



Cougar Column

John A. Crookshank Elementary

The Future Begins Here!

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The Cougar Column is delivered via School Messenger

Week of January 30, 2023

Monday	1/30	
Tuesday	1/31	
Wednesday	2/1	Early Dismissal 1:45 pm
Thursday	2/2	Interim grades available in HAC
Friday	2/3	
Monday	2/6	Regular School Day - Previously was a scheduled In-service Day
Tuesday	2/7	
Wednesday	2/8	Early Dismissal 1:45 pm
Thursday	2/9	
Friday	2/10	K - 2 Valentine's Dance Hosted by Extended Day 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm 3 - 5 Valentine's Dance Hosted by 5th Grade 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Monday	2/13	
Tuesday	2/14	
Wednesday	2/15	Early Dismissal 1:45 pm
Thursday	2/16	The NED Show: The Power of Yet 3rd-5th SAC Meeting 4:00pm - Media Center
Friday	2/17	

Rising 6th Graders

Sebastian Middle School has some important information and activities planned.

See the flyer below for more details.

Remember!

School starts at 8:25, please be on time each day. See below for some tips on how to get your student to school on time.

Kids Heart Challenge

Our School is Heart Healthy!

Our School Has Heart!

Join us in learning about heart health and raising funds to protect all hearts - especially other kids! Through fun activities we'll discover ways to take care of our hearts and brains while practicing kindness, gratitude and learning ways to de-stress. Plus, we have the chance to earn PE equipment for our school!

See the flyer below for more details.

Our event is kicking off on **01/27/2023** and will conclude on **02/24/2023**.

https://www2.heart.org/site/TR?pg=company&fr_id=7561&company_id=381296

Valentine's Day K-2 Party

K - 2 Valentine's Dance Hosted by Extended Day 3:00 - 5:00 pm

3 - 5 Valentine's Dance Hosted by 5th Grade 3:00 - 4:30 pm

See the flyers 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- Ice Cream is on sale for \$1.00

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

No School

There will be no school on Monday February 20th in observance of President's Day.



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

Dismissal Changes cestransportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us



Crookshank Cougars PTO



Valentine Grams

♥ It's time! Valentine Grams are for sale from February 1-10th from 8-8:20 in the main hall. They're only \$1 apiece, and a great way to send some love to your classmates, friends, and teachers!

*We will help your kiddo fill out their gram at our table, or you can print out the attached page and send it with your payment to our table!

*Family Members- do you want to send one to your kiddo? Print the attached page, fill out your message, and send it with your payment in a sealed envelope for your kiddo to drop off at our table. We'll attach it to a gram and deliver it for you! ♥

Dance Helpers Needed!

There are two special Valentine dances coming up on February 10th from 3-5pm! Fifth grade is sponsoring a dance for 3rd-5th grades, and Extended Day is sponsoring a dance for k-2nd grades. Can you help? Do you have a middle schooler who would like to help? Let us know!

CrookshankPTO@gmail.com

Volunteer!

We have so many great opportunities to volunteer this semester at Crookshank! From helping in the lunchroom, to teacher appreciation, to PTO events, we are grateful for any time you have to give!

Keep checking the link, as we will add more opportunities! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA5A62AAAF5C61-volunteer1>

Spirit Wear Fridays!

Winter is still here, and we still have plenty of hoodies for sale! Shop for yours now- we have youth and adult sizes! <https://crookshank-ptto.cheddarup.com>



Smencils!

Smencil sales will resume after February 10th. Until then, buy your Valentine Grams!

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.



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>

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





K-2



Valentine's Day Party!

Friday, February 10th

3-5pm

\$6 admission

\$4 Photo Booth

\$1 Snacks & Drinks

Complimentary treat bags

Face painting

Music

Arts & crafts

Games and more !



RSVP By: Monday, 2/8/23.

EXACT CHANGE ONLY!!

Student name: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

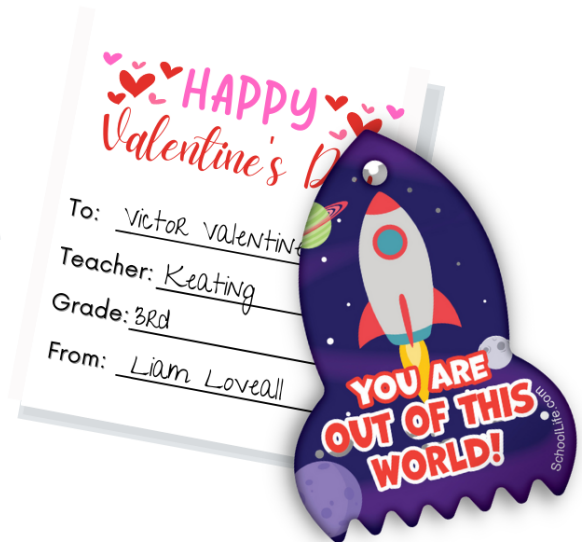
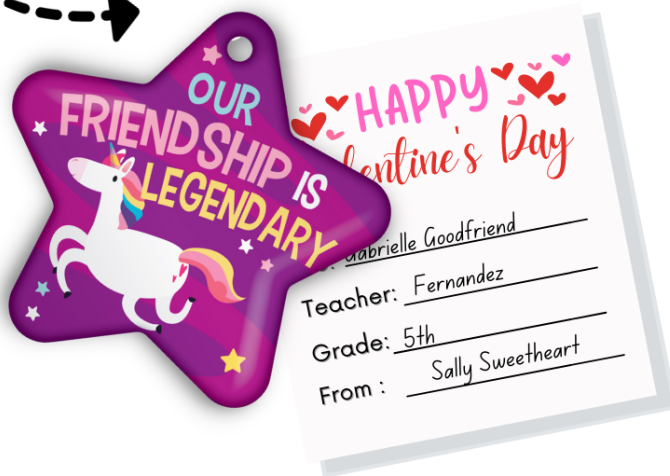
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CROOKSHANK PTO PRESENTS

Valentine's GRAMS

Send your classmates, friends, & teachers a Brag Tag!

ONLY \$1
PER GRAM



DEADLINE:
FEBRUARY 10

Come by our table in the main hall each morning from 8:00-8:25am from **February 1 to February 10**. We'll add a cool Brag Tag to your gram and deliver them to classrooms on February 14.



TOP TEN TIPS

to Get Your Child to School on Time



10. Know what “on time” means.

Our campus opens at 8:00 AM, and class begins at 8:25 AM sharp. Instruction starts promptly at 8:25 AM.

9. Know why it matters to be on time.

In the first few minutes in your child’s class they might talk through the schedule, complete classroom jobs, turn in homework, put away and obtain materials, do the Flag Salute, take lunch count, start a morning meeting and get rolling in the routine of the day. Missing any part of this is a big deal!

8. Consider eating breakfast at school.

Breakfast is FREE and available to all students beginning at 8:00 AM each morning.

7. Consider taking the bus.

If a bus is offered near your home it’s a good, predictable way to go. The bus gives you a chance to get your child ready and we take it from there —our friends in Transportation get our students to school on time, like clockwork! If your child has not tried it, now might be the time!

6. Start an evening routine.

This might include your child setting their backpack by the door, putting their homework in the backpack, and getting pesky items like shoes and coat ready by the door as well. Could you get lunch and breakfast set out before you head to bed? Then follow this routine up with getting to bed at a good time. School and play are hard work and students need more sleep than you might expect!

5. Establish a morning routine.

You might consider a checklist or a schedule with simple pictures of the step by step of the routine. If you don’t want to be getting your child ready for work when he’s 21, this is a great step toward independence and a tool that can help him get there! An alarm clock is another powerful tool and makes you less of the enemy at wake-up time! Most devices have alarms on them as well. Give it a shot!

4. Trick yourself!

Set the clock on the microwave or in the car a few minutes fast so you can leave some flex time for yourself and your child. This may work for a chronically late spouse or partner as well!

3. Have a Plan B.

What should your child do if they wake up before you do? What will you do if your car won’t start? What about if you are too sick to drive your child to school? Plan ahead for these scenarios and you’ll have less stress!

2. Empower your child to do their part.

Whether they are in Kindergarten or 6th grade, typically developing or with a disability, your child CAN and SHOULD have some ownership in their daily routines. If your child can’t yet tie their shoes, choose a breakfast item or select an appropriate outfit, think about how over time, with guidance and feedback, they CAN do it! I have heard it said, “Your child will be as independent as you allow them to be!” Let’s add, as independent as you allow, *expect* and *guide* them to be!

1. Do your part as an act of LOVE.

Often times, it’s our actions as adults that cause our students to be late to school. Think about the times that you have been late to a meeting at work or a doctor’s appointment and how that made you feel. It can throw off your whole day, can’t it? Make it a priority to get your child to school on time to show them that school is important to you but more importantly that THEY are important to YOU!



LET'S GET 100% OF OUR SCHOOL FAMILIES TO LEARN HANDS-ONLY CPR!



Learn this lifesaving skill by joining KHC today to begin Finn's Missions.



Raise funds for kids with special hearts.



Feel good for doing good!



Earn thank-you gifts.



Discover stress reduction techniques.



Learn about heart & brain health.



Students who raise \$150 before your KHC Kick-Off will receive our collector's edition XL Frankie!



Complete Finn's Mission to earn Finn's Lifesavers Award!



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SCAN THIS QR CODE WITH YOUR CAMERA TO REGISTER TODAY!



SEBASTIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Now!!

February 15th

February 23-24

February 28th

March 1st

March 2nd

March 3rd

View our website

5:30 – 7:00 SMS STEM Rising 6th Night!

All are welcome!

Recommendation sheets go home in folders.

Registration at Ketterlinus

Registration @ R B Hunt

Registration at Crookshank

Registration at Palencia





St Johns County School District

Next Hiring for Substitute Guest Teachers Posting Feb. 6, 2023 – Feb. 12, 2023 in AppliTrack Application System

**SJCSD is ready to hire substitute guest teachers
who are ready to make a difference for students in
Pre-K - 12th grade. Daily hourly rate \$15.00.**

The substitute guest teacher role provides:

- Opportunity to put your degree to work.
- Flexibility – you pick the days and schools.
- An opportunity to work with diverse student populations.
- An opportunity to contribute to the learning and development of the students in our school district.

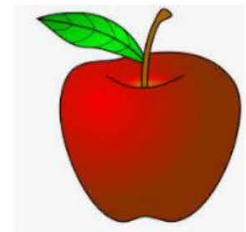
Come join our team.

Applicants who hold a minimum of an Associate degree or equivalent of 60 credits or higher and who are 20 years of age or older are eligible to apply. Preferences given to applicants that have graduated or are graduating from an Education program. All applicants will be reviewed for strong teaching potential, above average references, experience in critical need areas, and/or an education degree.

For full job description, requirements and to apply online,

Visit: <https://www.applitrack.com/stjohns/onlineapp/>

**Questions? Please call 904-547-7636 Smartfind Helpdesk or
application questions call AppliTrack helpdesk 547-7631**



St. Johns County School District

Proudly hosts

Teacher Recruitment & Job Fairs



Teacher Recruitment and Job Fair

Saturday, February 25, 2023

8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Nease High School Media Center

Teacher Recruitment and Job Fair

Saturday, March 25, 2023

8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Nease High School Media Center



Live



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Play

Register at: <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/recruitment/jobfairs/>

Must have a complete application at
<https://www.applitrack.com/stjohns/onlineapp/>

See you there!

ABOVE *and* BEYOND



TEACHER ESSAY CONTEST

JANUARY 9 - MARCH 12

Applebee's® will award one deserving teacher from each school district a \$500 sponsorship check for their classroom for the upcoming year and host their current class an end-of-the-year party!*

To enter the contest, students will need to nominate their teacher with an essay on why their teacher deserves to be Applebee's Teacher of the Year!



All entries receive an Applebee's
FREE ICE CREAM CERTIFICATE

Middle & High School Students: **500 WORDS**
Elementary School Students: **1/2 PAGE**

*Contest open 1/9/23 - 3/12/23 to Doherty Enterprises owned and operated Applebee's® restaurants in the following counties: Florida (Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Duval, Indian River, Lee, Miami-Dade, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, Sarasota, St. Johns and St. Lucie) and Georgia (Ware). Prizes subject to change. All essays will need to be submitted in person to your local Doherty Enterprises owned and operated Applebee's® location in Florida and Georgia. Please see a Manager for additional rules and submittal form.

Applebee's Above & "Bee"yond Teacher Essay Contest

2023 Rules & Regulations

Applebee's will award one deserving teacher from each school district (county) a \$500 sponsorship check for their classroom for the upcoming year and throw their current class an end of the year party** at Applebee's.

**If student/school cannot accommodate class party, party will be replaced by two dinner for four certificates for essay writer.

- Contest dates:
 - Contest starts: Monday, January 9, 2023
 - Contest will end on Sunday, March 12, 2023
 - All entries must be delivered to the local Applebee's no later than 10 PM March 12, 2023
 - Winner will be announced on Friday, April 14, 2023
 - End of Year Party will need to be thrown before Sunday, June 11, 2023
- To enter the contest:
 - Must nominate an elementary, middle or high school teacher in stated counties below.
 - Middle and High School students will need to nominate their teacher with a 500 word essay on why their teacher deserves to be Applebee's Teacher of the Year.
 - Elementary School students will need to nominate their teacher with a ½ page essay on why their teacher deserves to be Applebee's Teacher of the Year
 - All essays will need to be submitted in person to their local Applebee's General Manager/Manager on duty.
- Entries must attend school in the following counties:
 - Counties include:
 - Georgia: Ware
 - Florida: Duval, St. Johns, Indian River, St. Lucie, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade, Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Sarasota
- Contest only valid at Doherty Inc. owned and operated Applebee's restaurants

Applebee's Above & "Bee"yond Teacher Essay Contest

Submission Form

Name of Student _____ Email Address and/or Phone _____

Name of Teacher Nominated _____ Name of School Student Attends _____

County in which student attends school _____ Principal of School _____

For Applebee's ONLY

Applebee's Location Submitted To _____ Date Essay Submitted _____

Manager Name Submitted To _____ Manager Signature _____

Please Staple Essay to Submission Form*

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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

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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Sincerely,

Patrick Roach, Principal

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Recognize Your Student in the
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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

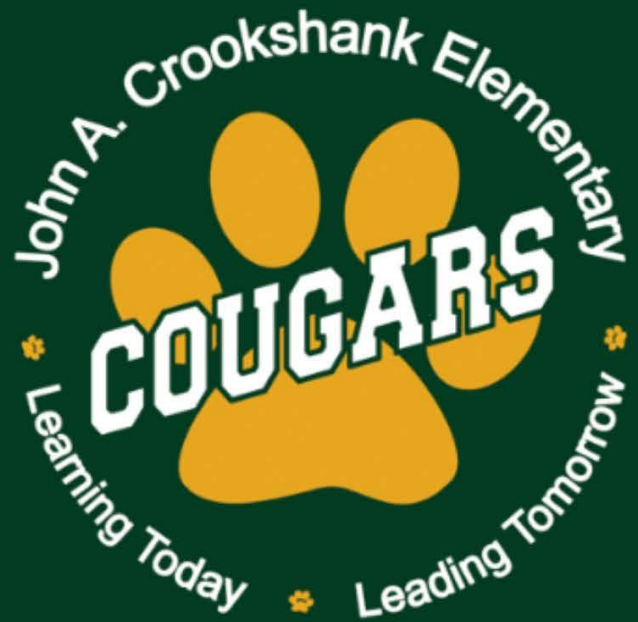
We are looking for a secretary and treasurer. Contact Rachael Miller if you are interested.

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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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