ALL parents a chance to sign up for a parent conference.

Parents of K-2 students, this will be an opportunity to discuss your student's progress. *Interim reports will ONLY be on HAC for students in grades 3-5.* Teachers will contact parents with a sign-up to select the date and time for the conference. *All conferences will be virtual or via phone.*



RELATED ARTS FOR DISTANCE LEARNERS

Our Related Arts Schedule works in a two-week rotation. Every two weeks students change to a new Related Arts. On our rotation schedule we offer: Art, Music, PE, Media, Science Lab, and Computer Lab. Distance Learners must log on to their Art, Music, PE course when their class is attending that course. This can be accessed via "Courses". Students will have assignments assigned when their homeroom is attending that course. Homeroom teachers should have the Related Arts scheduled for their class on their schedule.

What do I do if my student is scheduled for Media, Science, or Computer Lab?
If your student is scheduled for Computer Lab, please have them log on to iREADY to complete their assigned lessons (this will be assigned AFTER their Diagnostic). During the Diagnostic time period, please have your student complete activities on our Links for Students page: <https://www-ces.stjohns.k12.fl.us/links/>

If your student is scheduled for Science Lab or Media please have them reach out to Richard.Whitaker@stjohns.k12.fl.us for some fun science ideas OR read a book.



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.

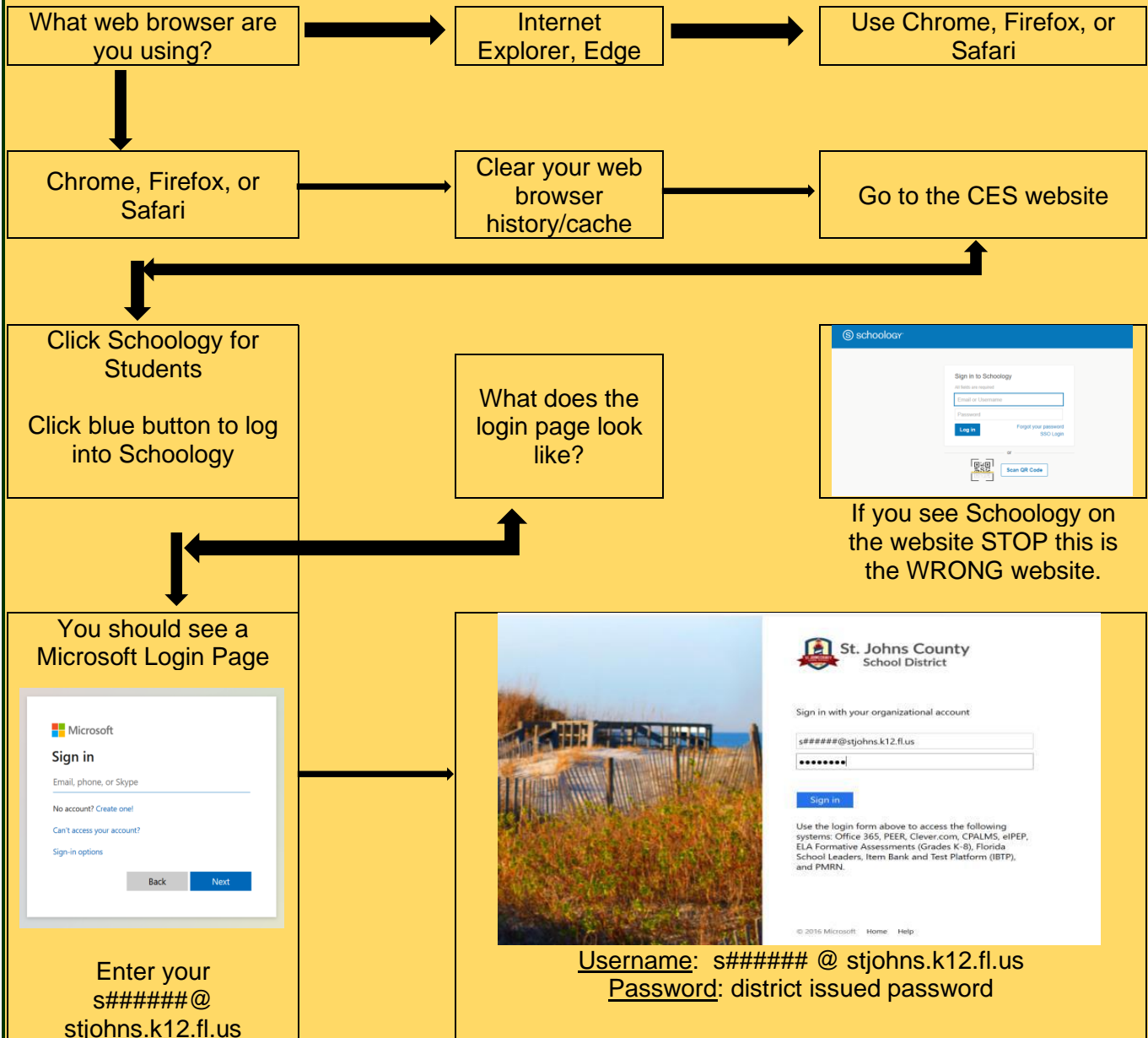


While on school property and in a vehicle, you **MUST** put your cell phone down. We ask this for the safety of our students and our staff members.

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.stjohs.k12.fl.us/contact/schoology/> .
- Contact the front desk at Crookshank and they will direct you to our IT Keishia McLendon.

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".

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.

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=V9Czsl8P0-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.*

