

# Cougar Growl Family Newsletter

August 19 – August 23, 2024

August Character Counts Trait – All Pillars

**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.

## Volume 2: Issue 2

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 19

Safety Assemblies	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:45 am
	K – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9:15 am

PTO Spirit Night 5:00 pm- 9:00 pm at Carmelo's Pizzeria

## Tuesday, August 20

## Wednesday, August 21

Early Release	1:45 pm
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## Thursday, August 22

PTO Magic Show	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
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## Friday, August 23

### **Absence Reporting:**

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

### **Early Checkout/Dismissal Changes:**

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

### **Cougar Café Lunch Menu:**

<https://schools.mealviewer.com/school/JohnCrookshankElementary>

**Growth Mindset:** “No matter how many mistakes you make or how slow you progress, you’re still way ahead of everyone who isn’t trying.” – Tony Robbins

## **The Future Begins Here!**

### HOT TOPICS

#### **Car Rider and Walkers**

Parents and families please remember that if your student is a car rider then he or she needs to be dropped off via the car rider line. Unless you have a meeting or need assistance, please do not park and walk your student up. It can create a safety concern walking against traffic. In regard to afternoon pick up, if your student is a walker, please do not park your vehicle and walk up to get them. He or she will be considered a car rider and will not be called until 3:10 pm. Thank you for your assistance with this.

#### **Car Rider – Parent Pick Up Cards**

If your student is a returning car rider, please make sure to get a new 24-25 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. When requesting a new tag, please make sure to have your identification.

#### **Fall Baseball**

We’re looking for players. Come tryout for the JV Murray/Gamble Rogers/Sebastian combined team. Tryouts are Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:30pm - 5:15pm and Monday September 9<sup>th</sup> from 3:45pm - 5:15pm at St Augustine Little League Waler Field. All kids trying out must be registered at <https://www.sjmsaa.org/baseball> Please call the head coach Nicholas Cobb at (904) 907-5540 with any questions.

#### **Receive Cougar Growl**

If you know someone who does not receive our Cougar Growl, please share this link with them.

<https://forms.office.com/r/3348QsS14Z>

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### **Car Rider - Parent Drop Off /Pick Up**

Some friendly reminders:

1. Please remain in your vehicle when dropping off and picking up. A CES staff member or safety patrol 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 arrival and dismissal run smoothly for our students and staff.

### **Access to CES**

All adults must be registered volunteers to enter the school building during school hours. You must complete the district's Volunteer Application if you wish to volunteer in a classroom, participate in any class activities, chaperone/attend a field study, eat lunch with your student, participate in a parent conference, or attend any performance or event during school hours.

Please follow the link on the John A. Crookshank website or St. Johns County School District websites to apply. <https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/>  
Once registered as a volunteer, all visitors will sign in at the front desk and present a valid state identification to receive a Volunteer Badge that must be worn in while in the building.

### **Sign in Procedure**

In line with a district wide sign in policy, all visitors requesting to enter the building will need to sign and provide an identification card. Thank you for following this safety measure.

### **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 [CES transportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:CES transportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

## **HOT TOPICS**

### **PBIS Rewards App**

PBIS Rewards has a Family App that will give you some insight into how your child is doing with respect to our PBIS program. The Family App will run on most smart devices, including smartphones and tablets. You can find it in the iPhone/iPad App Store, Google Play, and the Amazon App Store. Just search for "PBIS Rewards Family."

Once you have installed the app, you can scan the QR Code below. You will have to confirm your relationship to your student by certifying that you are a parent or guardian. Once you have done this you will be able to see your student's progress with PBIS Rewards.



You can add more than one student to the app, even if they go to different schools, as long as the school is using PBIS Rewards. We encourage you to talk with your student about what they must do to be successful with PBIS Rewards and to encourage them when you see them being successful.

Thank you!

### **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, Mrs. Torrente and Mrs. McMahon.

### **CES Student and Parent Handbook**

Please see the link for the CES 24-25 Student and Parent PBIS Handbook: [CES Student and Parent Handbook 24-25.pdf](#)

### **District Student Code of Conduct**

Please see the link for the SJCS D 24-25 Student Code of Conduct  
<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/schoolservices/conduct/>

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### **Progress Monitoring**

Throughout the school year, your students will be taking the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) progress monitoring system. Three times per year these assessments will be used to track your student's progress in learning the Benchmarks of Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards. Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> will be assessed using the Renaissance Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and/or Star Math assessment(s). 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> will be assessed using the FAST ELA, Writing and Math and also 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be assessed in Science. Your student's results from PM1 & PM2 are for informational purposes only, and you will be provided with information about how to access the results after testing is completed. Testing for PM1 schedule will be released soon.

### **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/>

### **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 [bailey.benoit@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:bailey.benoit@stjohns.k12.fl.us) with any questions.

### **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.

## HOT TOPICS

### **Home Access Center**

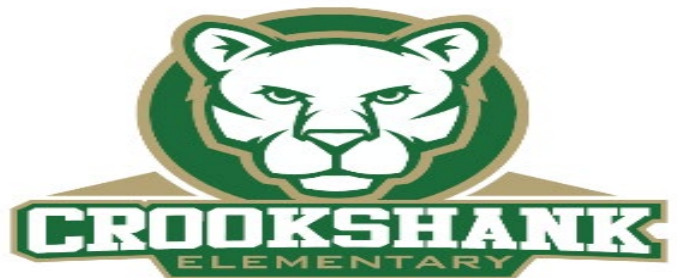
The Home Access Center (HAC) is a web-based application that is part of our Student Information System called eSchoolPlus. Please visit the website below to access or sign up for an account at <https://homeaccess.stjohns.k12.fl.us> This system provides parents and students with a daily summary page, schedule and attendance, discipline information, class work, report cards, test scores, and course requests for all students in grades 3-5. If you need assistance with your account, please contact our Computer Operator, Lisa Cogar at 904-547-7846.

### **School Messenger**

School Messenger is a rapid phone, email, and/or text notification system provided by our school district to communicate important or emergency information efficiently. This system will be used for providing accurate information to parents/guardians about daily attendance and safety as well as communication from the principal. For you to receive these messages, please make sure that your contact information is up to date.

### **Upcoming Events**

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|--------|---|--------------------|
| 8/29   | Vision is Priceless PK                                    | 9:00 am            |
| 8/30   | Vision Screening<br>K – 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 8:40 am – 11:30 am |
| 9/2    | Labor Day – No School                                     |                    |
| 9/9-13 | CES Book Fair   |                    |
| 9/10   | Open House  | 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm  |



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## CES PTO

Welcome from your Crookshank PTO!

### **Come Have Fun With Us**

We are a fun and drama free group of folks who plan exciting events and raise funds for resources to enhance our children's learning experience. 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! If you'd like to come have fun with us! Contact [CrookshankPTO@gmail.com](mailto:CrookshankPTO@gmail.com)

### **Membership is FREE!**

PTO Membership is free this year- we want everyone in our school to be a part of our amazing community and stay in touch to hear the latest information and opportunities! If you signed up at Meet the Teacher or New Family Night, you'll hear from us soon! If you haven't signed up yet, send us an email with your name, kiddo's name, teacher, and grade, and we'll add you to the list!

### **Volunteer With Us!**

Sometimes all it takes is an hour to make a difference! Save this link- we will update it all year long with volunteer opportunities (including the magician show!) and donation requests:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA5A62AAAF5C61-50513085-volunteer>

Remember to complete the School Access Form to be approved as a volunteer:

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/>

### **Back to School Event**

What a magical way to start the school year! Magician Mark Alan will be at Crookshank on Thursday, August 22nd with a special show for our Cougars! Limited seats are available- sign your kiddo up here: <https://crookshank-pto.cheddarup.com> and make sure you turn in the permission slip! The cost is \$7 which includes admission, a beverage and popcorn! Flyers were sent home during Meet the Teacher. Registration ends either Tuesday, August 20, 2024 or meet capacity (300 students).

Sign up to volunteer for the magic show here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA5A62AAAF5C61-50513085-volunteer>

### **Online Store**

Have you visited our online store? It has EVERYTHING from hats, shirts, CES swag, birthday sign info, and business partner registration! It is so easy! <https://crookshank-pto.cheddarup.com> Free classroom delivery!

### **August Spirit Night**

Monday, August 19, 2024 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Carmelo's Pizzeria located at 146 W King St, St Augustine, FL 32084. Mention Crookshank Elementary School when ordering and a percentage of the event sales will be donated to Crookshank Elementary School.

### **PTO Meetings**

Our first PTO Meeting of the year is Monday, September 16th at 5:30 pm (the original flyer said September 19th, change your calendar!). Meet in the Media Center or on Zoom- be a part of the good happening at Crookshank!

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### Box Tops

Remember cutting out Box Tops when we were kids? Now it is virtual! Download the app and use code **QPU606JL** and start snapping those receipts- each one adds up to a donation for Crookshank!

### Birthday Sign

Give your kiddo a birthday shoutout on our brand new electronic sign for only \$10! Make sure you order no later than the Wednesday before their birthday week- <https://crookshank-ptto.cheddarup.com/>

### September Spirit Night

Tuesday, September 17, 2024 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at **Chipotle** located at 1753 US Highway 1 South, St Augustine, FL 32084. Mention Crookshank Elementary School (or show the flyer) when ordering and 25% of the event sales will be donated to Crookshank Elementary School. When ordering online for pickup use the **Code ZF8X9Q4**.

### PTO Needs...

Fundraising folks! To help plan fun, engaging fundraisers Business Partners! Business Partners are the financial key to everything we do. If you are a business owner, know a business owner, please let us know! We feature them throughout the school year.

### Need to Reach Us?

It's super easy!

Email us [CrookshankPTO@gmail.com](mailto:CrookshankPTO@gmail.com)

Follow us on FB and Instagram: CrookshankPTO

Access the PTO website from Crookshank's home page!

**Sincerely,**

**Your CES PTO Board**

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## 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!

Can you recommend businesses (including your own!) that can donate resources or products or provide a sponsorship to directly support our activities?

- Several partnership levels are available, all of which entitle your business to receive recognition.
- All donated goods and services valued at each partner level will receive the same benefits.
- Crookshank PTO is a 501(c)(3); all donations are tax deductible.

### 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 [crookshankPTOpartners@gmail.com](mailto:crookshankPTOpartners@gmail.com) Business partners can also sign up and make a donation directly at our online store <http://crookshank-pto.cheddarup.com>. With your support, we can achieve great things!

Warmest Regards,

Annie Oxarart and Lynne Sykes, Community Engagement Coordinators



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## 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.

Submit A  
Tip Online

Download On The  
App Store

Get It On  
Google Play



### 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.

