

John A. Crookshank Elementary

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Dear Crookshank Families,

Welcome back Cougars! We hope that everyone has had a restful and enjoyable summer. We have been working hard to prepare for a new school year. If you are joining us this year for the first time, we are excited to have you and your child as part of the Cougar Family. This year will be an exciting one filled with learning and growth for ALL. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Please use the information below, along with our school website and staff, to answer any questions you may have about the approaching new school year. We have an extensive Parent Handbook available on the website, [Please note that the first day of school is Monday, August 16, 2021. Students will be released at 2:45 p.m.](#)

Meet and Greet and Supply Drop Off

This year, teacher Meet and Greet will be held on Friday August 13, 2021 from 8-11:30am. To limit crowd size, the district has requested that we split this event. ***Families with children in grades Pk-2 will be asked to come from 8:00-9:45AM. Families with children in grades 3-5 are asked to come from 10-11:30AM.*** It is a drop-in event so feel free to come at the time that works best for you.

Teacher Announcements

Families will be able to access their child's teacher through their [Home Access Center \(HAC\) account](#). A message will be sent on Wednesday, August 11th, indicating when they are available to view. You will also receive a welcome email from your child's teacher by August 12th. If you do not have a Home Access Center login or are having difficulty accessing your child's account, please contact our data operator, Lisa Cogar at 904-547-7846 or through email.

PPE and COVID Protocols

As of right now, the district has made mask wearing optional for children. WE will no longer have desk shields but will still maintain our current sanitization protocols and work hard to maintain social distancing, if at all possible. If you would like for you child to wear a mask, that is fine. Please just make your teacher aware. Please be aware that only essential volunteers will be allowed on campus again this year. Parents will not be permitted to visit and have lunch with their child. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we keep all of our Cougars safe.

First Week of School Arrival

Parents will be permitted to walk their child to class only on the first day of school this year. Kindergarten families are able to walk their child on the first day they come for staggered start on Monday or Tuesday. All kindergarten students will report to school on Wednesday, August 18th.

Instructional Day

It is critically important that all children arrive on time to school each day. This is a key part of how you can support our success. The instructional day for students is from 8:25-2:45 with early release on Wednesdays at 1:45. We ask that all students begin arriving to school beginning at 8:00 so that we can assure that instruction begins promptly at 8:25. There is no adult supervision at the school prior to 8:00am. Also, please be aware that instruction takes place until 2:40 each day. While we realize that early checkouts are necessary from time to time, frequent early checkouts cause children to miss key instruction. **Also, please be aware that any child who needs to be checked out early must do so before 2:00pm (1:00 on Wednesday).**

Transportation Information

All transportation information can be found on the district website at www.stjohns.k12.fl.us or by calling the school at 547-8730. The transportation department releases specific bus information approximately two weeks prior to the start of school. It will be available in HAC starting Friday, July 30th. ***Schools are not authorized to issue Bus Passes or instruct bus operators regarding bus ridership or stops. Instead, the Transportation Department is now responsible for issuing [Provisional Transportation Services Waivers](#) for a specific period of time due to extenuating circumstances. Parents may apply for this waiver via the St. Johns County School District webpage under the [“Transportation Department”](#). Waivers will not be available from individual schools.***

Transportation Changes

In order to assure the safety of all our students, we ask that you submit any transportation changes that come up throughout the year. Please send any transportation changes to cestransportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us. Also, please make your child’s teacher aware of the change. We cannot make any transportation changes without written documentation from the parent. We also do not accept changes over the phone.

Supply Lists

The Crookshank supply lists are located on the school website home page and under Parent Communication.

Extended Day

Crookshank is pleased to provide extended day services to our families. We offer both before care beginning at 6:30 a.m. and after care until 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in extended day, please visit the Crookshank website under the “Departments” tab. Our Extended Day Coordinator is Mrs. Jahmel Weary-Miller. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Miller at jahmel.waery-miler@stjohns.k12.fl.us. Each week, we will be sending a newsletter to families through School Messenger, our mass messaging system to keep you updated on all the happenings at Crookshank Elementary.

Again, we look forward to a successful year. Together we can make a difference! Please do not hesitate to call or stop by with any questions. Go Cougars!

See you soon,

Bethany Mitidieri

Principal