



COUGAR NEWS

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Dear Crookshank Cougar Families,

We hope that you and your family were able to enjoy the Thanksgiving break. We have had a very busy first quarter of the school year! It's hard to believe the 2nd Quarter Progress Reports will be available next Tuesday 12/8.

We're very excited to welcome our new assistant principal, Mrs. Christi Thomas as a part of our Cougar Family! She brings many years of teaching experience at the primary and intermediate levels. Mrs. Thomas is thrilled to join us and over the next few weeks will transition into her new role.

Please continue to read with your child as often as you can to promote a love of reading. In the words of Dr. Seuss, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

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.

Important Dates

- 12/3 Picture Retakes & DL Pictures
by appointment
- 12/3 Virtual FSA Night
- 12/8 Progress Reports Issued
- 12/14-12/18 Holiday Shop (for students)
- 12/18 Polar Express PJ Day for KG
- 12/18 Early Release 1:50 PM
- 12/19 Girls on the Run 5K
- 12/21-1/1 Winter Break



Please note **until Winter Break**, every Wednesday **EARLY RELEASE at 12:55PM.**

PICTURE RETAKES AND DISTANCE LEARNER SCHOOL PICTURES

On December 3, 2020 John A. Crookshank will host Picture Retakes and an opportunity for our Distance Learners to take their school picture.

Picture Retakes:

If you wish for your child to retake their picture, please send the original pictures back to school. In addition, if your child was absent OR was a distance Learner during the first round of pictures, this is the time to take their school picture. Please follow the instructions on the flyer and send the picture envelope to school.

Distance Learner School Picture Day:

If your student is a Distance Learner, and you wish to have their picture taken please adhere to the following schedule:

8:30-9:00 Pre-K

9:00-9:30 Kindergarten

9:30-10:00 First Grade and Santa Maria's students

10:00-10:30 Second Grade

10:30-11:00 Third Grade

11:00-11:30 Fourth Grade and Benoit's students

11:30-12:00 Fifth Grade

12:30-1:00 Fifth Grade

You will check in to the front office. Students will have their temperature checked. Students MUST wear a mask to enter the building. If you or your student is showing any symptoms, please stay home. If your student is on quarantine status, please stay home.

If you have multiple students that need to take a picture, please attend the scheduled session of the youngest student.



Interim Progress Reports

On Tuesday, December 8 interim progress reports will be available on the HOME ACCESS CENTER (HAC) for 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 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/>

GIRLS ON THE RUN 5K

The Girls on the Run 5K will be on Saturday, December 19th from 8-9:30 AM at Pomar Park off of Masters Drive.

If you would like to create posters to encourage them on their 13 laps, please do so. You can drop off the posters in the front office attention to Ms. Fernandez. If you would like to come cheer them on, please make sure you wear a mask and plan on social distancing. We'd love to have you help celebrate their hard work.



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.



BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB!

The Crookshank Media Center is excited to announce the Birthday Book Club! This is a wonderful way to commemorate your child's birthday. Your participation not only enriches the library collection but allows you and your child to be personally involved in its growth.

With the book fair just around the corner, this may be the perfect time for your child to select their book.

More information can be found at our website:

<https://www-ces.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/>



School Advisory Council

Thank you to the parents who have signed up to serve on our SAC (School Advisory Council) team this year. Being part of the SAC team is a great way to get involved with our school and to help make school wide decisions. Parents, please contact [Mr. Marquez Jackson](#) (Principal) or [Ms. Alexandria Robinson](#) (SAC Chair) if you are interested in becoming a member.

What is a School Advisory Council (SAC)?

A SAC is a diverse group of stakeholders of a school, established through Florida Law, with shared goal of increasing student achievement in a safe learning environment. A SAC is comprised of the Principal, teachers, education support staff, parents, business partners and community members. The majority of the members must be non-school employees and members must be representative of the community.

What is the role of SAC?

The SAC assists in the preparation and evaluation of the School Improvement Plan (SIP) and acts as a resource to the school principal. The term advisory is intended to mean inquiring, informing, suggesting, recommending, and evaluating.

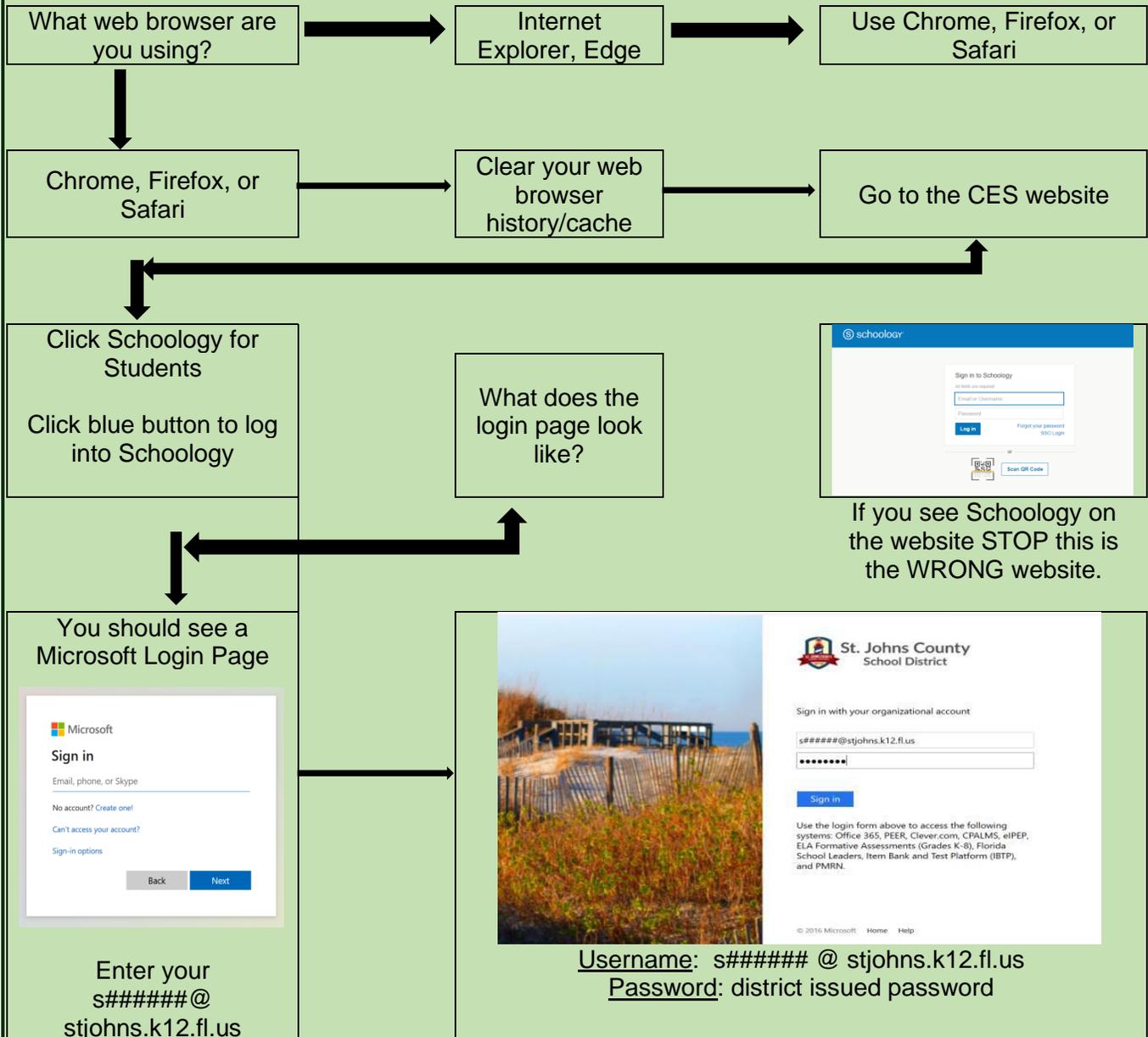
What is the School Improvement Plan?

"The whole point of school improvement is data-driven decision making. The process is SUPPOSED to be fairly simple and straight forward: The SAC reviews relevant data (which is much more than test scores), identifies problem areas, develops improvement strategies, monitors their implementation, and then starts the whole process over when the next round of data is available."

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.

Distance Learning Expectations – Quarter 2

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.

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. It is the expectation that students log on to their intervention groups. **ALL ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS ARE DUE WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF THE ASSIGNED DATE.** After two weeks, students will earn a zero if the assignment and/or assessment has not been submitted.

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. Currently, we are encouraging families to remain in the selected learning model until the end of the second quarter.

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 (after 12PM on Wednesdays). 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/12:00PM on Weds. unless there is an emergency.