



# Cougar Column

John A. Crookshank Elementary

The Future Begins Here!

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The Cougar Column is delivered via School Messenger

Week of October 31, 2022

Monday	10/31	Storybook Character Parade 8:45 a.m.
Tuesday	11/01	PTO Spirit Night @ Zaxby's on SR 16 5-8 pm
Wednesday	11/02	Early Dismissal 1:45 pm
Thursday	11/03	
Friday	11/04	Donut Day - Dress Like Your Favorite Donut Cougar Basketball vs Hartley
Monday	11/7	
Tuesday	11/8	Cougar Basketball vs Southwoods
Wednesday	11/9	Early Dismissal 1:45 pm
Thursday	11/10	Veteran's Breakfast 9:00 am Wear Red, White or Blue for Veteran's Day
Friday	11/11	No School - Veteran's Day

## Cougar Basketball and Cheer!

Join us and the Cougar Cheer team on Friday November 4<sup>th</sup> at Murray Middle school to cheer on our Cougar Basketball teams as they play against Osceola!  
Girls 5:30, Boys 6:30

## Honor Card Program

If your child is on the A/B honor roll and in grades 3 - 12, you have the opportunity to receive discounts at some very fun and exciting places in St. Johns County. See below for more information.

## Calling All Veterans

Crookshank would like to honor your service with a Veteran's Day Breakfast on Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Please join us in the Cougar Café for a special presentation.



Students, please help us honor our Veterans by wearing RED, WHITE and BLUE on Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup>

## Holiday Help

Assistance is available from local community partners for Thanksgiving and Christmas for families in need. Please reach out to Bailey Benoit at 547-7852 or [Bailey.Benoit@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Bailey.Benoit@stjohns.k12.fl.us) if you would like to participate. If you already received an application for Firefighters for Families, please make sure you complete all sections of the form and return it before November 10.

## Pre-Order Your Yearbook!

Visit [www.buytheyearbook.com](http://www.buytheyearbook.com) and enter school code 708400 to pre-order your yearbook today. See the flyer below for more details.

## Missing Glasses?

We have 12 pairs of what appears to be prescription eye wear that is unclaimed in the clinic. If your child lost their glasses please check with Nurse Roxane in the clinic. Any glasses that are not claimed by 11/15/22 will be donated. Thank you.



## 2022 FSA Scores

Score reports from the 2022 FSA test can be viewed in HAC. If you would like a paper copy of your student's score report, please email [Bailey.Benoit@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Bailey.Benoit@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

## 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.



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

Dismissal Changes [cestransportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:cestransportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

# Storybook Character Parade

This year Crookshank Elementary is excited to again host its annual Storybook Character Parade on Monday, October 31, 2022 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.

## Vision is Priceless

**VISION IS PRICELESS WILL BE AT CROOKSHANK ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022, TO PROVIDE FREE EYE EXAMS TO STUDENTS IN K-5<sup>th</sup> grade**

Vision Is Priceless will provide full, dilated eye exams and prescription glasses for your students. All exams and glasses are free of charge for the school and the student's family. **Any student is welcome to sign up for our program - we are not limited to students who failed the vision screening.** (examples include- parent requests, students who need updated prescriptions, teacher nominated, self-advocating students, student athletes, students with behavioral issues, etc.) **There is no income or insurance restriction.** Our only requirement is the student permission form that needs to be completed prior to the scheduled exam day. The consent form **MUST** be signed by a parent or guardian. The students receive a few preliminary tests and dilation drops and then a complete exam with the optometrist. The total time out of class should be one hour or less for a student. If glasses are prescribed, frames will be selected. Vision is Priceless will order glasses from their lab, and they will be returned to the school, with exam information for parents, 2-3 weeks later. Please turn in completed consents to Nurse Roxane. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to Nurse Roxane at 904/547-7832.



### WHO WE ARE:

Vision Is Priceless was founded in 1996 to fulfill the need in our community for vision screenings and to provide access to vision care—including eye exams, prescription glasses, and specialty care—for the underserved and underserved.

Through our work in the community, we identified an alarming and growing issue. Youth from underserved communities are at a greater risk of untreated vision problems and have a higher rate of unmet needs for vision care services. To bridge the gap, we expanded our Sight in Schools program to provide a wraparound service for our community's most vulnerable youth.

### WHAT WE DO:

Our program provides comprehensive eye exams and glasses for students while at school who otherwise would not have access for a variety of reasons, such examples being financial constraint or transportation barriers.

Our partner optometrists can perform a full exam (including dilation of the eyes) on campus and prescribe glasses using our mobile vision equipment. Those given a prescription will also select a pair of frames on the day of exam. These services are at no cost to the students or the school.

Glasses are ordered from a partnering facility and checked for accuracy by our onsite optician. Glasses are delivered to the school in which the exam took place approximately 2-3 weeks post exam day.

### WHAT DO WE NEED BEFORE EXAM DAY?

Vision is Priceless will provide the school with student permission forms that are required to be completed prior to the scheduled exam day. The consent form can be sent home for signature, or a school official may obtain verbal consent from parents and fill out the form on their behalf. Students 18 and older may sign their own consent form.

The students selected to receive the eye exam is left to the school's discretion. Any student is welcome to sign up, not limited to students who failed the vision screening. Examples include- all incoming freshman, students who need updated prescriptions, teacher nominated, self-advocating students, graduating seniors, student athletes, students with behavioral issues, etc. There is no income or insurance restrictions.

We will examine up to 20 students per clinic day, with a 15-student minimum for each day. A school should sign up for as many days as they project will be needed; additional days added as needed. Any student is welcome to sign up, not limited to students who failed the vision screening. Examples include- all incoming freshman, students who need updated prescriptions, teacher nominated, graduating seniors, student athletes, students with behavioral issues, etc. There is no income or insurance restrictions.

We do require a space to set up the mobile eye lane equipment and conduct the exams that day. A large empty classroom or library has been ideal in the past. We ask that the space have several available electrical outlets and the ability to turn the lights off/on.

### WHAT DOES EXAM DAY LOOK LIKE?

Vision is Priceless staff will arrive around 8:30 AM to check in with the front office and set up our mobile eye equipment in the predetermined space. The doctor will arrive around 10 AM to begin the exams. We will ask for the best way to pull students from class for their exams and the school's policy on returning to class (i.e., walk with an adult or buddy system).

Students will be seen for a few preliminary tests, moving into the exam with the doctor at which time eye drops will be given for dilation. If the doctor provided the students with a prescription, they would select frames best suited for their RX and size. At this point the exam is complete and the students are ready to return to class! Once all students are seen the VIP team will pack up all equipment and return the room to its prior set up.

### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

After exam day the Vision is Priceless team will order the glasses selected by students and deliver them to the school 2-3 weeks later. The school and parent of any child who was found to need additional vision care will be notified of findings. We are happy to assist with referrals and connecting them with other medical professionals in the community if needed. *And that is a wrap!*

Vision is Priceless is very excited to partner with our community schools for a 3<sup>rd</sup> year of providing no cost eye exams and glasses! We look forward to working with you and helping students achieve more with the power of sight.

Please feel free to reach out to our Vision is Priceless team with questions about the Sight in Schools Program.

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# Crookshank Cougars PTO



## Boo Thru 2022!

Thank you to all of our Cougar Families who attended and helped at our Boo Thru! We had a wonderful time with all of you and are grateful for you! If you took a picture with the Cougar at our photo booth, we will send home your photo within a week!



## Spirit Night!

Spirit Night is almost here! This Tuesday, November 1st from 5-8 at Zaxby's on SR16! See the flyer below for details.  
December's Spirit Night will be at Chili's!

**ZAXBY'S**



## Can you Help?

Attention Fifth Grade Families! The fifth grade field trip is less than a month away, and we want to get those field trip shirts ready. We need help!

Can you help us with tie-dye or using a Cricut machine to put a logo on them? We will provide all of the materials, including the shirts- we just need an hour of your time. Email

[CrookshankPTO@gmail.com](mailto:CrookshankPTO@gmail.com) if you can help!

## 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>

## 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/10c0f44aa5a62aaaf5c61-volunteer1>

## Smencils!

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

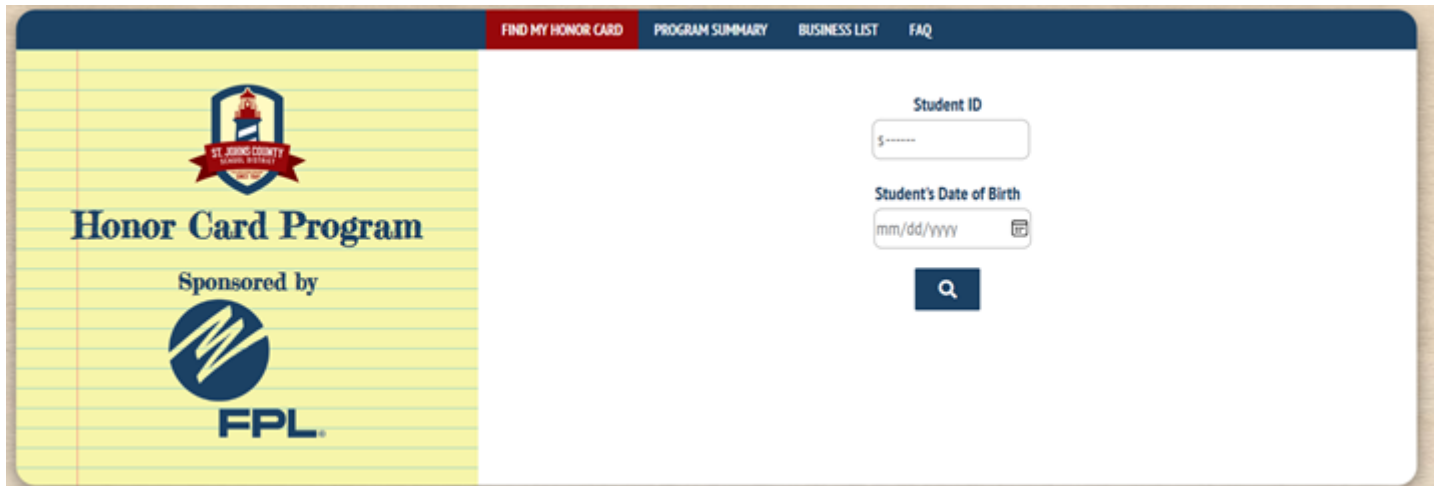


We are looking for BUSINESS PARTNERS to help bring opportunities to our kiddos! Become a BP and your logo will appear here!



The St. Johns County School District Honor Card program has gone digital! If your child is on the A/B honor roll and in grades 3 - 12, you have the opportunity to receive discounts at some very fun and exciting places in St. Johns County. Instead of paper honor cards, you will now show business participants your phone and receive these discounts. The program will begin on Friday, October 28. Below are the steps in using the new system.

On your smart phone go to <https://myhonorcard.com>. The following screen will appear. Place your child's student ID number and date of birth in the boxes.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the myhonorcard.com website. On the left, there is a yellow notepad-style background with the St. Johns County School District logo, the text "Honor Card Program", and the FPL logo. The right side of the page has a white background with a navigation bar at the top containing links: "FIND MY HONOR CARD", "PROGRAM SUMMARY", "BUSINESS LIST", and "FAQ". Below the navigation bar, there are two input fields: "Student ID" with a placeholder "\$-----" and "Student's Date of Birth" with a placeholder "mm/dd/yyyy" and a calendar icon. A blue search button with a magnifying glass icon is located below the date field.

2. When your child's name appears, you will show your phone to the participating business representative, to receive your discount.



The screenshot shows the same website after a successful login. The left side remains the same. The right side now displays a yellow star logo, the name "Holly C.", and the text "is currently an Honor Card Student in St. Johns County School District". Below this, it shows the date and time: "It is October 18, 2022 at 2:54 pm." and a red note: "Business Owners - please make sure the date and time shown here is correct!".

A list of participating businesses and their offerings are also on a different tab on the website.

If you have any questions, please call 904-547-3945 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday - Friday.

# Science, Technology, Engineering + Math workshop for girls in grades 5-8



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### LOCATION

Adam W. Herbert  
University Center  
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Jacksonville, FL 32224

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at: [info@eyhnf.org](mailto:info@eyhnf.org)





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## **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

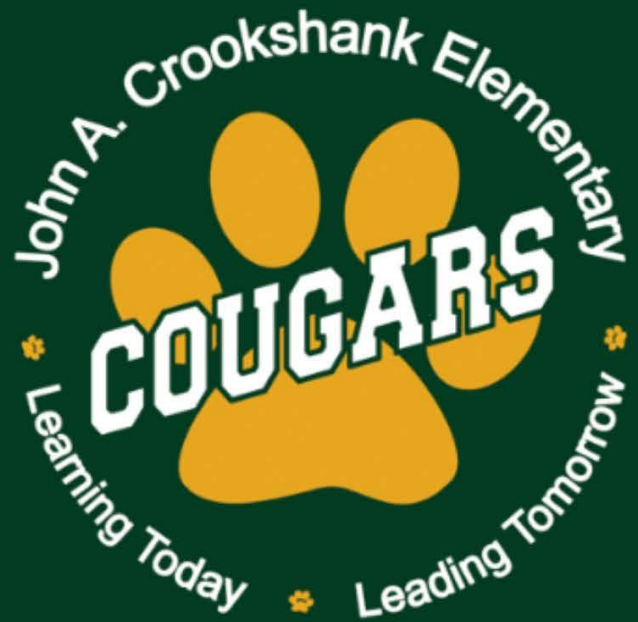
**We are looking for a secretary and treasurer. Contact Rachael Miller if you are interested.**

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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.





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