



Cougar Column

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

Week of November 29,
2021

The Cougar Column is delivered via School Messenger

Monday	11/29	Related Arts Week A (PK, 2) and C -Basketball Game vs. Webster. Girls: 5:30, Boys 6:30 at Solomon Calhoun Community Center
Tuesday	11/30	
Wednesday	12/1	Early Release - Dismissal 1:45
Thursday	12/2	Picture Retakes
Friday	12/3	Wear GREEN for National Grinch Day (Dec. 1st)
Saturday	12/4	-Basketball Championship Tournament Girls 8 a.m - 12 p.m. / Boys 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Tocoi Creek High School Gym -Girls on the Run 5K @ UNF
Monday	12/6	Related Arts Week B (PK, 2) and D -Spirit Night @ Tijuana Flats 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	12/7	
Wednesday	12/8	Early Release - Dismissal 1:45
Thursday	12/9	
Friday	12/10	Pajama Day
Monday	12/13	Related Arts Week C (PK, 2) and E
Tuesday	12/14	PTO Meeting 5:00 p.m. - Media Center
Wednesday	12/15	Early Release - Dismissal 1:45
Thursday	12/16	PTO - Ho Ho Bingo 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Friday	12/17	Cougars with Character Assemblies Ugly Sweater Day

Remember!
School starts at 8:25, please be on time each day. See below for some tips on how to get your student to school on time.

Volunteering Update
At this time, the district is maintaining essential volunteers/visitors only protocol. The district will review this protocol in January 2022.


Voting Opens Soon!
The Crookshank Kiwanis Club is decorating a tree for the INK! & Old Town Trolley Tours 3rd Annual Holiday Tree Decorating Contest. Be on the lookout for the voting link soon.

- Trees will be photographed on Monday, December 6th during daylight hours for display on the voting website
- Voting will take place online from December 10 - 20th - winners are chosen by the number of votes received. Individuals can vote daily.
- Cash prizes are awarded to the schools with the highest votes received. 1st Place = \$1000. 2nd Place = \$500. 3rd Place = \$250.

Basketball is Back!
Please come out and support our Cougars as they play against Webster!

Monday November 29th
Girls 5:30
Boys 6:30

Solomon Calhoun Community Center
1300 Duval St, St. Augustine, FL 32084



GO TEAM!

Picture Retakes
Picture Retakes will be on Thursday December 2nd.



Help! How do I check my kid's grades?
Please click on this link to access your HAC account. You can check your child's grades and so much more!

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/>





Crookshank Cougars PTO



Smencils!



Smencil Sales begin this week! Every Tuesday and Thursday, students may purchase a Smencil before school starts in the Front Hall for only \$2/each or 3 for \$5

Please bring exact change!

We Need Business Partners!

The Crookshank Cougars need your help! Do you own a business? Would you or your employer be interested in helping a school with a long list of needs and the many children that would benefit? Please check our Business Partner's page on our website for more information, or reach out to our Business Partner Liaison Frani Heilman at franiheilman@yahoo.com or (904) 484-4447.

Thank you for your support!

PTO Meetings

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

Spirit Wear!

If you haven't received your Spirit Wear yet, your order should be arriving shortly!

Visit our Online Store!

Crookshank Car Magnets and more are available for purchase in our online store!
<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/crookshank-ptu>

Our Website Has Been Updated

<http://crookshankpto.org/index.html>

Come and check it out!

Ho Ho Bingo!

Celebrate the holidays with your Crookshank Family at Ho Ho Bingo! We have a fun-filled celebration planned for the whole family! See the flyer below for more information.

Thursday, December 16th from 5-7:00 at CES

- Play Bingo! Win Prizes!
- Take a Family Picture with Santa!
 - Holiday Story Time!
 - Winter Dance Party!
 - Pre-order Pizzas!

Sign up at <https://crookshank-ptu.cheddarup.com>, click on the QR code, or keep an eye out for the flyer! We can't wait to see you there!

Want to volunteer? We'd love it! E-mail Jen: jenfarrow813@gmail.com

Coming Soon!

December 6th - Spirit Night



December 13th - 17th - Holiday Shop

Did you know PTO has a Facebook page?



Tap on the icon above or use the QR code 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!



TOP TEN TIPS

to Get Your Child to School on Time



10. Know what “on time” means.

Our campus opens at 8:00 AM, and class begins at 8:25 AM sharp. Instruction starts promptly at 8:25 AM.

9. Know why it matters to be on time.

In the first few minutes in your child’s class they might talk through the schedule, complete classroom jobs, turn in homework, put away and obtain materials, do the Flag Salute, take lunch count, start a morning meeting and get rolling in the routine of the day. Missing any part of this is a big deal!

8. Consider eating breakfast at school.

Breakfast is FREE and available to all students beginning at 8:00 AM each morning.

7. Consider taking the bus.

If a bus is offered near your home it’s a good, predictable way to go. The bus gives you a chance to get your child ready and we take it from there —our friends in Transportation get our students to school on time, like clockwork! If your child has not tried it, now might be the time!

6. Start an evening routine.

This might include your child setting their backpack by the door, putting their homework in the backpack, and getting pesky items like shoes and coat ready by the door as well. Could you get lunch and breakfast set out before you head to bed? Then follow this routine up with getting to bed at a good time. School and play are hard work and students need more sleep than you might expect!

5. Establish a morning routine.

You might consider a checklist or a schedule with simple pictures of the step by step of the routine. If you don’t want to be getting your child ready for work when he’s 21, this is a great step toward independence and a tool that can help him get there! An alarm clock is another powerful tool and makes you less of the enemy at wake-up time! Most devices have alarms on them as well. Give it a shot!

4. Trick yourself!

Set the clock on the microwave or in the car a few minutes fast so you can leave some flex time for yourself and your child. This may work for a chronically late spouse or partner as well!

3. Have a Plan B.

What should your child do if they wake up before you do? What will you do if your car won’t start? What about if you are too sick to drive your child to school? Plan ahead for these scenarios and you’ll have less stress!

2. Empower your child to do their part.

Whether they are in Kindergarten or 6th grade, typically developing or with a disability, your child CAN and SHOULD have some ownership in their daily routines. If your child can’t yet tie their shoes, choose a breakfast item or select an appropriate outfit, think about how over time, with guidance and feedback, they CAN do it! I have heard it said, “Your child will be as independent as you allow them to be!” Let’s add, as independent as you allow, *expect* and *guide* them to be!

1. Do your part as an act of LOVE.

Often times, it’s our actions as adults that cause our students to be late to school. Think about the times that you have been late to a meeting at work or a doctor’s appointment and how that made you feel. It can throw off your whole day, can’t it? Make it a priority to get your child to school on time to show them that school is important to you but more importantly that THEY are important to YOU!



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DATE: Dec. 7, 2021

TIME: 9:00 AM - UNTIL FOOD RUNS OUT

LOCATION: BELK PARKING LOT

PONCE DE LEON MALL: 2121 US - 1

ST. AUGUSTINE, FL 32086

Enter from US - 1

Holiday Gift to first 600 children

Food is first come, first served.

Farm Share is an equal opportunity provider.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO THESE LOCAL ST. AUGUSTINE BUSINESSES BELOW
WHOSE GENEROUSITY SUPPORTS THIS EVENT.**



INK! & OLD TOWN TROLLEY TOURS
PRESENT THE 3RD ANNUAL

HOLIDAY TREE DECORATING CONTEST

Cash prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place trees!

Trees are decorated & displayed at the Old Town Trolley
Depot located at 167 San Marco Ave, St. Augustine, FL 32084

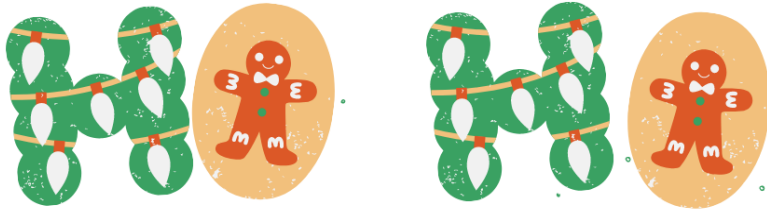
Online Voting: December 10 - 20

The tree with the most votes wins \$1000 for the school!

2nd place wins \$500 & 3rd wins \$250



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5-7:00 pm at CES



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**REGISTER BY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER
10TH!**

Sign up at:
<https://crookshank-ptو.cheddarup.com>
OR scan the QR Code
OR fill out the info below:



QUESTIONS? EMAIL CROOKSHANKPTO@GMAIL.COM

Your Name: _____ How many will attend? _____

Student(s) Name(s) and Teacher(s): _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

What would you like?

10 Bingo Cards (\$5) How many sets of 10? _____

One 5x7 Family Photo with Santa (\$7) _____

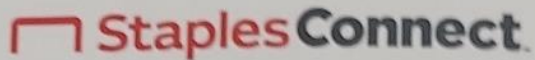
Large Cheese Pizza (\$10) (Pre-order only) How many? _____

Large Pepperoni Pizza (\$10) (Pre-order only) How many? _____

You must PREPAY for this event (checks made out to CES PTO)

Extra Bingo cards will be available for purchase that evening as well!

Pizza from
Papa John's!



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Important Message from Food and Nutrition Services

October 25, 2021 / Food & Nutrition Services
Dear SJCS D Families,

As a result of COVID-19 pandemic, we are seeing nationwide disruptions to manufacturing, supply and distribution channels and it is impacting our school meal program. In short, we're having trouble getting foods, supplies and staff to support our program. Your student(s) may notice that we're serving different items than we've served in the past or different items than were listed on the menu. This situation is something that school districts across the country are experiencing. We are doing our best every day to come up with solutions to these challenges.

To reduce the demand on our supply chain and accommodate current staffing levels, the St. Johns County School District will return to normal food service operations on Wednesday, December 1, 2021. Students who qualify for free or reduced meals based on direct certification or a family income application will continue to receive meals at no or reduced costs. Students who are not eligible based on income will return to a PAID status.

Beginning today, October 25 through Tuesday, November 30, families are encouraged to complete the family lunch application if they feel they qualify for free or reduced cost meals. Applications are located on the SJCS D Website at <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/food/free/>, your student's school or the Food and Nutrition Services Office located at 3015 Lewis Speedway, Building 7, St. Augustine, FL 32084. Eligibility status is protected by very strict disclosure regulations. Students use a PIN or Student ID in the serving line. The student's eligibility is private throughout the transaction.

If your student(s) attend(s) a Community Eligibility Program School, there is no need to complete an application. All students will continue to receive no cost meals through the end of the school year. These schools are as follows: Webster Elementary, Crookshank Elementary, Osceola Elementary, South Woods Elementary, Mason Elementary, The Transitions School, Gamble Rogers Middle School, Murray Middle School, Sebastian Middle School and St. Johns Technical High School.

Beginning Wednesday, December 1, 2021 Meal Prices will be:

	Breakfast	Lunch
Elementary:		
Paid	\$1.25	\$2.80
Reduced	\$0.30	\$0.40
Middle/High:		
Paid	\$1.25	\$2.95
Reduced	\$0.30	\$0.40

Prepayments into student lunch accounts can be made by using PayPAMS.

The link to this service is located at <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/food/paypams/>.

We will continue serving our students a variety of nutritious foods. While there may be some menu changes, please know that we will strive to meet nutrition guidelines set by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). We will also continue to accommodate students with special diets and allergies. We appreciate your patience and understanding. If you have questions, please contact the Student Nutrition Services Department at 904-547-8931.

Sincerely,

Sean Prevatt
Director of Food and Nutrition Services
St. Johns County School District



Who: SJCCA at Murray Middle School Performing Arts Department

What: **Disney's The LION KING, Jr 2021 Where:**

THE AMP St. Augustine Amphitheatre
1340 A1A South, St. Augustine

When: One day ONLY! December 7, 2021
Community Performance 6:30 pm

Contact: JoAnn Nance JoAnn.Nance@stjohns.k12.fl.us 904-547-8470

Optional copy: LION KING RULES!

The Lion King JR. tells the story of the epic adventures of a curious cub named Simba as he struggles to accept the responsibilities of adulthood and his destiny as king. Along the way, the young lion encounters a colorful cast of characters including spunky lioness Nala, charismatic meerkat Timon, and loveable warthog Pumbaa. To claim his rightful place on the throne and save his beloved Pridelands, Simba must find his inner strength and confront his wicked Uncle Scar. *The Lion King JR.* features classic songs from the 1994 film such as "Hakuna Matata" and the Academy Award®-winning "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" as well as additional songs penned for the Broadway production.

COMMUNITY SHOW - Ticket & Reservation Info:

ADMISSION: \$15.00 ADULTS \$10.00 STUDENTS

Tickets for the Community Performance available at ShowTix4U.com