



Cougar Column

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The Cougar Column is delivered via School Messenger

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

Week of October 25, 2021

Monday	10/25	-Red Ribbon Week Related Arts Week D and E (PK, 2)
Tuesday	10/26	Report cards posted to HAC
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) -Basketball Game vs. Otis Mason. Girls: 5:30, Boys 6:30 at Solomon Calhoun Community Center
Tuesday	11/2	
Wednesday	11/3	Early Release - Dismissal 1:45
Thursday	11/4	
Friday	11/5	Wear Blue for Cookie Monster's birthday.
Monday	11/8	Related Arts Week F and A (PK, 2) -Basketball Game vs. Southwoods. Girls: 5:30, Boys 6:30 at Solomon Calhoun Community Center -K-2 Story Night 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	11/9	-Spirit Night at Zaxby's 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. -PTO meeting 5:00 p.m. at Zaxby's
Wednesday	11/10	Early Release - Dismissal 1:45
Thursday	11/11	No School - Veteran's Day
Friday	11/12	Mickey Mouse Day

YEARBOOKS

Early Bird Special \$12

Because this year only happens once!

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Go to: BuyTheYearbook.com

Enter Crookshank School ID # 702723
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Parent/Teacher Conferences




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

Basketball is Back!

Please come out and support our Cougars as they play against Otis Mason!


Monday November 1st
Girls 5:30
Boys 6:30

[Solomon Calhoun Community Center](http://www.solomoncalhoun.com)
[1300 Duval St, St. Augustine, FL 32084](http://www.solomoncalhoun.com)



GO TEAM!

Story Time K-2 Evening Event, November 8th, 6-7pm



A special evening story time program for parents and students, grade K-2. We will have special guest readers, including our principal, Mrs. Mitidieri, and a military reservist. There will be a craft for students who RSVP, along with a selection of free books for parents!

RSVP:
<https://forms.office.com/r/SfU9Q5E6wx>

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 Reminders

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 Info

- The Boo-Thru is Thursday, October 28th, from 5:30-7:30
- If you pre-registered, you will receive your car tag no later than Wednesday. Please display it on your dashboard as you pull up to the event.
- If you have pre-registered and are paying for admission at the Boo-Thru, please bring cash or a check made out to CES PTO.
- You will have the opportunity to pay for the photo booth at the Boo-Thru if you have not signed up for it.
- We will have a raffle at the event. Tickets are \$1.00.
- If you have any questions, please email jenfarrow813@gmail.com

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>



Congratulations!

Ms. Robinson's 3rd grade class and Ms. Keating's 5th grade class tied for the most PTO memberships.

They have won a pizza party! Way to go!



Our Website Has Been Updated

www.crookshankpto.org
Come and check it out!

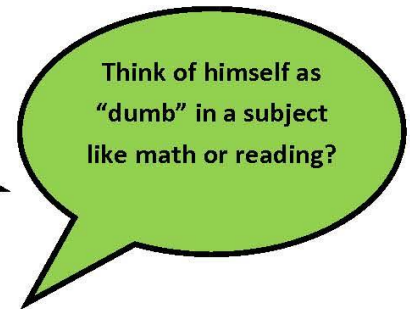
PTO Meetings

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 - 5:00 p.m - Meeting and Election - Media Center



Join PTO!

Just because our membership drive is over, doesn't mean you can't still join PTO or become a business partner. Visit our online store for more details.



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