



# Cougar Column

John A. Crookshank Elementary

The Future Begins Here!

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The Cougar Column is delivered via School Messenger

Week of November 21, 2022

Monday	11/21	
Tuesday	11/22	
Wednesday	11/23	Thanksgiving Break - No School
Thursday	11/24	Thanksgiving Break - No School
Friday	11/25	Thanksgiving Break - No School
Monday	11/28	
Tuesday	11/29	
Wednesday	11/30	Early Dismissal 1:45 pm
Thursday	12/01	Picture Retakes
Friday	12/02	Grinch Day - Dress Like a Grinch!
Saturday	12/3	Girls on the Run 5K - WGV
Monday	12/5	
Tuesday	12/6	
Wednesday	12/7	Early Dismissal 1:45 pm
Thursday	12/8	
Friday	12/9	Wear Holiday Colors!

## Robotics Club

Our Robotics Club is in search of assistance for their focus project. Here is what the club is looking for:

Someone who is familiar with installing solar panels, possibly at a school, or a building about the size of ours. Someone who would be able to come in and talk with the club about solar energy. If you are interested or know of someone who works in this field, please reach out to our Robotics Club Sponsor, Ms. Fernandez.

## Thank you!

Thank you, Village Inn, for providing pies for our faculty this past Wednesday for our monthly "We love you Wednesday"!



## Carolyn' Cougars Chorus

Our Chorus did a wonderful job in our Veteran's Recognition Concert. It was wonderful to see so many of our community's veterans and we look forward to finding ways to include the entire school in the future.

The concert video can be viewed here: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/pft8i84e1fuu9qg/Veteran%27s%20Recognition%20Concert%202022.mp4?dl=0>

## District News

- Gifted Parent Advisory Council Meeting December 6<sup>th</sup> - See flyer below.
- Educational Surrogate Parent Volunteer Online Training December 6<sup>th</sup> - See flyer below.

## HAC

See your child's current assignments and grades. Please contact Lisa Cogar at 547-7846 if you are unable to access this resource. <https://homeaccess.stjohns.k12.fl.us/HomeAccess/Account/LogOn?ReturnUrl=%2fhomeaccess>

## Picture Retakes

Picture Retakes will be on Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## No School!

Remember there is no school Wednesday 11/23 - Friday 11/25



## 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  
**Friday - Ice Cream is on sale for \$1.00**

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)

## Girls on the Run!

The Fall 2022 Girls on the Run season is almost over. The 18 girls have work so hard and have been so dedicated coming to practices on Monday and Friday after school. Big shout out to Coach Fortus, Coach Richardson, Coach Baker, and Coach Fernandez!

The end of season 5K is in World Golf Village on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## Crookshank Bots!

The 7 members of the 2022-2023 Crookshank Bots have been hard at work since the beginning of the year. This year the First Lego League theme is sustainable energy and power. All of the missions and our innovation project are centered around this theme. We are coding the Spike Prime robot instead of the EV3 that we used last year. Thank you to Coach Fernandez, Coach Richards, and Coach Prado for all their guidance on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This club is open to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. If you have any interest in possibly being on the Crookshank Bots team come and check out our practice competition on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> right here at Crookshank. We will be learning alongside other elementary and middle school teams from all over our county. See flyer below.







# Crookshank Cougars PTO



## Talent Show Auditions!

Do you have a talent that the world needs to see? Show us what you got! Audition for the Crookshank Talent Show! Auditions will take place on Wednesday, December 7th from 2:30-5 and the Talent Show will take place Thursday, January 19th. See the flyer below for more info. Email

[CrookshankPTO@gmail.com](mailto:CrookshankPTO@gmail.com) to register for auditions!

## Ho Ho Bingo!

Mark your calendars for Ho Ho Bingo! Tuesday, December 13th from 5:30-7:30- bring your family and play Holiday Bingo to win prizes! Registration will be required and will open this week! Would you like to volunteer and join in the fun?

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA5A62AAAF5C61-hohobingo1>

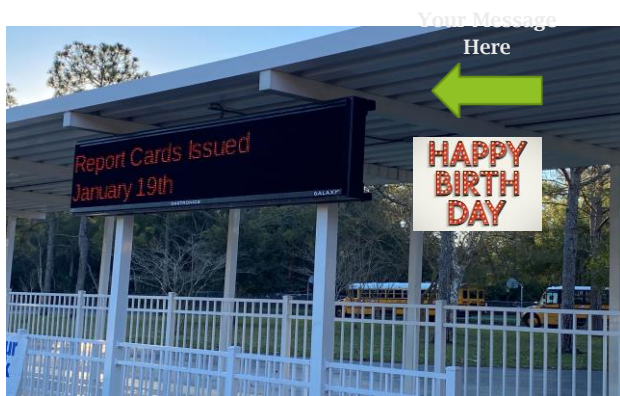
## Lunchroom Help

We are in need of Parent Volunteers to help with lunchroom coverage. If you have an hour (or two) to spare and would like to help out, please sign up!

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

## Birthday Messages

Celebrate your student's birthday by featuring their name on our scrolling marquee (in the parent pick up line) for an entire week! Sign up at <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/crookshank-ptu> We must have your submission by the Tuesday prior to your requested week.



## Spirit Night!

December's Spirit Night will be at Chili's, mmmm! On Tuesday, December 6th from 5-8, Chili's will donate 20% from any orders supporting Crookshank to our school. Make sure you mention Crookshank when you order and spread the word to others to do the same! See flyer below for more info.



## Holiday Shop

Our elves are stocking up the shelves for Crookshank students to come and shop! Our kiddos will be able to shop many wonderful gifts for the whole family! We need your help to make it happen!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA5A62AAAF5C61-holiday1>

## 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-ptu.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/10c0f4aa5a62aaaf5c61-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!



# GOOD EATS FOR A **GOOD CAUSE**

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**GIVE BACK NIGHT**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022**

**FROM 5:00 PM To 8:00 PM**

**ST. AUGUSTINE-CHILI'S, 215 STATE RD. 312, ST. AUGUSTINE,  
FL 32086-4246, (904) 824-2216**





# Crookshank **TALENT SHOW**

JANUARY 19, 2023  
CES CAFETERIA

**SHOW US WHAT YOU GOT!**

**AUDITIONS**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7 | 2:30-5:00  
CES CAFETERIA

Students interested will need to prepare & audition an act no longer than 2 minutes long. We are accepting any talent--singing, dancing, comedy, music, magic, karate, etc. Please provide any music and props needed. Mics will be provided.

All entries must be pre-registered by emailing us student name and act to [crookshankpto@gmail.com](mailto:crookshankpto@gmail.com) by December 2.

CES and the PTO reserve the right to disallow any act that does not fit into the family atmosphere.

# Gifted Parent Advisory Council



JOIN US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CRITICAL  
AND CREATIVE THINKING ACTIVITIES TO  
SUPPORT YOUR GIFTED STUDENT

NEASE HIGH SCHOOL  
MEDIA CENTER  
DECEMBER 6, 2022  
6:30-8:00 PM

PARENTS OF K-12 GIFTED STUDENTS ARE  
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE GPAC MEETINGS  
TO SUPPORT AND IMPROVE OUR EFFORTS IN  
SERVING OUR GIFTED STUDENTS







PLEASE JOIN  
ST JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
IN COLLABORATION WITH  
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# EDUCATIONAL SURROGATE PARENT TRAINING

## Purpose of Training =

- *Train volunteers to serve as an Educational Surrogate Parent for a SJCS student with a disability whose parents' rights have been terminated or whose parent cannot be located*
- *An Educational Surrogate Parent acts in the place of the parent to make educational decisions on behalf of children who are or may be eligible for special education in all matters relating to the identification, evaluation, educational placement, and provision of a free and appropriate public education (FAPE)*
- *An Educational Surrogate Parent does not take care of the child and is not financially responsible for the child*

Join on your computer, mobile app, or room  
device via link below:

[Click here to join the meeting](#)



DECEMBER 6, 2022  
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Presenters:  
Florida Diagnostic &  
Learning Resources  
System / NorthEast  
Florida Educational  
Consortium  
(FDLRS/NEFEC)

This training will be  
held via Microsoft  
Teams platform

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**12/6/22**

*St. Johns County  
School District*



PRESENTS

***First Lego League Robotics  
Practice Event***



Crookshank Elementary School

1455 N Whitney St.

St. Augustine, FL 32084

Saturday, December 10, 2022

9:00am – 3:00pm



*This Practice Event allows teams to learn about the elements of a qualifying tournament in a safe learning environment.*



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# VENARDOS CIRCUS

DEC 16TH - JAN 1ST

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

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## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19 9AM - 3PM

### LOCATION

Adam W. Herbert  
University Center  
12000 Alumni Drive  
Jacksonville, FL 32224

### REGISTER

\$20 registration fee  
Visit us at [eyhnf.org](http://eyhnf.org) to  
register today!

### QUESTIONS?

For scholarship requests,  
registration issues, or any  
other questions, email us  
at: [info@eyhnf.org](mailto:info@eyhnf.org)



**PLEASE JOIN OUR SAC TEAM: EMAIL [RACHAEL.MILLER@STJOHNS.K12.FL.US](mailto: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

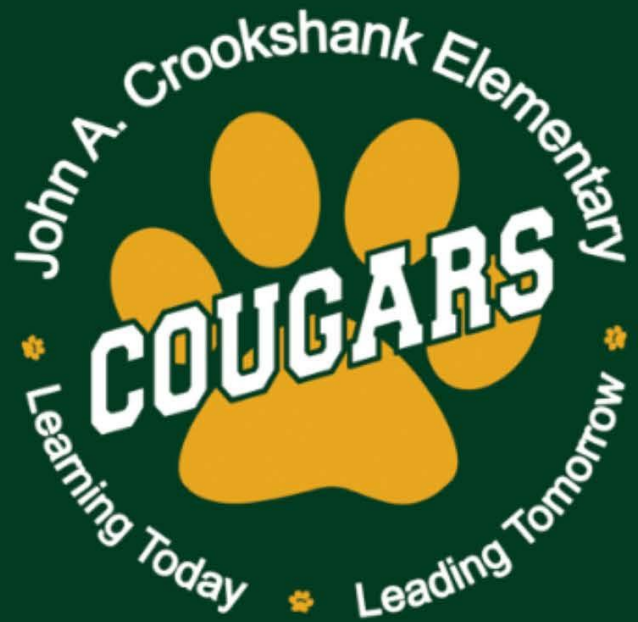
**We are looking for a secretary and treasurer. Contact Rachael Miller if you are interested.**

**John E. Crookshank Elementary**

1455 N. Whitney St.

St. Augustine, FL 32084

[www-ces.stjohns.k12.fl.us](http://www-ces.stjohns.k12.fl.us)



### **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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