



Cougar Column

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**ONE Team!
 ONE Goal!
 Success for
 ALL!**

Week of October 18, 2021

The Cougar Column is delivered via School Messenger

Monday	10/18	No school - Teacher Planning Day Related Arts Week D and C (PK, 2) Bus Driver Appreciation Week
Tuesday	10/19	Fall Picture Day
Wednesday	10/20	Unity Day - Wear Orange Early Release - Dismissal 1:45
Thursday	10/21	Report cards posted to HAC
Friday	10/22	-Quarter 1 PAWS Celebration -Wear colorful clothes -PTO Membership drive ends
Monday	10/25	-Red Ribbon Week Related Arts Week E and D (PK, 2)
Tuesday	10/26	
Wednesday	10/27	Early Release - Dismissal 1:45
Thursday	10/28	-SAC Meeting 4:00 -PTO Boo Thru 5:30 - 7:30
Friday	10/29	-Character Parade -Wear your book character costume
Monday	11/1	Related Arts Week E and F (PK, 2)
Tuesday	11/2	
Wednesday	11/3	Early Release - Dismissal 1:45
Thursday	11/4	
Friday	11/5	-Wear Blue for Cookie Monster's birthday.

YEARBOOKS
Earth Day Special \$12 *Because this year only happens once!*

Preorder Your Yearbook Now!
 Go to: BuyTheYearbook.com

Enter Crookshank School ID # 702723
 Order Today!
 Limited Yearbooks Available at this Price!

Fall Pictures
 Fall picture day is Tuesday October 19th

UNITY Day
 Let's stand together against bullying!
 On October 20, wear **ORANGE** to show that we are united for Kindness, Acceptance, and Inclusion.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

During the month of October, Teachers will be reaching out to parents/guardians to discuss student progress.

PAWS Celebration

Our 1st Quarter PAWS Celebration will be Friday, October 22nd. Students who have earned their PAWS stamps for the quarter will attend a DANCE PARTY! Way to go Cougars! If you didn't make it to the celebration this quarter, there will be another party next quarter.

Title I Presentation
 Please take a moment to review the Title I presentation on our website.






<https://www-ces.stjohns.k12.fl.us/title1/>

Arrival and Dismissal News

Parents, here are some important things to remember for arrival and dismissal. We appreciate your help with these items.

- Students should not be dropped off before 8:00 a.m. unless they are enrolled in morning extended day. We have a lot of students being dropped off as early as 7:30 a.m. and are left unattended. There is no adult supervisor on the porch prior to 8:00 a.m. so this is a major safety issue.
- You **MUST** have a current car tag displayed in order to pick up your child in the pick up line. If you do not have a current car tag displayed, you will need to park and walk up to the front office to get your child.
- When signing out your child, you **MUST** show the front office your picture ID. No exceptions! This is district policy and is for the safety of all students. Don't assume that the person at the desk knows who you are

Red Ribbon Week

Monday, October 25	Tuesday, October 26	Wednesday, October 27	Thursday, October 28	Friday, October 29
Wear Something Red 	Wear Exercise Gear 	Wear Your Favorite Team Gear 	Wear a Hat to School 	Dress Like a Storybook Character 
<p>Bullying Awareness Challenge: Make friends with someone at school who you don't know. You probably wish someone had done that for you.</p>	<p>Bullying Awareness Challenge: Make kindness go viral with an act of kindness and challenge friends and classmates to pay it forward with their acts of kindness.</p>	<p>Bullying Awareness Challenge: Don't let anyone at school eat alone in the cafeteria or play alone at recess.</p>	<p>Bullying Awareness Challenge: When you see someone being bullied, be brave and STAND UP for them.</p>	<p>Bullying Awareness Challenge: Create positive messages on post-its and hand them out to classmates.</p>

Storybook Character Parade

This year Crookshank Elementary is excited to again host its annual Storybook Character Parade on Friday, October 29, 2021 starting at 8:45 around the bus loop. For this event, students can dress up as their favorite story book character as they parade around the bus loop. Parents are invited and encouraged to watch, take pictures and cheer as the students walk by. Students may choose any character from a book they enjoy that follows the guidelines below.

Acceptable Examples
 Fancy Nancy
 Cinderella, Snow White, etc.
 Greg Heffley (the Wimpy Kid)
 Ramona
 Baby Mouse
 Bone
 Olivia

Unacceptable Examples
 Characters from Goosebumps
 Vampires
 Grim Reaper
 Characters with guns or weapons
 Ghosts
 Horror movie characters

You do NOT have to buy anything new for this event. Instead, be creative - make paper ears, a hat, or wear the clothes the character would wear. Children should either carry the book or make a large name tag stating the title of the book they are representing. Children should come to school dressed as the storybook character, and should be able to go to the bathroom independently while in character. Students who do not wish to wear a costume may make signs or props to carry during the parade representing a favorite book character.

Crookshank Cougars PTO Page

PTO Boo-Thru

We are so excited about our First Ever Boo Thru for Crookshank Families! On Thursday, October 28th, from 5:30-7:30, put on your costume, pull up in your car, and let us fill your bag with treats along our drive through trick or treat trail! See your teachers and other special guests dressed up in costumes! All participants must come in a vehicle; for safety's sake, no walk ups will be permitted.

We can't wait to see you there!

We are asking for bags of individually wrapped candy, turned in to the CES office by October 25th, so that we can hand out many, many treats that night! Please email jenfarrow813@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer for this event.

Admission is \$5 per car, with a photo booth for an additional \$5. (\$7 admission if you pay that evening) Everyone must register in advance for an arrival time slot

at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084EA9AD29A0FD0-cesboo>

The deadline to register for the Boo-Thru is Monday, October 25th

You can pay for both your Boo Thru admission and Boo Thru photo online or use the QR code <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/crookshank-pt0>



Did you know PTO has a Facebook page?



Tap on the icon above and it will take you right to our Facebook page. From there you can "Like" our page and get to see all we have planned for our Crookshank Cougars!

Join us for Spirit Nights

A portion of sales from Spirit Nights will go to PTO to help fund the events planned for our Cougars.

Nov. 9th - Zaxby's on US 1 N, 5 - 7 p.m The PTO meeting will be at Zaxby's at 5:00 p.m.

Dec. 6th - Tijuana Flats, 5 - 7 p.m.

Visit our Online Store!

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/crookshank-pt0>

Our Website Has Been Updated

www.crookshankpto.org

Come and check it out!

PTO Meetings

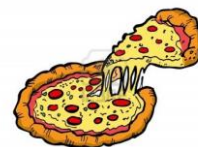
Nov. 9th - 5:00 p.m. - Zaxbys, US 1 N
Dec. 14th - 5:00 p.m. - Media Center
Jan. 11th - 5:00 p.m. - Media Center
Feb. 8th - 5:00 p.m. - Media Center
Mar. 8th - 5:00 p.m. - Media Center
Apr. 12th - 5:00 p.m. - Media Center
May 12th - Meeting and Election - 5:00 p.m. - Media Center



PTO Membership Drive

The membership drive for the Pizza Party ends on the 22nd. There is still time to help your class get to 100%!

Top Classes:
Ms. Robinson
Ms. Ahr
Ms. Keating



Thank you to our newest "Cub Level" Business Partner, Anastasia 16 Church!
Become a Business Partner and your logo can go here.
You can see the different levels of support on our School Store site.

“COME DRIVE THE BUS WITH US”

You want to be a school bus operator and are unsure if you can do it? Come operate our newest school buses on our test track with a certified trainer/examiner!

Who: Open to the Public - Anyone with a valid drivers' license.

When: Saturday, October 23, 2021
8:00am to Noon

Where: Public Safety Campus Test Track
3640 Gaines Road
St. Augustine, FL 32084




- Music
- Free Pumpkins (until they run out)
- Refreshments
- Pumpkin Decorating (For the Children)
- Driving Simulator



ANCIENT CITY KIDS DAY

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF FREE FAMILY FUN!



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23
11AM to 3PM, FRANCIS FIELD**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ARTS & CRAFTS
GAMES GIVE-AWAYS FUN ACTIVITIES**

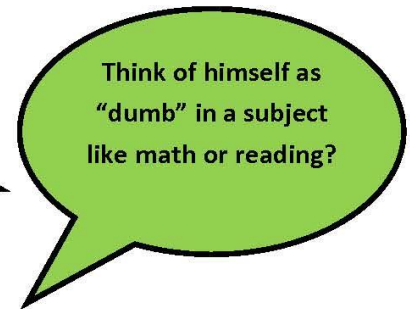


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Ignite Motivation & Foster Resilience with a Growth Mindset!

Teaching kids to have a growth mindset will help them develop persistence, perseverance, and grit...skills that will last a lifetime! Don't miss this opportunity to help your child succeed in school and beyond.

Who Should Attend:
Parents of Students of All Ages

When:
Monday, October 25, 2021
7:00—7:45pm

Where:
Virtually via Zoom

Cost: FREE!

RSVP by Friday, October 22 to Susan.Connor@stjohns.k12.fl.us to receive the Zoom link via email

During this session, you will learn:

- ◆ How NOT to talk to your kids
- ◆ Strategies to build resilience in children and yourself
- ◆ An understanding of how the brain grows, not just in childhood, but throughout life
- ◆ How to develop and nurture a growth mindset at home

Presented by Janna Peskett, former Director of Digital Learning & Curriculum at Mindset Works, adjunct math professor at Flagler College, and a St. Augustine native and mother of three teenage daughters.



Mindset Works was co-founded by one of the world's leading researchers in the field of motivation, Stanford University professor Carol S. Dweck, Ph.D., and K-12 mindset expert Lisa S. Blackwell, Ph.D. The team translates psychological research into practical programs and services to help students and educators increase their motivation and achievement. Carol Dweck is the author of the best-selling book *Mindset*.

Workshop presented by SJCSA Accountability and Intervention Services

Help Is Here

Monthly payments for families with kids

Raising kids can be expensive, and the Child Tax Credit is here to help. President Biden's American Rescue Plan increased the amount of the 2021 Child Tax Credit to support families with children.

The full benefit of the Child Tax Credit is now \$300 per month per child under age 6 and \$250 for each child age 6 to 17.

Did you file taxes in the last 2 years? Then you don't have to do anything to get the money you're already owed!

If you filed your 2020 taxes this year or filed your 2019 taxes last year, or used the IRS "Non-Filer Portal" to get a stimulus check last year, you don't need to do anything. The IRS will automatically send you a monthly payment by direct deposit or check starting on July 15, 2021.

The Child Tax Credit is \$3,000 to \$3,600 per child with advanced monthly payments.

In order to get money to families quickly, the IRS will pay half of the credit as monthly payments now and the other half when you file your taxes next year. In total, you'll receive a total of \$3,600 for each child under 6 and \$3,000 for each child between 6 and 17.

Didn't file taxes in the last 2 years? There's 1 easy step to start getting your Child Tax Credit payments.

Just fill out a simple form to begin receiving your monthly Child Tax Credit payments. You can access it by going to childtaxcredit.gov

All you'll need to apply are:

- A reliable mailing address
- E-mail address
- Your children's Social Security Numbers
- Your Social Security Number (or ITIN)
- Your bank account information (if you want to receive your payment by direct deposit)

Eligibility: Most families, even those with little to no income, can receive the full amount. If you are a single parent making less than \$112,500 or a married couple making less than \$150,000—and have children under age 18 who will live with you for more than half of 2021—you are likely eligible for the full benefit. These benefits do not affect your eligibility for other federal benefits like SNAP.

Learn more and check out resources to help you fill out your form at [**ChildTaxCredit.gov**](https://ChildTaxCredit.gov)

RJ Murray Middle School invites you to our 2nd annual

Thanksgiving Dinner

Open to all student families in SJCS

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25, 2021
PICK-UP STARTS AT 10 AM

Family Style meals will be available for curbside pick-up at RJ Murray Middle School

MUST RSVP BY NOVEMBER 5TH
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/RJMMSTHANKSGIVING2021](https://tinyurl.com/rjmmsthanksgiving2021)

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RJ Murray Middle School's 2nd Annual
Thanksgiving Meal

Adopt a Family

**SPONSOR A FAMILY THIS THANKSGIVING.
FAMILY OF 4- \$50 OR FAMILY OF 6 \$100
ANY DONATION IS ACCEPTED**

Help provide meals to our students
in St. Johns County School District
this Thanksgiving.

*FREE meals will be provided to any
school family in need across St. Johns
County School District.*

Contact us at RJ Murray Middle School 904-547-8472 or
send checks made out to RJ Murray Middle School