

# Cougar Growl Family Newsletter

Aug 14 – Aug 18, 2023

August Character Counts: All Pillars

## Volume 1: Issue 1

**Early Car Rider Drop off** 7:55 am

**School Opens for all students:** 8:00 am

**School Start Time:** 8:25 am

**School Dismissal Time:** 2:45 pm\*

\* Wednesday 1:45 pm

### Monday, August 14

### Tuesday, August 15

Tie Tuesday: Students are encouraged to wear a Tie

### Wednesday, August 16

### Thursday, August 17

### Friday, August 18

### Saturday, August 19

Applebee's CES PTO Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

8:00 am – 10:00 am – Please see the attached flyer.

**Mission :** The professional learning community at John A. Crookshank Elementary School is dedicated to collaboration in developing purposeful instructional delivery models. We work together to create intentional learning opportunities that develop the whole child and provide our students with the foundational skills and growth mindset to be both academically and socially emotionally successful. We celebrate individual accomplishments, value diversity, respect exceptionalities, and partner with our families to meet the unique needs of each student.

**Vision:** To develop lifelong learners, nurturing collaborative critical thinkers.

**Quote:** "Children are apt to live up to what you believe of them." – Lady Bird Johnson

### Upcoming Dates:

Student Safety and Conduct Assemblies	8/21
National Tug of War Day (Weather permitting)	8/25
National College Colors Day	9/1
Labor Day – No School	9/4
PTO/SAC Meeting 5:30 pm	9/11
Buddy a Thon Kick Off*	9/15
International Dot Day	9/15
Open House 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	9/18
Last Day of Buddy a Thon Fundraiser	9/29

\*Tentative

## The Future Begins Here!

### HOT TOPICS

**Kindergarten Parent Escort:** Just a reminder to our Kinder parents that Monday, August 14, will be the last opportunity to walk your student to their classroom.

**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 SJCS. 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 the most accurate student enrollment and in turn to make sure we are appropriately staffed.

**Free Breakfast and Lunch:** John A. Crookshank Elementary is a site for free breakfast and lunch. Breakfast starts at 7:45 am for our Extended Day students and stops at 8:25 am. We encourage all of your students to have breakfast each morning and lunch in our café.

**Student Car Tags:** If your student is a returning car rider, please make sure to get a new 23-24 Car Tag. This applies to all new Cougars as well. Our staff will be looking for the new tags when calling students in the afternoon and releasing students to vehicles. If you need a new car rider tag, they can be picked up in the front office. Make sure to have your identification.

**Walkers:** Just a friendly reminder that the walker gate is for students and parents/guardians who arrive on campus as walkers. The walker gate opens up at 8:00 am in the morning and 3:00pm in the afternoon.

**You've Been Caught ROARing!** We are starting a new PBIS positive recognition program this year called You've Been Caught ROARing! Students will be recognized for go above and beyond to meet the CES Guidelines for Success – **Personal Best, Act Responsible, Work Together, Show Respect.** Students who are recognized will receive a recognition slip and then become eligible to win a t-shirt and lunch with Mr. Roach and Mrs. Thomas.

**Tie Tuesday:** This year we are encouraging students to wear a tie on the second Tuesday of each month: 9/12, 10/10, 11/14, 12/12, 1/9, 2/13, 3/19\*, 4/9, 5/14\*  
\*(Please note these dates are not the second Tuesday)

**Absence Reporting:** <https://forms.office.com/r/12VxCbyJv9/#submit-absences>

**Dismissal Changes:** [cestransportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:cestransportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

**Clinic News:** If you have any clinic questions, please call or email Nurse Roxane Smith at 904-547-7832 <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/health/>

**District Student Code of Conduct:** Please see the link below for the SJCS 23-24 Student Code of Conduct  
<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/schoolservices/conduct/>

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## PTO Updates

Hello, Cougar Families! We hope you have had a great first day! We are your PTO, and our mission is to bring some fun to this school year by planning activities for our children and families, fundraising, and providing our staff with what they need to make the classroom experience the best for our precious children. See the attached flyer for some fun events and important dates coming up this semester!

The FIRST Spirit Event of the Year is happening Saturday, August 19th from 8-10am at Applebee's on SR312! Enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast with your Crookshank family served by celebrity guest waiters:) Purchase tickets here: <https://crookshank-pto.cheddarup.com>

Spirit Day is every Friday- need some swag to wear? Place an order, and we'll deliver it to your kiddo's class! Purchase a field trip shirt here as well! <https://crookshank-pto.cheddarup.com>

Our PTO membership drive is happening now! Send in the attached form or sign up online here: <https://crookshank-pto.cheddarup.com>

Interested in joining our team? Email: [CrookshankPTO@gmail.com](mailto:CrookshankPTO@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Dates:

- August 19 Pancakes at Applebee's 8:00 am – 10:00 am
- September 11 PTO/SAC Meeting 5:30 pm
- September 15 Beginning of Buddy a Thon
- September 19 Chipotle Spirit Night (More information to come)
- September 29 End of Buddy a Thon

Best wishes for a fantastic year! GOOOOOOOOO Cougars!

*Personal Best*

*Act Responsible*

*Work Together*

*Show Respect*

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*One Team!*

*One Goal!*

*Success for All!*