



Cougar Column

John A. Crookshank Elementary

The Future Begins Here!

Patrick Roach, Principal

Gwen Kling, Assistant Principal

Christi Thomas, Assistant Principal



The Cougar Column is delivered via School Messenger

Week of December 05, 2022

Monday	12/5	PM 2 FAST Testing Begins – See Parent Letter below
Tuesday	12/6	PTO Spirit Night at Applebee's 5-8 pm
Wednesday	12/7	Early Dismissal 1:45 pm
Thursday	12/8	
Friday	12/9	Be Jolly: Dress in Red, Green, and/or Silver
Saturday	12/10	Lego Robotics Competition at CES 9a – 3p
Monday	12/12	PTO Holiday Shop Opens
Tuesday	12/13	HO, HO, Bingo 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Wednesday	12/14	Early Dismissal 1:45 pm
Thursday	12/15	Last Day for PTO Holiday Shop
Friday	12/16	PJ Day – Wear your PJs to school
Monday	12/19	
Tuesday	12/20	
Wednesday	12/21	
Thursday	12/22	Winter Break – No School
Friday	12/23	Winter Break – No School
Thursday	1/5	Students Return from Winter Break

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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>

Staffing Needs

Vacancies we are actively trying to fill

ESE Para – 4 - 1:1 Positions

PreK Para – 1 Position

5th Grade Math & Science – 2 Positions

If you know someone interested, please have them email

Patrick.Roach@k12.fl.us

Winter Break

There is no school Thursday December 22 – Wednesday January 4th.

Students return to school on Thursday January 5th

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

Thursday – Ice Cream is on sale for \$1.00

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

Boys and Girls Basketball and Cheer!

Basketball Season has come to an end. Our Cougar Boys and Girls Basketball players did an amazing job this season. Congratulations to the Boys Basketball team for earning a 2nd place trophy at the Championship game and to our Girls Cheer team for winning Best Cheer at the 1st Annual St. John's County Elementary Cheerleading Competition! Thank you to the coaches who volunteered their time to give such an amazing opportunity to our students!



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

Dismissal Changes cestransportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us



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 to register for auditions!

Ho Ho Bingo!

Ho Ho Bingo Registration is OPEN! 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! Pre-registration and payment will be required. Send in the flyer with payment, or click here to sign up! <https://crookshank-ptto.cheddarup.com>

Would you like to volunteer and join in the fun?

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

Little Smiles

You're invited to join Little Smiles for hot cocoa, pictures with Elves and letters for Santa. December 9th, 4:00 – 6:00 pm. See the flyer below for more details.

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-ptto> 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

It's almost time for the Holiday Shop! Our elves are stocking up the shelves for Crookshank students to come and pick out wonderful gifts for the whole family! The Holiday Shop will be open December 12th-15th. We need your help to make it happen!

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

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>

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!



John A. Crookshank Elementary

1455 N. Whitney Street

Saint Augustine, FL

32084(904) 547-7840

<http://www.ces.stjohns.k12.fl.us>



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

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 take the Kindergarten/Grade 1/Grade 2 Renaissance Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and/or Star Math assessment(s) on the dates below. Your student's results from PM2 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. If you or your student would like to review [Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and/or Star Math] sample items at home, sample test items are available at <https://flfast.org/resources/renaissance-star/renaissance-star>

The Star Early Literacy assessment typically takes less than 15 minutes to complete. The Star Reading assessment is usually completed in less than 20 minutes, and the Star Math assessment typically takes less than 30 minutes to complete.

12/5 – Reading: Zytowski, Frazer, Watts, Simcoe	1/9 – Reading: Ramirez, Heldenbrand
12/6 – Math: Zytowski, Frazer, Watts, Simcoe	1/10 – Math: Ramirez, Heldenbrand
12/8 – Reading: Baker, Kamm	1/12 – Reading: McQuaig, Taylor, Dingler, White, M. Moore
12/9 – Math: Baker, Kamm	1/13 – Math: McQuaig, Taylor, Dingler, White, M. Moore
12/12 – Reading: Richardson, Jersey, Harmon	
12/13 – Math: Richardson, Jersey, Harmon	
12/15 – Reading: Ahr, Boutin, Gurick	
12/16 – Math: Ahr, Boutin, Gurick	

Make Up Dates: 12/8, 12/9, 12/19, 12/20, 1/5, 1/6, 1/20, 1/23, 1/24, 1/26, 1/27

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact:

Adriana Orta – Adriana.Orta@stjohns.k12.fl.us Joelle Johnson – Joelle.Johnson@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Bailey Benoit – Bailey.Benoit@stjohns.k12.fl.us

For more information about the Florida Statewide Assessments program, please visit the portal at FLFAST.org.

Thank you for supporting your student and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.

Sincerely,

Patrick Roach – Principal

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12/5 – Reading: Anderson, Fernandez, Miller

12/6 – Math: Anderson, Fernandez, Miller

12/8 – Reading: Houck, Acs

Mattheisen

12/9 – Math: Houck, Acs

12/12 – Reading: Kennelly

12/13 – Math: Kennelly

12/15 – Reading: Allen, Zaletel, Gallagher, Smolek

12/16 – Math: Allen, Zaletel, Gallagher, Smolek

1/9 – Reading: Bikowski, Simpson

1/10 – Math: Bikowski, Simpson

1/17 – Reading: Coriell, McVay, Keating,

1/19 – Math: Coriell, McVay, Keating, Mattheisen

Make Up Dates: 12/19, 12/20, 1/5, 1/6, 1/20, 1/23, 1/24, 1/26, 1/27

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 Reading and Mathematics sample items at home, sample test materials are available at <https://flfast.org/families.html>

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GOOD EATS FOR A **GOOD CAUSE**

20% OF YOUR TICKET WILL
BE DONATED TO

**CROOKSHANK
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



**CROOKSHANK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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

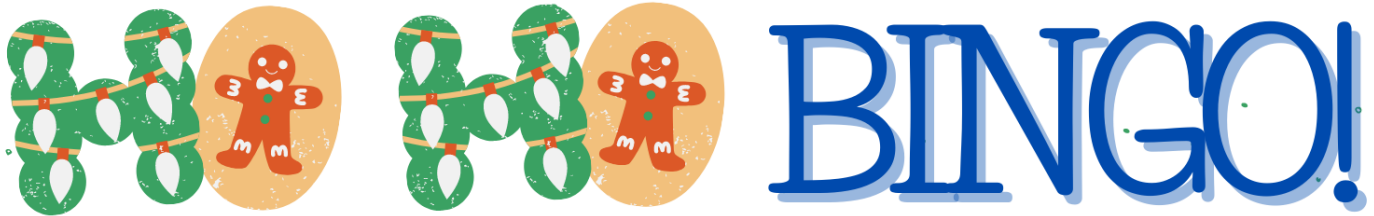
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7 | 2:30-5:00
CES CAFETERIA

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 by December 2.

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

Celebrate the holidays with your
Crookshank Family at



Tuesday, December 13th
5:30-7:30 pm at CES



- 5:30: Check in | Get food | Visit photo booth
- 6:00: Bingo for prizes | Enter Raffles
- 7:00: Visit photo booth



REGISTER BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH:

Visit crookshank-ptto.cheddarup.com

OR scan the QR Code

OR fill out the info below & return to school



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?

- Reusable Bingo Card (good for all rounds) (\$5) How many? _____
- One 5x7 Holiday Family Photo (\$5) _____
- Large Cheese Pizza (\$10) (Pre-order only) How many? _____
- Large Pepperoni Pizza (\$10) (Pre-order only) How many? _____

Extra Bingo cards
and concessions
will also be available
that evening (cash
only)

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER & PRE-PAY FOR THIS EVENT (CHECKS MADE OUT TO CES PTO)



Crookshank PTO presents

Holiday Shop



December 12-15



Gifts for all family members (even pets!)

Your child's teacher has signed up for a time to shop with our elves either **Monday** or **Tuesday**. Students who do not have their money on those days will be able to shop on Wednesday or Thursday (or until we run out of inventory)!

Please send money in an envelope or bag with:

- Your child's name and teacher
 - Total \$ and a list of who they are shopping for
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Want to volunteer? Sign up here:
Questions? Email us at crookshankpto@gmail.com



Join us for our 1ST ANNUAL ELF WORKSHOP

You're invited to join Little Smiles for
hot cocoa, pictures with elves & letters for
Santa!

WHEN: DECEMBER 9, 2022

TIME: 4:00-6:00PM

WHERE: LITTLE SMILES

1301 PLANTATION ISLAND DR SUITE
305 ST. AUGUSTINE, FL 32080

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
FDLRS/NEFEC FOR AN

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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DEC 16TH - JAN 1ST

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

Leonard's Photography | Printing | Publishing

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

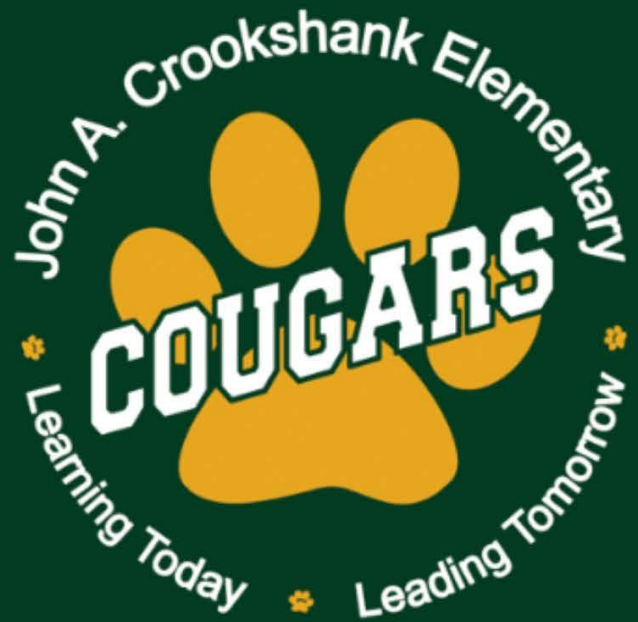
We are looking for a secretary and treasurer. Contact Rachael Miller if you are interested.

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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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