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.

7:55 am

8:00 am

8:25 am

2:45 pm *

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Early Car Rider Drop off School Opens for all students: School Start Time: School Dismissal Time: * Wednesday 1:45 pm

<u>Monday, December 4</u>

PTO Holiday Shop PM2 Window Opens

<u>Tuesday, December 5</u>

PTO Holiday Shop Drama Tryouts 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm CES Spirit Night @ 123 Burger House 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Wednesday, December 6

Early Release PTO Holiday Shop Drama Tryouts 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm Murray MS Choir Carolin Cougars Lighthouse 6:30pm

<u>Thursday, December 7</u>

PTO Holiday Shop Picture Retakes (Flyers in Front Office) Drama Tryouts 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

<u>Friday, December 8</u>

PTO Holiday Shop Festive Colors Day – Wear Green, Red, Silver, White, Gold Extended Day – 3-5 Movie Afternoon 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm **(See Flyer Below)**

The Future Begins Here!

HOT TOPICS

PM2 Testing Window Opens

The FAST Cambium & STAR Progress Monitoring 2 Assessment Window Opens Monday, December 4 and runs through January 26. Please see Testing letters below.

Dismissal and Checkouts

Dismissal changes & Early Checkouts must be completed by 2:00 PM (M ,T, TH, F) and by 1:00 PM (W). All changes should be in writing. Please send changes to <u>CES transportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u>

Donation Box

There will be a wrapped donation box located in the main hallway. If you can find it in your heart to donate, please drop in clothing items and blankets. All items will be donated to the Betty Griffin Center.

Cougar Café Lunch Menu:

https://schools.mealviewer.com/school/JohnCrookshankElem entary

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

Dismissal Changes: cestransportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Growth Mindset: "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." -Ralph Waldo Emerson

<u>Upcoming Events</u>

12/11	SAC Meeting
12/12	Tie Tuesday
12/14	CES Carolin Cougars Holiday Performance
12/15	Ugly Sweater Day
12/21	Early Release - 1:45 pm
	End of Quarter Two and First Semester

4:00 pm

6:30 pm at CES Cafetorium

<u>Running Reminders</u>

Walker Drop Off

Parents and families, instead of walking up or riding a bike up the bus loop entrance, please use the sidewalks along the playground to arrive at the walker gate. It's a very unsafe mix of walking/biking and buses.

Parent Drop Off and Pick:

Some friendly reminders:

1. Please remain in your vehicle when dropping off and picking up. A CES staff member will assist with your student exiting and entering the vehicle.

2. Remember, the PPU line is a hands-free zone, so help us keep kids safe AND keep the line moving by saving phone calls and texts for later."

3. Please pull up as much as you can to keep the line moving. Try to avoid large gaps in the line so we can make dismissal run smoothly for our students and staff!"

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

Wellness Navigator

Our new Wellness Navigator, Hilena Coleman has joined the CES Family. As some of you know, this position serves as a facilitator between our school community and local medical, dental and resource services. Mrs. Coleman is excited about working with our Cougar Families.

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/

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.

<u>Running Reminders</u>

Instructional Materials Adoption (Social Studies)

St. Johns County School District's review of Social Studies resources has concluded. Resources that were selected by adoption committees for submission to the School Board for adoption consideration may be accessed on our website at https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/instructional-materials/adoption/ You may utilize the following link to review the materials: website at https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/instructional-materials/adoption/ You may utilize the following link to review the materials: website at https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/instructional-materials/adoption/ You may utilize the following link to review the materials: website at https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/instructional-materials/adoption/ You may utilize the following link to review the materials: website at Steo the available for review.ll by website at <a href="https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/instructional-materials-adoption-materials-materials-materials-adoption-materials-materials-materials-adoption-materials-materials-adopti

Child Safety Matters

K-5 students will participate in two Child Safety Matters Lessons during their media resource time in the upcoming months. This program is state approved and meets Florida's requirements for health education. Child Safety Matters (CSM) is a comprehensive, evidence-based curriculum for elementary school students in grades K-5. The program educates and empowers children and all relevant adults with information and strategies to prevent, recognize, and respond appropriately to bullying, cyberbullying, all types of abuse, and digital abuse dangers. The lessons will be facilitated by our school counselor, Bailey Benoit. Please reach out to <u>bailey.benoit@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> with any questions.

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

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 going 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.

CEG Student and Parent Handbook: Please see the link for the CES 23-24 Student and Parent PBIS Handbook <u>https://sjschools-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/e016892</u> stjohns k12 fl_us/Ec-<u>RRFxqvNBNmxELeQ6SrQkBULB7vmYDXR98HjnAY3-Q_w?e=IrHIDe</u>

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

PTO Updates

Hello, Cougar Families! Join us for the events that we are excited to bring to Crookshank! Our main goal is to keep building the wonderful sense of community that we are so lucky to have at our school. Whether it be the excitement of planning and volunteering, to attending activities with your family, know that your participation is so appreciated and valuable. Stay tuned for all of these opportunities. Thank you for your support, and please let us know if you need anything!

Holiday Shop

Holiday Shop will take place December 4th- 8th- this is such a special week for our students, as they will have the opportunity to shop for holiday gifts for their families. It is so much fun! Sign up to help here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA5A62AAAF5C61-holiday1#/ *Please make sure you an approved volunteer. Also, WE NEED WRAPPING PAPER! If you are out and see a good deal, pick some up and drop it off to the front office. Thank you! Please see the flyer below and keep an eye out for it in your kiddo's Wednesday folder!

Volunteer With Us!

Holiday Shop from December 4th-8th is our main need right now! Sign up to help here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA5A62AAAF5C61-holiday1#/

Spirit Night

December's Spirit Night is at **123 Burger House** on Tuesday, December 5th from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Support Crookshank and enjoy Nights of Lights without the weekend crowd!

Spirit Wear Day

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

Jacksonville Tcemen Game

Wednesday, January 31st will be Crookshank Night at the 7:00 game! Our Carolin' Cougars will perform the National Anthem, and we will receive \$5 from every ticket sold! Tickets to an Icemen game makes the perfect holiday gift! Purchase your tickets using this link to sit with your Crookshank friends and to benefit our school: <u>https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Crookshankelementary</u> See the flyer below for additional details!

Thank you for your support,

Your CES PTO Board

One Team! One Goal! Success for All!



Please send money in an envelope or bag!

Join us for our 2nd Annual

Christmas Workshop

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

> When: December 8, 2023 Time: 4:00pm-6:00pm Where: Little Smiles 1301 Plantation Island Dr. Ste 305 St. Augustine, FL 32080



PM2 Testing Update: Grades K – 2nd

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 take the Kindergarten/Grade 1/Grade 2 Renaissance Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and/or Star Math assessment(s). Your student's results from PM2 are for informational purposes only. Upon request, you will be provided 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 20 minutes to complete. The Star Reading assessment is usually completed in less than 30 minutes, and the Star Math assessment typically takes less than 30 minutes to complete.

1/9 – 1st Reading: - J. Ahr, Richardson, Rodriguez, Simcoe, White
1/10 – 1st Math: - J. Ahr, Richardson, Rodriguez, Simcoe, White
1/9 – 2nd Reading:- Baker, Kamm, Frazer, Watts, Zytowski
1/10 – 2nd Math: - Baker, Kamm, Frazer, Watts, Zytowski
1/16 – KG Reading: - T.Ahr, Dingler, McQuaig, Ramirez, Taylor
1/17 – KG Math: - T.Ahr, Dingler, McQuaig, Ramirez, Taylor

Make Up Dates: 1/11, 1/12, 1/16, 1/17, 1/18, 1/19

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

Joelle Johnson – <u>Joelle.Johnson@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> Adriana Orta – <u>Adriana.Orta@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> Bailey Benoit – <u>Bailey.Benoit@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u>

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

PAWS UP!

Ashley Torrente Assistant Principal Ashley.Torrente@stjohns.k12.fl.us Patrick Roach Principal Patrick.Roach@stjohns.k12.fl.us Christi Thomas Assistant Principal Christi.Thomas@stjohns.k12.fl.us



PM2 Testing Update: Grades 3rd - 5th

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 first administration (**PM2**) of the **Grade** [3/4/5/Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) ELA Reading [and Mathematics] assessment[s]. Your student's results from PM2 are for informational purposes only. Upon request, you will be provided 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 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 <u>https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/</u>. If you or your student would like to interact with the online testing platform or review FAST ELA Reading [and Mathematics] sample items at home, sample test materials are available at <u>https://flfast.org/families.html</u>.

12/4 – 3 rd Reading: McVay, Keating, Matthiesen, Simpson 12/11 – 4 th Reading: Allen, Zaletel, Skanes, Smolek			
12/5 – 3 rd Math: McVay, Keating, Matthiesen, Simpson	12/12 – 4 th Math: Allen, Zaletel, Skanes, Smolek		
12/7 – 3 rd Reading: Corriell, Bikowski	12/14 – 5 th Reading: Miller, Acs, Brown, Sarracino		
12/7 – 4 th Reading: Kennelly	12/15 – 5 th Math: Miller, Acs, Brown, Sarracino		
12/8 – 4 th Math: Kennelly	12/18 – 5 th Reading: Fernandez		
12/8 – 3 rd Math: Corriell, Bikowski	12/19 – 5 th Math: Fernandez		

Make Up Dates: 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 1/10, 1/11, 1/12, 1/16, 1/17, 1/18, 1/19, 1/22, 1/23, 1/24, 1/25, 1/26

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- Electronic Devices—Students are not permitted to access any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing or during breaks (e.g., restroom). If your student is found with an electronic device or is found using Bluetooth/wireless headphones/earbuds during testing, his or her test may be invalidated.
- **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.



PM2 Testing Update: Grades 3rd - 5th

- 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.
- 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 any testing accommodations that will be provided for your student.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact: Joelle Johnson Joelle.Johnson@stjohns.k12.fl.us Adriana Orta – Adriana.Orta@stjohns.k12.fl.us 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

PAWS UP!

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Join the Crookshank Elementary Chorus for their God Bless America performance with the Icemen on Wednesday, January $31^{st}!$

Wednesday, January 31st Doors Open: 6:00pm Puck Drop: 7:00pm Vystar Veterans Memorial Arena

\$5 of each ticket purchased through the link below or the QR code above will be donated back to Crookshank Elementary!

TO PURCHASE TICKETS, PLEASE VISIT:

https://fevo-enterprise.com/Crookshankelementary



Gerry Brown | gerry@jacksonvilleicemen.com | (407)-758-8713



All proceeds will go to our end of year Universal trip!

Each bar is \$1.00

Each box is \$60.00

Buy as many as you'd like. You can pay by check (made out to: CES) or cash.



PTO Business Partners

Dear Crookshank Parents and Guardians,

We are looking for local businesses to support activities throughout the year at John A. Crookshank Elementary School and welcome the extended school community of parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and guardians to help us identify local or national businesses that might be interested in partnering with the school. Below are some areas where business partner contributions make a huge difference at Crookshank!

Fun school events and resources including:

- Holiday and other celebrations to bring our families together
- Learning and positive behavior incentives to encourage our kiddos
- Teacher Appreciation events

Funding for other critical items, such as:

- Technology and software to enhance curriculum
- Providing classroom aids in the form of supplies or learning resources
- Field Studies and other programs that will impact our students
- Teacher/student supplies to restock classrooms when the supplies run out

Partnership Levels

PRINCIPAL'S PARTNER \$1,000

- Sponsor name & logo promoted via school newsletters, social media, and PTO website
- Featured on Electronic Marquee/ School sign
- Business banner displayed on CES fence for the school year (banner provided by business)
- Opportunity to distribute promotional material at school events
- Featured at Open House Events

COUGAR PARTNER \$500

- Sponsor name & logo promoted via school newsletters, social media, and PTO website
- Business banner displayed on CES fence for the school year (banner provided by business)
- Opportunity to distribute promotional material at school events

CUB PARTNER \$250

- Sponsor name & logo promoted via school newsletters and social media
- PTO Website

PAW PARTNER \$100

• Sponsor name & logo promoted via school newsletters and social media

If you are an individual or business owner interested in participating, or know of a business that might be interested, please email <u>crookshankPTOpartners@gmail.com</u> Business partners can also sign up and make a donation directly at our online store <u>http://crookshank-pto.cheddarup.com</u>. With your support, we can achieve great things!

Warmest Regards,

Frani Heilman and Annie Oxarart Community Engagement Coordinators

Crookshank PTO

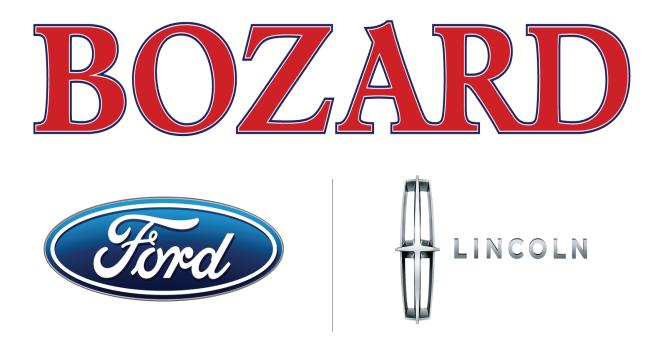
1455 N. Whitney Street St. Augustine, FL 32084

(904) 547-7840



PTO Business Partners

Principal Partners



DRIVEN TO inspire.

Principal Partners



Cougar Partners







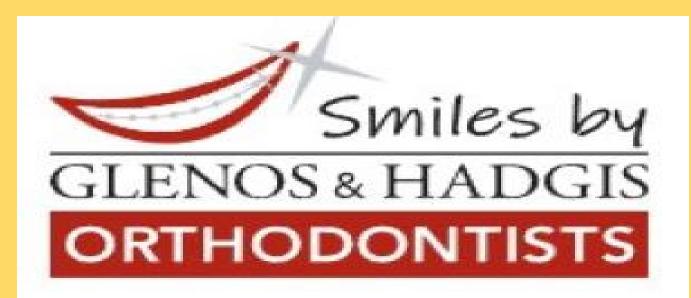
Cougar Partners







Cougar Partners







Matt & Julie Kocher jax@amazingathletes.com 615-318-5241 (5239)





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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!

be found in stores everywhere.



2023-2024 Schedule **Crookshank Elementary**

TUESDAYS 3:00-4:00pm Fall Session: 9/5 – 12/5 **Spring Session: 1/16 – 4/30**

You can attend our program for the 2023-2024 school year at no charge!

REGISTER AT:

www.challenge-island.com/firstcoast



Ouestions? Inquire at firstcoast@challenge-island.com Call us at: 904-447-9547

BLE Fresh Access



Go to the EBT booth at a participating market before you shop.

Va a la caseta de SNAP al mercado participante antes de comprar.

Swipe Your SNAP card and receive matching dollars to buy Florida-grown fresh fruits & veggies. *match limits may apply ask manager for details

Pase su tarjeta SNAP y reciba dólares equivalentes para comprar frutas y verduras frescas cultivadas en la Florida. Pueden aplicarse límites para la cantidad correspondiente; pregunte al gerente para más detalles



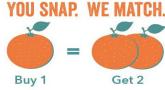
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Save on fresh Florida grown produce and enjoy!

¡Ahorre en productos frescos cultivados en Florida y disfrute!







Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program



Double Your SNAP Dollars Here:



Every Saturday 8:30-12:30

1340C A1A South, St Augustine, FL

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.





Important Notice

Florida Statute 943.082 states that if, following an investigation, it is determined that a person knowingly submitted a false tip through FortifyFL, the Internet protocol (IP) address of the device on which the tip was submitted will be provided to law enforcement agencies for further investigation, and the reporting party may be subject to criminal penalties under s. 837.05. In all other circumstances, unless the reporting party has chosen to disclose his or her identity, the report will remain anonymous.

