



Cougar Column

John A. Crookshank Elementary

The Future Begins Here!

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The Cougar Column is delivered via School Messenger

Week of December 12, 2022

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 SAC Meeting 4:00 pm - Media Center
Friday	12/16	PJ Day - Wear your PJs to school
Monday	12/19	
Tuesday	12/20	Kindergarten Polar Express Day
Wednesday	12/21	Early Dismissal 1:45 pm
Thursday	12/22	Winter Break - No School
Friday	12/23	Winter Break - No School
Mon - Wed	12/26 - 1/4/23	Winter Break - No School
Thursday	1/5	Students Return from Winter Break
Friday	1/6	

Afterschool Activities

We have these wonderful afterschool programs. These programs are open to all students, however some only allow children of a certain grade level so be sure to check out the flyers below for more information, if you are interested.



Staffing Needs

Vacancies we are actively trying to fill:

ESE Para - 1 - 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

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

Vote for Crookshank!

The Crookshank 4th and 5th graders decorated a tree for the INK! & Old Town Trolley Tours 4th Annual Holiday Tree Decorating Contest.

Voting will begin at 9:00 AM on Monday, December 12th and will end on December 19th at 11:59 PM. Individuals may vote daily!

www.voteholidaytrees.com

The tree with the most votes will win \$1000 for its school. Second place wins \$500 and Third place wins \$250.

Last year Crookshank placed 2nd, let's go for 1st this year!



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>

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

Dismissal Changes cestransportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us



Crookshank Cougars PTO



Holiday Shop

The Holiday Shop is ready! The children love this opportunity to pick out gifts for everyone in their family, including pets! Everything in the Holiday Shop is priced between \$1 and \$5. Your teacher will let you know your official class shopping day, which will be either Monday or Tuesday. Please send money in an envelope or Ziploc bag with their name on it and include a list of who they are shopping for. If students are absent on their class shopping day, we will be open on Wednesday and Thursday as well. Would you like to volunteer and be a part of this very special event?

Sign up

here! <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/10c0f4aa5a62aaaf5c61->



Spirit Night!

Thank you for joining us at Chili's for December's Spirit Night! Stay tuned for our next Spirit Night in January!

Ho Ho Bingo!

Registration is closed for Ho Ho Bingo. We are looking forward to seeing all who registered on Tuesday evening! Check in begins at 5:30, along with a performance by the Carolin Cougars!! We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Holiday Gifts

Are you shopping for gifts for our amazing faculty and staff? Many of them have lists of their "favorites!" Click here to see! <https://sites.google.com/view/crookshankpto/staff-favorites?authuser=0>

Talent Show!

Auditions are closed for our upcoming Talent Show. Mark your calendars to see the amazing talent our Crookshank Cougars have to offer!

The Crookshank PTO Talent Show will take place Thursday, January 19th. More information to come.

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!





ANCIENT CITY



SOCCER CLUB



Ancient City Soccer Club

present their

After-School Project

Come join our experienced soccer coaches who will be delivering a fun filled 75 minute practice at Crookshank ES

on the school field every week to pupils from Grades 2-5

Our aim is to introduce your child to the fundamentals of the sport of soccer whilst building upon character development, physical literacy and teamwork skills.

Join us straight after school on Tuesday 3pm – 4.15pm

Start: Tuesday, January 31st (for 16 weeks)

Finish: Tuesday, May 23rd (Tournament at Gamble Rogers MS)

Cost: \$145 for 16 week block (No session on March 14th- Spring Break)

Contact: Andy Carey at schools@ancientcitysoccer.com for further details

Register: Go to www.ancientcitysoccer.com

Click on “register now” and select ACS Afterschool Program as the season



AFTERSCHOOL

ROBOTICS

Wednesdays 2:00-3:30p

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- 7 week program - \$175/per builder
- *Price includes 7 classes

EARN ROBOTHINK BUCKS \$\$

Repeat students earn RoboThink Bucks! With each session your student attends, earn 5 dollars that can be redeemed towards summer camp registration at Crookshank.

REGISTER @:
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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

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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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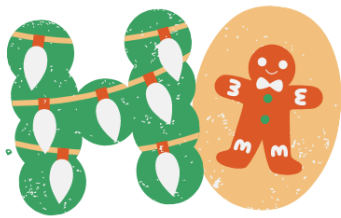
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Celebrate the holidays with your
Crookshank Family at



BINGO!

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

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

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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

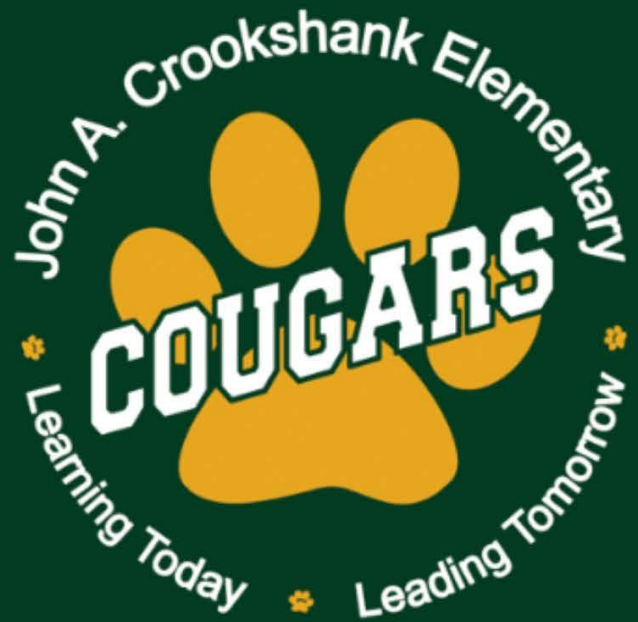
We are looking for a secretary and treasurer. Contact Rachael Miller if you are interested.

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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.



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