

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 May 22, 2023

5/22	5 th Grade Promotion Ceremony
5/23	5 th Grade Kickball Tournament,
	Cookout and Clap out.
5/24	5 th Grade Universal Trip
	Early Dismissal 1:45 pm
5/25	Last Day of School
	Early Dismissal 1:45 pm
5/26	Teacher Planning Day
	5/24

Yearbooks

Yearbooks were distributed today to 5th grade students and will be distributed to all grade levels on Monday, May 22. As a reminder, yearbooks were available on a preorder basis only. There are not extras available for purchase. If your 5th grade student did not receive a yearbook today or if your PK-4 student does not receive a yearbook on Monday, please email a copy of your receipt to richard.greenough@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Last Day of School

The last day of school is quickly approaching. The last day is Thursday May 25th. Dismissal will be at 1:45

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our 5th graders as they leave us to go on to Middle School. Good luck! We will miss you!

Summer Learning Opportunities

Our rising 4th & 5th grade students will have an opportunity to participate in a Summer Science and Writing Camp. There will be a limited number of seats.

Please see the flyer below.

MEDICATION PICK UP

As we near the end of the school year, I would like to remind you that your child's medication should be picked up from the clinic by *THURSDAY*, *MAY 25*, *2023*. School policy does not allow for medication to remain in the school over the summer. It will be important for you to make arrangements to pick up your child's medication since medications may not go home with the student. Any medication left in the clinic after *THURSDAY*, *MAY 25*, *2023*, will be discarded according to policy.

Do not hesitate to reach out to Roxane Smith, RN, BSN/School Health Nurse for any questions or concerns.

Summer Meals

Crookshank Elementary is a site for free breakfast and lunch all summer! More information, including dates and times, will be sent via School Messenger when available.

Returning Student Verification Online Form

The District has sent out all Returning Student Verification Forms with SNAP CODES to parent's email addresses that we have on file. If you haven't already done so, please complete your student(s) registration enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year. This process only takes about 10 minutes or less and must be completed to keep your student(s) enrolled in SJCSD. Only new upcoming Kindergarten students and 5th graders going to middle school must upload address documentations. Should you be withdrawing for the 2023-2024 school year, please contact our Data Operator, Ms. Lisa Cogar to ensure accuracy with our student enrollment.

Summer Camps

Boys and Girls Club

Summer Academy https://www.bgcnf.org/camps
See the flyer below for more details.

PAL Summer Camps

Summer sports and cheer camps. See the flyer below for more details.

Summer Camps offered in town.

https://fun4auggiekids.com/Camps/

West Augustine Gotta Catch 'Em All Summer Camp

St. John's County Parks and Recreation is offering a summer camp to West Augustine residents. See the flyer below for more details.

SJCCA Performing Arts Summer Camp @ Murray Middle School

This camp is for Rising 6th – 8th graders. See the flyer below for more details.

Elementary Fine Arts Summer Camp

This camp is for Rising 3rd – 5th graders. See the flyer below for more details.

Jacket Athletic Boosters Summer Camps See the flyer below for more details.

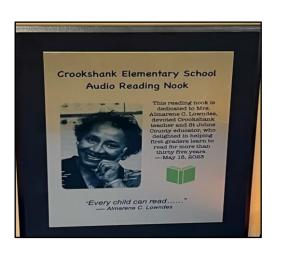
STEAM Camp at Sebastian Middle See flyer below for more details.

New Crookshank Reading Nook

A new audio reading nook was dedicated on May 18, 2023 to commemorate the lifelong work and service of Mrs. Almarene C. Lowndes, a devoted Crookshank teacher and Saint John's County educator.

Throughout her career and life, Mrs. Lowndes never doubted that the smallest act of empathy, encouragement or connection could change a child's life.

The reading nook was funded as a gift to Crookshank Elementary by Mrs. Lowndes' family to honor her contributions over thirty-five years helping first graders learn to read and will continue her commitment to create a "spark for learning" in children who struggle.









Crookshank Cougars PTO

Thank You!

Thank you for a wonderful year!
Thank you to everyone who
participated in our events and spirit
nights! We look forward to more
activities next year!



Please Vote!

Happy Last Week of School! Please take a minute to vote on a staff grant approval and new board members for next year (it really will only take a

minute): https://forms.gle/cRNak8yknTvz5N7i9
We appreciate all of you so much! Have a wonderful summer break- stay tuned for even more fun next year!

Your 2022-2023 CES PTO Board Jen, Shawna, Jaclyn, Renee, and Frani











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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The **Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST)** is a progress monitoring system that is 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 participate in the third administration (PM3) of the Grades $3^{\rm rd} - 5^{\rm th}$ Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) Reading and Mathematics assessments on May 1 – May 16. The results from PM3 will show how well your student has mastered the grade level content standards, and you will be provided with information about how to access the results after testing is completed.

Your student's FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get less or more difficult depending on how a student responds, and each student will see different questions from a common item bank. Each test attempt (PM1, PM2, and PM3) will present items that 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.

5/1 - 3rd Grade Reading
5/15 - 4th Grade Reading: Gallagher, Smolek
5/2 - 3rd Grade Math
5th Grade Science
5/3 - 5/5 3rd Grade Make Ups
5/8 - 5th Grade Reading
5/16 - 4th Grade Math: Gallagher, Smolek
5th Grade Science
5/9 - 5th Grade Math
5/17 - 5/19 Make Ups
5/10 - Make Ups
5/11 - 4th Grade Reading: Kennelly, Allen, Zaletel
5/12 - 4th Grade Math: Kennelly, Allen, Zaletel

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **Electronic Devices**—Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing **or** during breaks (e.g., restroom), **even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them**. If your student is found with an electronic device or is found using Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds during testing, his or her test will be invalidated.
- Calculator Policy—For Grades 7–8 FAST Mathematics assessments, approved handheld scientific calculators may be used. For Grade 6 FAST Mathematics, a handheld four-function calculator may be used.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment that reads: "I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated." Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by clicking the box in the secure browser indicating they understand the testing rules.

- Discussing Test Content after Testing—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they click the box to accept the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states that because the content of all statewide assessments is secure, students may not discuss or reveal details about the test content (including test items and passages) after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting to social media sites. Please make sure your student understands this policy prior to testing and remind them that "discussing" test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, posting to social media, or sharing online. While students may not share information about secure test content after testing, this policy is not intended to prevent students from discussing their testing experiences with their parents/families.
- Working Independently—Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test
 and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating
 during testing, their tests will be invalidated.
- **Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing a test (e.g., for lunch, an appointment), he or she **will not** be allowed to return to that test. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.
- **Testing Accommodations**—If your student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 Plan, or is an English Language Learner (ELL) or a recently exited ELL, please contact the school to discuss the testing accommodations that will be provided for your student.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact: Joelle Johnson — <u>Joelle Johnson@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u>
Bailey Benoit — Bailey.Benoit@stjohns.k12.fl.us

For more information about the FAST 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

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PAWS UP!

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Your student's FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get less or more difficult depending on how a 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.

4/17 - 2nd Grade Reading

4/18 - 2nd Grade Math

4/20 - 1st Grade Reading

4/21 - 1st Grade Math

4/24 - Kindergarten Reading: McQuaig, Taylor, Ramirez, Heldenbrand

4/25 - Kindergarten Math: McQuaig, Taylor, Ramirez, Heldenbrand

4/27 - Kindergarten Reading: Dingler, White, Moore

4/28 - Kindergarten Math: Dingler, White, Moore

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

Joelle Johnson — <u>Joelle Johnson@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u>

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

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

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St. Johns County

Public Library System

FREE ENGLISH CLASSES



Join SJCPLS and Learn to Read of St. Johns County for free beginner and intermediate ESOL classes. Register at www.sjcpls.org.



Where: Bartram Trail Branch, 60 Davis Pond Blvd.

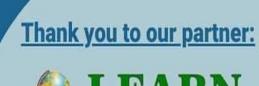


When: Every Monday

Beginner: 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.

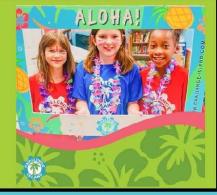
Intermediate: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call 904-827-6960.









Fast Facts About Our Islands

Challenge Island is made up of an archipelago of fun, whimsical, yet fully standard-aligned islands.

Each Island has its own unique cross-curricular theme and features a map and passport.

Every island features its own unique set of thematic destinations. Each destination offers a unique engineering challenge

During every Challenge Island class or field trip, STEAM Teams visit one of those 100's of destinations and collaboratively tackle the challenge using only a treasure chest of low-tech supplies and their boundless imaginations!



About Challenge Island

Challenge Island is the World's #1 STEAM Program. With 130 locations across the USA and worldwide, we have partnered with 10,000 schools and served 5 million children through our field trips, after school classes and summer programs. Our bestselling STEAM Adventure book series can be found in stores everywhere.



2023 Schedule

Crookshank Elementary SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!

> Dates: TUESDAYS March 21 – May 9 3:00-4:00pm

> > **REGISTER AT:**

www.challenge-island.com/firstcoast

Questions?
Inquire at <u>firstcoast@challenge-island.com</u>
Call us at:
904-447-9547



SUMMER LEARNING

Rising 4th & 5th Science and Writing Camp

June 5-July 13

Two Sessions

Session 1: June 5 - June 20

Session 2: June 26 - July 13

Location: John A. Crookshank

Time: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Snack, Breakfast & Lunch Provided

Tons of Fun!

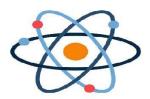
Fun Activities

Imagine

Discover

Explore

Create









Join the Boys & Girls Club for Our 2023 Summer Academy

June 12th – July 28th, 2023

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW LIVE!

- Free
- 9 am 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday
- Reading, Math, and Enrichment Programming
- First Come, First Served

Submit your application at: https://www.bgcnf.org/camps

THE PLAYERS Championship
Boys & Girls Club
555 W. King St.
St. Augustine, FL 32084
(904) 825-975



Tues. 5/30-Fri. 6/2 Ages 7-14

Time 9am-2pm **Ketterlinus Gym** \$125.

Mon. 6/12-Thur. 6/15

Ages 7-17

Time 8am-1pm

\$125.

W.E. Harris Center BOXING



Mon. 6/26 - Thur. 6/29

Ages 7-14

Time 8am-1pm

\$125.

St. Aug. Little League



Mon. 6/26 - Thur. 6/29

Ages 5-14

Time 9am-2pm

Crookshank Elementary



Mon. 7/10-Thur. 7/13

Ages 7-14

Time 8am-1pm

Pomar Park





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Game 1 - 6/23

Game 2 - 6/30

Game 3 - 7/7

Game 4 - 7/14

Game 5 - 7/21

Tournament -

7/28-7/29

Ages 5-18

Evals 5/30-6/1

Monday Night Practice Friday Night Games!





SOLOMON CALHOUN SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION FOR WEST AUGUSTINE CRA RESIDENTS ONLY

Summer Camp is \$50/7 weeks *Proof of residency is required.

(Scholarships available, call/text Dwala @ 904-669-1097)

Summer Camp Dates & Hours

June 5 - July 22 *Excludes 4th of July holiday Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Registration Assistance is available at Solomon Calhoun

Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 7th-April 11th between 10am-12pm & 2:30pm - 4:30pm and

Saturdays, March 11, 25, April 1 & 15 between 9am - 12pm

DEADLINE FOR SIGNUPS: April 15th, 2023

Register Here:



Questions? Contact Brian James at 904-209-0365 or bjames@sjcfl.us















JUNE 19-29, 2023 MON-THURS 9AM-12PM



FREE CAMP FOR RISING 5TH-8TH GRADERS! Train with performing arts professionals in ballet, jazz, musical theatre, acting and more. This camp is available to all current SJCCA students and ANY SJCSD 5th-8th grader. Sessions tailored for beginning through advanced levels. Reserve your spot today as spots are limited! Scan the QR code below to register.









For more information, contact us:
Catherine.Beam@stjohns.k12.fl.us
www-mms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/sjcca

(904)547-8470

150 N Holmes Blvd, St. Augustine, FL

Summer Camp Sign Ups Now @

www.jacketathleticboosters.com/summer-camp

Multi-sport, indoor/outdoor, and co-ed camps that include basketball, football, soccer, volleyball, lacrosse and more for kids who love all sports or want to try something new!



Summer Schedule

Sports Camp Week 1:

June 12th-15th

Cheer Camp:

June 12th-15th

Sports Camp Week 2:

June 26th-29th



Cost: \$175

Location:

St Augustine

High School

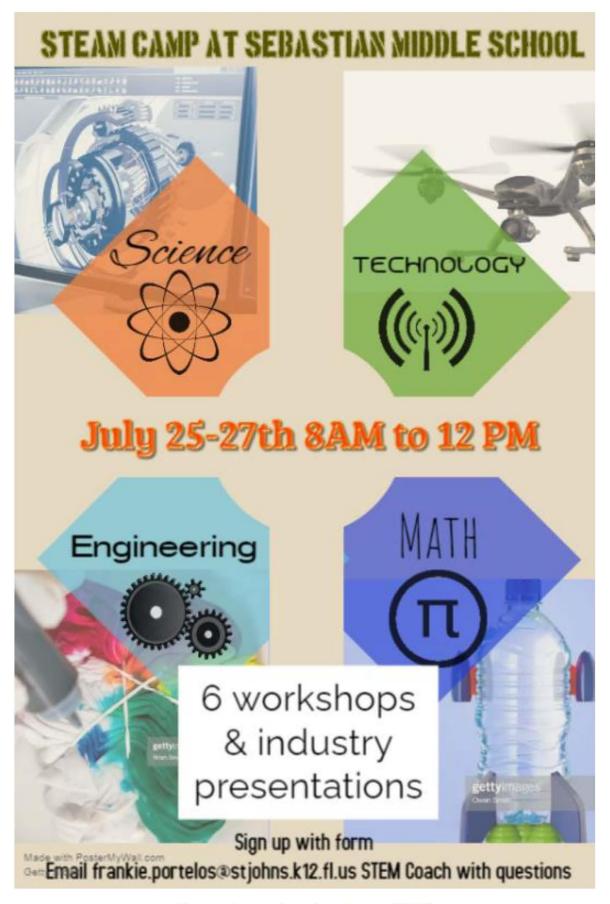
Time: 9am-3pm

Camps include:

T-Shirt and Lunch

Jacket Athletics Booster Club

Email jacketathelticboosters@gmail.com with questions



tinyurl.com/eaglessteam2023

ILLNESS GUIDELINES

Health Services

Deciding when to keep your child home from school can be difficult. When a child is sick and needs to stay at home, parents should contact the school and describe the illness and symptoms. If a medical provider makes a specific diagnosis (such as strep throat, conjunctivitis, chicken pox, etc.), let school staff know.

There are several reasons to keep (exclude) sick children from school:

- 1. The child does not feel well enough to participate comfortably in usual activities, such as with extreme signs of tiredness or fatigue, unexplained irritability or persistent crying.
- 2. The child requires more care than the school staff is able to provide without affecting the health and safety of the other children.
- 3. The illness is on the list of symptoms or illness for which exclusion is recommended.
- 4. The child is not vaccinated due to medical or religious reasons and there is an outbreak in the school.

The following list gives guidelines and recommendations for exclusion from school due to illness. Children with minor illness need not be excluded unless one or more of the following exists.

ILLNESS OR SYMPTOMS	EXCLUSION IS NECESSARY
Chicken Pox	Yes – Until blisters have dried and crusted (usually 6 days).
Conjunctivitis (pink eye) (pink or red eyes with thick mucous or pus draining from the eye)	Yes – May return 24 hours after treatment begins. If your health provider decides not to treat your child, a note is needed.
Coughing (severe, uncontrolled coughing or wheezing, rapid or difficulty in breathing)	Yes – Medical attention may be necessary. NOTE: Children with asthma may be cared for in school with a written health care plan and authorization for medication/treatment.
Coxsackie Virus (Hand, foot and mouth disease)	No – May attend if able to participate in school activities, unless the child has mouth sores and is drooling.
Diarrhea (frequent, loose or watery stools not caused by diet or medication)	Yes – if child looks or acts ill; diarrhea with vomiting; diarrhea that is not contained in the toilet.
Fever with behavior changes or illness <u>Fever</u> is an elevation of body temperature above normal.	Yes – when fever is elevated above 100.4° and is accompanied by behavior changes or other symptoms of illness, such as fatigue, rash, sore throat, upper respiratory symptoms, vomiting, diarrhea, etc. Must remain at home for at least 24 hours or until all symptoms subside medication free.
Fifth Disease	No – child is no longer contagious once rash illness appears.
Head Lice	Yes – May return after treatment and removal of all live lice and nits from hair.
Hepatitis A	Yes - Until 1 week after onset of illness or jaundice and when able to participate in school activities.
Herpes	Yes – if area is oozing and cannot be covered, e.g.,

	mouth sores. Otherwise, may return to school.
Impetigo/Staph/MRSA	Yes – May return 24 hours after treatment starts. Wound must be covered with dressing taped on all 4 sides.
Body Rash <u>with</u> fever	Yes – Seek medical advice. Any rash that spreads quickly, has open, weeping wounds and/or is not healing should be evaluated. May return to school when medical provider determines that illness is not communicable.
Mild Cold Symptoms (stuffy nose with clear drainage, sneezing, mild cough)	No – May attend if well enough to participate in school activities.
Upper Respiratory Complications - large amount of thick nasal discharge - extreme sleepiness - ear pain - fever (100° or above orally)	Yes – Seek medical advice. May return when symptoms are improved.
Ringworm	Yes – May return after treatment begins. Area should be covered while in school for the first 48 hours of treatment.
Roseola	No – Unless child cannot participate in usual activities and has fever.
Scabies	Yes – May return after treatment is started with note from medical provider.
Strep Throat	Yes – May return after 24 hours of antibiotic treatment and no fever for 24 hours.
Vaccine Preventable Diseases (mumps, measles, whooping cough)	Yes – Until judged not infectious by a medical provider. Report all cases to Health Services Coordinator.
Vomiting (2 or more episodes in the past 24 hrs)	Yes – until vomiting resolves or health care provider determines that cause is not communicable. Note: Observe for other signs of illness and for dehydration.

Handout developed by The Children's Hospital School Health Program, Denver, CO (303) 281-2790, 1995, revised 1999, 2001, and 2003. Revised 2019, for use by St. Johns County School Health Services, St. Johns County, FL.

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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

Benefits of Being a Boys & Girls Club Member

- FREE After School Program with Snacks & Dinner
- FREE bus transportation provided from Osceola, Webster and Crookshank Elementary School to the Club.
- Parents/quardians will be responsible to pick up your child(ren)
- at the TPC Club at 555 West King Street, St. Augustine.
- Afterschool service times: 3:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m.
- Homework assistance
- Project-based learning and enrichment programs to enhance what students learn in school
- Programming: Academic Learning, Science, Technology,
 Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) + Literacy Programs
- Adult Family Services The Boys & Girls Clubs will provide
 Osceola Elementary Adult Family Members with fun programs,
 literacy and other topics of importance.

Begins August 10th Monday - Friday

Club Information

THE PLAYERS Championship
Club

555 West King Street St. Augustine, Florida

Rona Welch, Unit Director RonaW@BGCNF.org

904.825.1975

Register On Line at www.BGCNF.org/join

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.



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

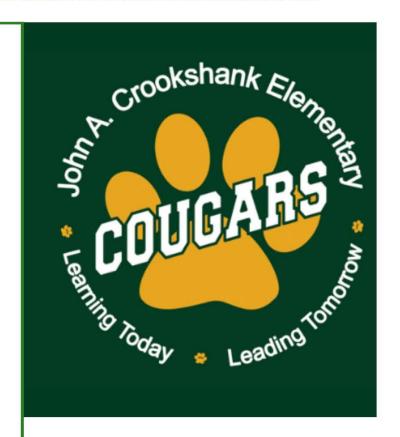
Dates:

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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