



Cougar Column

John A. Crookshank Elementary

The Future Begins Here!

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The Cougar Column is delivered via School Messenger

Week of September 26, 2022

Monday	9/26	Premier Martial Arts Demo 3-4 pm
Tuesday	9/27	
Wednesday	9/28	Early Dismissal 1:45 pm
Thursday	9/29	
Friday	9/30	Cougar Spirit Wear Day
Monday	10/3	Boy Scouts - Classroom Visits
Tuesday	10/4	2 nd Grade Gifted Screener Boy Scouts - Parent Night 6:30 pm
Wednesday	10/5	Early Dismissal 1:45 pm
Thursday	10/6	
Friday	10/7	Cougar Spirit Wear Day
Saturday	10/8	Spirit Night @ Chipotle

Afterschool Activities

We have wonderful afterschool programs. Check out the flyer below for more information, if you are interested.



Join Team Crookshank!

We are inviting you to participate in the **School Team Challenge** at the Jail Break 5K on October 22, 2022.

This year, INK! will award a mini-grant of \$1000 to the school that registers the highest number of participants* in the 5K Run/Walk. The school with the second highest number of participants will win a \$500 mini-grant and the school with the third highest number of participants will win a \$250 mini-grant.

For additional details, please see the attached flyer (copied below) and the race website here:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/SaintAugustine/EscapeFromStAugustine>

* Participants can be students, teachers, staff, family members, community partners or any school supporter. When registering for the race, a participant will be invited to join the school team challenge and select the school the participant wishes to support. A participant may only select one school for the Team Challenge.

Premier Martial Arts

Premier Martial Arts will be holding a demo class on 9/26 from 3-4 p.m. in our MPR.

Book Fair

Thank you for your support of the Book Fair this month!

We were able to place 109 Chapter books, 417 Picture books, 106 Graphic Novels, 150 Nonfiction books, and 100 Fiction books in the hands of our young readers.

Special thanks to HUGS and United Way for their book donations to students and all the volunteers who helped with the Book Fair! We appreciate your support of the Crookshank Media Center!

Pre-Order Your Yearbook!

Visit www.buytheyearbook.com and enter school code 708400 to pre-order your yearbook today. See the flyer below for more details.

What's Cooking in the Cougar Café?

Monday-Chicken Nuggets-Vegetables-Fruit

Tuesday-Mac-n-cheese or Hot Dog Vegetables-Fruit

Wednesday-Chicken Sandwich-Vegetables-Fruit

Thursday-Pizza or Corn Dog-Vegetables-Fruit

Friday-Cheeseburger-Vegetables-Fruit

A full lunch is free, however, if a student just wants milk it is \$.60.



Free Books!

Parents, please check out the link below!!!

<https://www.newworldsreading.com/fl/en/home.html>

You only need to complete a few steps to allow your child to receive a FREE book each month! You can even choose topics your child loves! The New Worlds Reading program is funded by the University of Florida and is a great opportunity to build a collection of books at home for your child/children.

Absence Reporting <https://www.ces.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>

Dismissal Changes cestransportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Counselor's Corner

Students will participate in a ***Safer, Smarter Kids*** lesson with the school counselor during their Media class over the next few weeks. This program covers state-mandated safety lessons for students in Kindergarten through Grade 5 covering topics including:

- Safety awareness
- Respecting yourself and others
 - Developing self esteem
 - Peer pressure
 - Bullying, cyberbullying
- Assessing safe vs. unsafe situations
- Understanding rules and responsibilities
- Identifying and protecting body boundaries
 - Listening to a guiding voice
- Accessing help and identifying trusted adults
 - Determining safe vs. unsafe touches
 - Safe vs. unsafe secrets
- Staying safe online and on digital devices
- Establishing personal power and influence

You may find more information at <https://laurenskids.org/resources/safer-smarter-schools/>
You may also contact Bailey Benoit, School Counselor at 904-547-7852 or Bailey.Benoit@stjohns.k12.fl.us with any questions.

Survey

Cognia, the organization that oversees our district's accreditation, is conducting a review of our school district this year. Cognia has created surveys specifically for families in our school district. Please complete Cognia's Family Survey to assist the district in our continuous improvement process.

<https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/197512/p2065>

Visitors on Campus

We welcome parents and guardians to our school. We ask that all visitors enter the building only through the front office where they can obtain a dated pass. This pass is to be worn on the upper right left shoulder area while on school grounds. You must also present a state-issued ID to obtain entrance to the main campus. When you have been approved you will be able to sign in as a "volunteer". This is the terminology that indicates the system has completed a background check. Even if you are not planning to volunteer, we ask that you use this sign-in option to indicate that you have completed the School Access Form

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

Boys and Girls Club

We have the opportunity to have 40 of our kids (ages 6 - 18) attend the after-school program at the Boys and Girls Club through a grant from The Players Championship Club. This is a great opportunity for our students as this provides after-school care, academic help and enrichment as well as a snack and dinner at no cost to you. Transportation will be provided from Crookshank to the Boys and Girls Club each afternoon. Space is limited and on a first come first served basis. Please see the flyer below for more details.

News from the School Nurse

Immunizations: Please be sure to update your child's immunization records by the end of the month. Your child may be withdrawn from Crookshank if we are unable to obtain a current immunization record.

For information on when to keep your child home from school, flu season, health prevention through handwashing and covering your cough, head lice prevention and treatment, and any other information related to school health services, please visit <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/health/illness/>

Head Lice: We have seen an increase of children being sent to the clinic for Head Lice. Please see below for information on detection, treatment and prevention of Head Lice as well as a treatment and removal plan.



Crookshank Cougars PTO



Spirit Night!

Our next Cougar Spirit Night will be Saturday, October 8th at Chipotle! We will receive 30% of sales from Crookshank Families- take the night off from cooking on a Saturday night and support CES! See flyer below.

Join PTO!

Our Membership Drive is happening NOW through September 30th! The class in each grade level with the most participation will win a popsicle party! Membership forms went home in last week's Wednesday folders! Or sign up here, and pay via cash, check, or Cheddar

Up! https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScNat1vekGOgg_6aGdiSfR4iQeYKHwWfjx4SZ3BJ36bSyf6BA/vjewform

Volunteer!

Volunteer at Crookshank!

We have many volunteer opportunities around our school- some only take half an hour of your time!

Check out how you can help

here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4aa5a62aaaf5c61-volunteer1>

Coming Soon!

Get Ready for the BOO THRU!

We're getting ready for our big fall event, the BOO THRU! Mark your calendar for Thursday, October 27th from 5:30-7:30- wear your costume, come enjoy trick-or-treating, games, food, and fun with your Crookshank family! Keep an eye out for volunteer signups, too! This is one of our most fun events- join us!

We need candy donations for the Boo Thru! Send in bags of individually wrapped candy and feed the CANDY MONSTERS that will be set up in the main hall at CES!

Smencils!

Find us in the main hallway on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8-8:20. \$2 each, or 3 for \$5!

Buddy A Thon!

The Crookshank Buddy A Thon is a here! It's our first fundraiser of the year, and the kiddos are going to love it!

The Buddy A Thon is almost over! September 27th is the last day to make a donation! Thank you to all who have participated- we are up to \$9000 and want to make it to \$10000!

The Bear Factory will be at Crookshank on Friday, September 30th to help those who raised more than \$50 build their buddy to take home!

- From September 12th- 27th, we are raising money for our school, and showing our students that it's important to "Be a Buddy, not a Bully!"
- Every student that sends ten emails or texts telling them about the program will receive two rewards, a Dexter the Dragon keychain and funny Dexter hair to wear!
- When a student raises \$50, they will get to pick their own "Buddy" to create and take home on September 30th!!!
- Go here to register and set up your kiddo's donation page! <https://bit.ly/3PRy1A2> Then, invite friends and family to participate! It only takes ten minutes!

See the flyer below for more details!

Spirit Wear Fridays!

Every Friday is CES Spirit Day! Wear your Spirit Shirts, Scrunchies, or our school colors! We still have Spirit Wear available, including our new shirts! Shop at our online store (where you can sign up to become a PTO member, buy Spirit Wear, make a donation, or become a Business Partner):

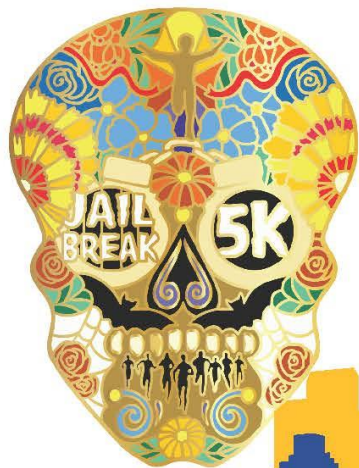
<http://crookshank-ptto.cheddarup.com>

Can You Help?

The PTO is looking for a tablet or iPad to use for event registrations and payments throughout the year. Do you have one that you'd like to donate? It does not have to be brand new! E-mail CrookshankPTO@gmail.com if you can help. Thank you!



We are looking for BUSINESS PARTNERS to help bring opportunities to our kiddos! Become a BP and your logo will appear here!



JOIN OUR
SCHOOL TEAM
CHALLENGE!

SAVE \$10

WITH CODE
TEAM10

JAIL BREAK 5K RUN & WALK

SATURDAY, OCT. 22 @ 7:30 AM

ESCAPE FROM THE OLD JAIL
167 SAN MARCO AVENUE | ST. AUGUSTINE, FL 32084

JOIN OUR SCHOOL TEAM CHALLENGE!

The St. Johns County public school with the highest participation wins \$1,000, second highest wins \$500, and third wins \$250!

ONE SCHOOL WILL WIN \$1000!

First 700 finishers receive a unique skeleton key medal!
All race proceeds benefit St. Johns County public school teachers & students.

For more details & to register visit:
www.runsignup.com/Race/FL/SaintAugustine/EscapeFromStAugustine

OR SCAN HERE

5K USATF CERTIFIED COURSE #FL17069TY

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getonthebusstjohns@gmail.com
www.ink-stjohns.org



HEALTH SERVICES

**HEAD LICE: DETECTION, TREATMENT AND PREVENTION
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

WHAT ARE HEAD LICE?

Head lice are tiny, wingless, grayish-tan insects that live and breed in human hair. They depend on human blood for survival. Lice cannot jump or fly, as they have no wings or hind legs. They are about the size of a sesame seed with six claws that attach to the hair shaft. Head lice separated from the human host will rarely survive more than 24 hours and cannot live on family pets. The eggs, called nits, are easier to see than the lice themselves and are usually found attached to hair shafts close to the scalp behind the ears and on the back of the head. Nits cannot be washed away like dirt or dandruff; they must be removed with a special comb designed for that purpose. The eggs hatch in 7-10 days and then in another 7-10 days the young will mature and lay eggs of their own. Viable (live) nits are usually seen from the scalp up to ½ inch on the hair shaft.

HOW DO THEY SPREAD?

Most always, lice are spread via direct head-to-head contact. More hair means a more favorable breeding ground and long hair creates a “bridge of opportunity” from one head to another. Nits found on an abandoned strand of hair have a slim chance of survival, as they need the warmth of a human host to incubate and hatch.

HOW ARE THEY DETECTED?

Most often, the first clue that a child has head lice is frequent scratching of the scalp or a rash at the nape of the neck. To check for infestation, carefully examine the hair around the back of the neck and behind the ears. Since head lice shy away from light, you may only see their eggs (nits). The nits are small whitish ovals of uniform size attached to the hair shaft.

HOW ARE THEY TREATED?

Head lice infestation can be treated with an over-the-counter or prescription medication. There are several treatment options available on the market. Treatment should be considered when active lice or viable eggs are found. When this occurs, each person (adults & children) within the home should be checked to determine if live lice are present. All who are infested should be treated at the same time.

HEAD LICE TREATMENT & NIT REMOVAL PLAN FOR PARENTS

When one family member has head lice it is important to check all members of the household and close contacts. Treat only the infested family members. Follow the plan below:

1. The recommended first line treatment is an FDA approved, over the counter, lice killing product (pediculicide) for humans. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends the use of a product that contains permethrin.
2. Before applying treatment, cover the child's eyes with a towel or washcloth. Do not treat in the shower or bathtub. Instruct the child to lean over the sink and only apply the product to the head area. This prevents absorption through other skin areas.
3. Apply lice product according to the label instructions. If your child has extra-long or thick hair, you may need to use a second bottle to assure complete coverage.
4. Wash the hair according to label instructions. Once applied, allow the lice killing product to continue working by using only regular shampoo for two weeks after treatment because cream rinses and conditioning shampoos coat the hair and protect lice from the lice killing product.
5. Following treatment, use a fine-toothed metal comb to remove lice and nits from the hair shaft. Metal lice combs (i.e., Leominster, etc.) are preferred because they have finer teeth for nit *removal*, are less likely to break or bend when combing through the hair and can be boiled or sterilized. Any remaining nits need to be removed by sliding the nit down the hair shaft with your fingernails.
6. Recheck the hair daily for lice or new nits laid close to the scalp. Continue to comb out nits with the fine-toothed metal comb. Removing all nits will help to prevent a new infestation.
7. Retreat according to the instructions on the lice-killing product (pediculicide).
8. Continue to check all treated and untreated persons in the same household for two to three weeks even after they appear to be nit and lice free.

Alternative Treatments

The effectiveness of non-pesticide treatments such as Hair Clean 123, Not Nice to Lice, olive oil, mayonnaise and petroleum jelly has not been proven through research.

ALERT

The use of kerosene, gasoline, paint thinners, turpentine, flea products, or industrial/garden pesticides is dangerous to your child.

Cleaning the Environment

1. To live, adult lice need to feed on blood. Lice die within one to two days when away from the blood source. Therefore, excessive cleaning measures are not necessary; however, routine cleaning is recommended as follows: the same day as the head treatment, clothing, and bed linen should be washed in hot water and dried in a dryer; carpets and upholstered furniture need to be vacuumed thoroughly; pillows and stuffed animals should go into a hot dryer for at least ten minutes or be placed in a sealed plastic bag for two weeks and combs, brushes, and hair accessories should be soaked in hot water (at least 130 degrees) for at least ten minutes.
2. Spraying of furniture, rugs, carpets, car seats, and pets with a pesticide is not recommended.



AFTERSCHOOL

ROBOTICS

Wednesdays 2:00-3:30p

Build, code and play every week afterschool! Keep those minds going with engaging robotics and STEM activities! Every week, students build models, study robotics concepts and complete fun engineering projects that increase in complexity. For Ages 5-12.

- Starts Wednesday, Nov 2nd - Dec 14, 2022
- 6 week program - \$150/per builder
- *Price includes 6 classes

REGISTER @:
FIRSTCOAST.MYROBOTHINK.COM

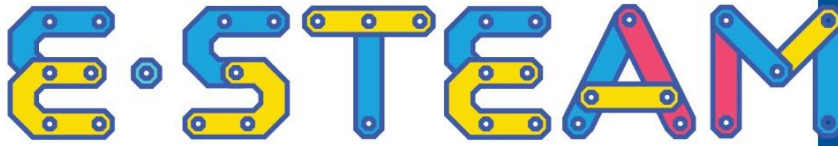


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Augustine, FL 32084



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EDUCATION PROVIDER



RoboThink Programs

Afterschool

Every week, students build models, study coding concepts and complete fun engineering projects that increase in complexity.

Workshops

These 1 day classes cover robotics, coding and engineering concepts with fun, hands-on building projects.

Camps

RoboThink Robotics Camps typically last 5 days and are offered in half day or full day sessions. Students are given the opportunity to build robots, solve challenges with robots they have built and even battle their friends!

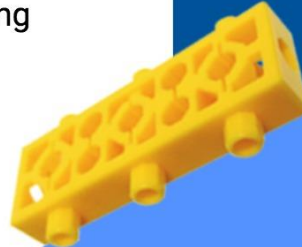
Special Events

Make your special events that much more exciting with a RoboThink experience. We bring the fun!

- Birthday Parties
- Private Parties
- Community Events

**Customized programming available
to fit your schedule & needs!**

RoboThink's E-STEAM programs incorporate entrepreneurship, business leadership, presentation and marketing skills for children. You'll find these critical 21st century life skills built into the core of many of our exciting programs.



" RoboThink is too fun!

I never want to leave. "

-Jailon, Age 7

**" I'm happy because
its fun. And my mom's happy
because it's educational. "**

-Collin, Age 10

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Free, Safe After-School Programs for Kids & Teens!
Enroll today for a free and safe after-school experience.

Begins August 10

Until 6:15 PM
 Monday – Friday

Register Soon to Ensure Your Child's Spot: bgcnf.org/join



Boys & Girls Clubs provides a FREE, SAFE place for children and teens to experience exciting programs that enhance their growth and development during the after-school hours.

Sign up today to experience programs like:

- Academic enrichment
- STEM, robotics & drone programs
- Sports & recreation
- The Arts
- Health & Wellness

Cost: FREE!!

Who: Ages 6 – 18

Where: THE PLAYERS Championship Club

555 West King Street St. Augustine FL

Included: Meals, snacks & learning



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
 OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA

Aug. 10 Start Date

ATTENTION PARENTS:
Recognize Your Student in the
CROOKSHANK
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2023 Yearbook!

Don't miss out on this opportunity to showcase your student's accomplishments and memories.

Go online today to purchase and design your ad to take part in this special tradition.

Visit Leonard's Pictavo Community at
BuyTheYearbook.com

Find your school or enter *School ID#* **708400**



Full Page \$100

1/2 Page \$50

1/4 Page \$25

1/8 Page \$15

Ad Submission Deadline **2/14/2023**

Leonard's

Photography | Printing | Publishing

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR CROOKSHANK ELEMENTARY

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH | 5-9PM
1753 US HIGHWAY 1 S, SAINT AUGUSTINE, FL, 32084

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **WALJMNA**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

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Then, invite friends and family to participate!
It only takes ten minutes!

**Let's do this, CES
Family! Paws Up!**

Scan the code above to see more info, or go to <https://youtu.be/VAXYRZFYD9o>

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Cougar Families,

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring tool that will be administered three times per year to track your student's progress in learning the Benchmarks of Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards throughout this school year. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your student will participate in the first administration (PM1) of the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) Reading and Mathematics assessments within the first 30 days of school. The testing window runs from 8/15/22 through 9/30/22 and your student will test on two days (one day for reading and one day for math) within that window. Grade-level specific test dates are being finalized and will be communicated in the coming weeks. Your student's results from PM1 are for informational purposes only, and your student's school will provide you with information about how to access the results after testing is completed.

FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get easier or more difficult depending on how the student responds, and each student will see different questions from a common item bank. Each test attempt (PM1, PM2, and PM3) will present 35–40 items that will cover the entire test "blueprint," meaning students will encounter items representative of the standards within the subject or grade level. For more information on the test design, please visit <https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/>. If you or your student would like to interact with the online testing platform or review FAST sample items at home, sample test materials are available at <https://flfast.org/families.html>.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact our school testing coordinator, Bailey Benoit at Bailey.Benoit@stjohns.k12.fl.us

For more information about the FAST program, please visit the portal at [FLFAST.org](https://flfast.org).

Below are the assessment dates for grades 1-5:

August 29 – 2nd grade ELA, 4th grade ELA (Kennelly), 5th grade ELA (Anderson)
August 30 – 2nd grade Math, 4th grade Math (Kennelly), 5th grade Math (Anderson)
September 1 – 1st grade ELA (Ahr, Boutin, Fortus, Harmon)
September 2 – 1st grade Math (Ahr, Boutin, Fortus, Harmon)
September 8 – 1st grade ELA (Richardson), 4th grade ELA (Zaletel, Allen, Smolek, Gallagher)
September 9 – 1st grade Math (Richardson), 4th grade Math (Zaletel, Allen, Smolek, Gallagher)
September 12 – Kindergarten ELA (McQuaig, White, Dinger, Moore), 5th grade ELA (Fernandez, Miller, Houck, Fey)
September 13 – Kindergarten Math (McQuaig, White, Dinger, Moore), 5th grade Math (Fernandez, Miller, Houck, Fey)
September 15 – Kindergarten ELA (Belardo, Heldenbrand), 3rd grade ELA (Bikowski, Simpson)
September 16 – Kindergarten Math (Belardo, Heldenbrand), 3rd grade Math (Bikowski, Simpson)
September 19 – 3rd grade ELA (Coriell, McVay, Keating, Matthiesen)
September 20 – 3rd grade Math (Coriell, McVay, Keating, Matthiesen)

Thanks,

Crookshank Elementary School

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PLEASE JOIN OUR SAC TEAM: EMAIL RACHAEL.MILLER@STJOHNS.K12.FL.US

SAC Meetings **2022-2023**

All meetings are held in person and virtually at 4:00 pm

Dates:

September 15, 2022

October 20, 2022

November 17, 2022

December 15, 2022

January 19, 2023

February 16, 2023

March 23, 2023

April 20, 2023

May 18, 2023

SAC Chair: Rachael Miller

We are looking for a secretary and treasurer. Contact Rachael Miller if you are interested.

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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 the growth mindset skills necessary to address and overcome challenges they may face in their future.

Vision

John A. Crookshank Elementary School faculty and staff members believe working together, we all succeed.



FORTIFYFL

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



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