

# Cougar Growl Family Newsletter

September 30 – October 4, 2024

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**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 8**

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, September 30**

Coin Wars Continues – Bring in your change

## **Tuesday, October 1**

Coin Wars Wraps Up – Bring in your change

## **Wednesday, October 2**

Early Release 1:45 pm

## **Thursday, October 3**

## **Friday, October 4**

World Animal Day: Wear your favorite animal shirt or color of your favorite animal.

## **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: “You grow through what you go through.”** - Tyrese Gibson

## **The Future Begins Here!**

### **HOT TOPICS**

#### **Boo Fest is Coming!**

Boo Fest is less than a month away! On Wednesday, October 23rd from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm, celebrate fall with a trick or treat trail, games, food, and more fun! Wear your costume and get ready for a **faBOOlous** night with your CES family!

Pre-register from October 1st-21st for only \$10 per family- check out the flyer below for more information, look for it in your Wednesday folders, or pre-register online at <https://crookshank-pto.cheddarup.com/> . We can't wait to see you there!

#### **Coin Wars**

We're extending Coin Wars to Tuesday, October 1st! We are so close to reaching our goal of \$1000! Online donations will be open until 8:00 am on Tuesday morning <https://crookshank-pto.cheddarup.com/> The grade with the highest total each day will win extra recess time, and the grade with the highest total at the end of the week will win their own **SNACK CART!!!**

#### **Cougar Café News**

The Café will be serving Thursday's menu in place of Monday's. We will have Pizza and corndogs in place of nuggets and loaded Philly tots.

We remain a Community Eligibility Program school, which very simplified means that everyone will remain free, regardless of income levels. This information is also available on our district website under Food and Nutrition.

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/food/cep/>

#### **Parent and Family Engagement Movie Night**

Parent and Family Engagement Movie Night will be moved to December 10 as part of the Holiday Family Night. More details to come.

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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**

### **Resiliency Florida**

In partnership with Resiliency Florida, we will explore CHARACTER COUNTS! pillar characteristic(s) each month. Attached to the School Messenger email are the Parent Resources for Self-Awareness and Self-Management for September. Moving forward, I will send the parent resources to you monthly. <https://www.buildresiliency.org/>

### **Receive the 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>

### **Come Drive the Bus Event**

Date: Saturday, October 12, 2024 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

### **Gently Used Clothes Needed – Clinic**

The clinic is in need of gently used clothes, specifically boys shorts and pants. Please stop by the front office. Thank you!

### **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.

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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**

10/7- 10/8	Scouts of America in Café
10/10	Fire Prevention PK,K,1
10/11	End of First Quarter PBIS Store Open
10/14	Teacher Planning
10/15	Fall Pictures Tie Tuesday
10/17	Cougars with Character K-5
10/18	Quarter 1 PAWS Party Jacket Football & Cheer Morning Greet
10/21	PK Cougars with Character Vision is Priceless ( <b>Volunteers Needed</b> )
10/23	Boo Fest 5:30 – 7:30
10/24	Report Cards
10/25	Title I College and Career Day Vision is Priceless ( <b>Volunteers Needed</b> )

## **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 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.

### **PBIS Stores Dates**

<del>9/19</del>	12/20	3/28
10/11	1/24	4/17
11/1	2/13	5/9
11/22	3/7	5/28

### **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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## Welcome from your Crookshank PTO!

### Come Have Fun With Us

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)

### Feed the BooFest Candy Monster!

We need your help to feed this monster! Send in donations of individually wrapped candy (preferably no chocolate) or small prizes (goody bag type of treats) with your kiddos, and they can feed them to our candy monster each morning in the main hall! He'll be out there beginning Tuesday, October 1st. All donations will be used at Boo Fest- thank you for your support!

### PTO Meetings

The next SAC meeting will be Monday, October 7th- this is a great committee to join and be a part of what we can do for our school! Our next joint PTO/SAC meeting will be Monday, November 4th at 5:30

### Volunteer With Us!

Click this link to check out volunteer opportunities and ways you can donate to help!

<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/>

### 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

Tuesday, October 8, 2024 from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm at **Adventure Landing** located at 2780 FL-16, St Augustine, FL 32092. Unlimited Go-Karts and Mini Golf for only \$15. Make sure to mention Crookshank Elementary School as the school receives \$5 for each wristband purchased.

Monday, November 4, 2024 from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Texas Roadhouse located at 410 Outlet Mall Blvd., St Augustine, FL 32084. Support Crookshank Elementary by presenting the flyer to the St Augustine location and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food purchases to Crookshank Elementary!

### 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/>

### 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!

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## CES PTO

### 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...

Check out our volunteer link above for events where we need your help! Donation items are on there, too!

### 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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# Boo Fest!



A FaBOOulous Night with your CES Family!

## October 23rd 5:30-7:30

**Trick or Treat Trail! Games! Food! Photo Booth!  
Inflatable Games! Raffle Baskets!  
Wear a Costume!!!**



Questions? Want to help with planning? Can you volunteer at Boo Fest?

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



How to Pre-Register:  
-Scan the above code OR  
-Fill out the form below

OR

-Go to  
<https://crookshank-pto.cheddarup.com>



**Concessions \$1/\$2 (cash only)  
Silent Auction- bid to win!**

**Pre-register by Monday, October 21st \$10/family  
Walk up Registration at Boo Fest \$15/family**



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# FILL THE MONSTER'S BELLY!!

PLEASE DONATE BAGS OF INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED HALLOWEEN CANDY (NO CHOCOLATE) OR SMALL PRIZES FOR THE BOO FEST!

FEED YOUR DONATIONS TO THE CANDY MONSTER  
IN THE MAIN HALL EACH MORNING  
FROM OCTOBER 1ST UNTIL OCTOBER 21ST.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!!  
ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT  
[CROOKSHANKPTO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CROOKSHANKPTO@GMAIL.COM)



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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-ptu.cheddarup.com>. With your support, we can achieve great things!

Warmest Regards,

Annie Oxarart and Lynne Sykes, Community Engagement Coordinators





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## PTO Business Partners

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## PTO Business Partners



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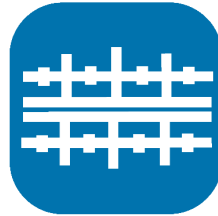
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# LittleSmiles



Children's Dentistry  
and Orthodontics

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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.

