

Cougar Growl Family Newsletter

August 26 – August 30, 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.

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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 26

Vision is Priceless PK 9:00 am

Tuesday, August 27

K-1,3 Lions Club Vision Screening
8:40 am - 11:30 am

Wednesday, August 28

Early Release 1:45 pm
STAR Reading 1st – 2nd – Schedule Below

Thursday, August 29

STAR Reading 1st – 2nd – Schedule Below

Friday, August 30

STAR Reading 1st – 2nd – Schedule Below

Absence Reporting:

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

Early Checkout/Dismissal Changes:

cestransportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Cougar Café Lunch Menu:

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

Growth Mindset:

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(s) 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 4th from 3:30pm - 5:15pm and Monday September 9th 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

Positive Behavior Support

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 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 – 2nd will be assessed using the Renaissance Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and/or Star Math assessment(s). 3rd – 5th will be assessed using the FAST ELA, Writing and Math and also 5th 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 is below.

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 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.

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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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| 8/28 | STAR Testing Begins Through 9/27 | |
| 9/2 | Labor Day – No School | |
| 9/3 | PK Test Window Opens Up Through October 16 | |
| 9/5 | Cambium 3 rd -5 th Begins Through 9/27 | |
| 9/9-13 | CES Book Fair | |
| 9/10 | Open House | 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm |
| 9/16 | PTO/SAC Annual Title I | 5:30 pm |
| 9/17 | Tie Tuesday | |
| 9/19 | Back to School Dance | 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm |



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

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 (**PM1**) of the **Grade [3/4/5/Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) ELA Reading [and Mathematics] assessment[s]**. Your student's results from PM1 are for informational purposes only, and 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 <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 ELA Reading and Mathematics** sample items at home, sample test materials are available at <https://flfast.org/families.html>.

9/5 **3rd Reading**: Bikowski, Coriell, Keating, Matthiesen, McVay

9/6 **3rd Math**: Bikowski, Coriell, Keating, Matthiesen, McVay

9/9 **5th Reading**: Acs, Daniel, Miller, Whitaker, Willard

9/10 **5th Math**: Acs, Daniel, Miller, Whitaker, Willard

9/12 **4th Reading**: Allen, Kennelly, Skanes, Smolek, Zaletel

9/13 **4th Math**: Allen, Kennelly, Skanes, Smolek, Zaletel

Make Up Dates: 9/16, 9/17, 9/18, 9/19, 9/23, 9/24, 9/25, 9/26, 9/27

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.

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- **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.
- **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 (3rd-5th)

Adriana Orta – Adriana.Orta@stjohns.k12.fl.us (K-2nd)

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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8/28	<u>1st/2nd Reading:</u>	McNeill, Rodriguez and Baker		
8/29	<u>1st/2nd Reading:</u>	Mukherjee, White, Watts, Sarracino and Kamm		
8/30	<u>1st/2nd Reading:</u>	Lindsey, Sincoe and Moore		
9/4	<u>1st/2nd Math:</u>	McNeill, Rodriguez and Baker		
9/5	<u>1st/2nd Math:</u>	Mukherjee, White, Watts, Sarracino and Kamm		
9/6	<u>1st/2nd Math:</u>	Lindsey, Sincoe and Moore		
9/9	<u>K Reading:</u>	Ramirez	9/10	<u>K Reading:</u> Dingler
9/11	<u>K Reading:</u>	McQuaig	9/12	<u>K Reading:</u> Frazer
9/13	<u>K Reading:</u>	Heffernan	9/16	<u>K Math:</u> Ramirez
9/17	<u>K Math:</u>	Dingler	9/18	<u>K Math:</u> McQuaig
9/19	<u>K Math:</u>	Frazer	9/24	<u>K Math:</u> Heffernan

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Welcome from your Crookshank PTO!

We kicked off the school year with a fantastic magic show on Thursday! 150 kiddos spent the afternoon laughing and being amazed. This is the first of many fun events planned for our Cougars this year! Thank you especially to our volunteers and staff who helped. If you missed it, don't worry, there will be more fun events this year!

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

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!

Spirit Nights

An easy and delicious way to support CES and save yourself a night of cooking! Our next Spirit Night will be Tuesday, September 17th from 5 pm – 9pm at Chipotle- 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. [PTOChipotleFlyer91724](#) When ordering online for pickup use the Code ZF8X9Q4.

Volunteer With Us!

Sometimes all it takes is an hour to make a difference! The volunteer link has been updated with Book Fair times! Nurse Roxanne also needs help with health screenings next week- any amount of time is appreciated. We will continue to update the link, so check it regularly: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA5A62AAAF5C61-50513085-volunteer>

School Access

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

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/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-pt0.cheddarup.com> Free classroom delivery!

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!

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-pt0.cheddarup.com/>

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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!

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 or Keep Up?

Here are the best ways:

- *Check out our section in the weekly CES newsletter sent by Mr. Roach
- *Read emails and texts sent home highlighting PTO happenings!
- *Check out Class Dojo posts
- *Follow us on Facebook and Instagram
- *Look at the PTO website: <https://sites.google.com/view/crookshankpto/home>

Thank you for all of your support!

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 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.

