

Cougar Growl Family Newsletter

January 20 – January 24, 2025

January Character Counts Trait – Respect

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 (No ER Nov 13 – Feb 5)

Monday, January 20

No school – Recognition of MLK Birthday

Tuesday, January 21

Tie Tuesday

Cougars with Character PK, K-2

PreK	8:45 AM	K	9:00 AM
1st	9:20 AM	2nd	9:40 AM

Vision is Priceless

Wednesday, January 22

Full School Day - Dismissal 2:45 pm

Thursday, January 23

PTO/Ink Bingo for Books 5:30 pm

Friday, January 24

PM2 FAST Window Closes

PBIS Store

Growth Mindset: “The greatest mistake you can make in life is to be continually fearing you will make a mistake.” – Elbert Hubbard

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>

The Future Begins Here!

HOT TOPICS

Family Literacy Night

PTO Family Literacy Night: Bingo for Books, **January 23** at 5:30 pm. It'll be a night of family fun, starting with dinner. Please see flyer below. Register using the QR code. We need at least 25 families before the deadline, Tuesday, January 21. Come join us for a night of family fun.

Family Portal Access to STAR & Cambium

The Family Portal can be used to access your student's results for FAST STAR & Cambium. <https://flfast.org>
<https://fl-familyportal.cambiumast.com>

Kid's Heart Challenge

Just three more days until the Kids Heart Challenge kickoff! Remember to join us on Wednesday, January 22nd!
<http://www2.heart.org/goto/CrookshankES> Mark your calendar! The American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge will begin on January 22nd. To get started, download the AHA Schools app in your app store or visit. Your student will earn a free KHC wristband just for registering! Plus, if we get 50% of our students at the school signed up for Kids Heart Challenge, we will earn an extra \$500.00 for PE equipment!

2024-2025 CES Yearbook

Log into BuyTheYearbook.com to place your order online (it's super simple). If you already sent in your payment via cash/check when the flyers went home, then you're good to go!

Check out the ad flyer for costs of the ads and how to place an order. ADS ARE DONE ONLINE ONLY, but the ordering and designing website is very user-friendly, so don't be intimidated!

An ad is a great way to celebrate your 5th grade kiddo in their final year, but it's also open to all grade levels. Space is limited, so get your orders in ASAP! The deadline to order ads is February 14th! Flyers below

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Running Reminders

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

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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>

Gently Used Clothes Needed In 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/>

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/health/illness/>

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.

Varsity Tutors

Free online resource through Clever.

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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.

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/>

Upcoming Events

1/27-31 Literacy Week – See Events Below

1/29 Qtr. 2 PAWS Party Grades 4-5

1/30 Qtr.2 PAWS Party Grades 2-3

1/31 Quarter 2 PAWS Party Grades K-1

2/3 Valentine Grams On Sale

2/3/-7 School Counselor Week
Book Fair

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

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

Bullying Education

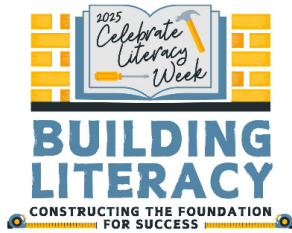
If the opportunity presents itself to have a conversation with your child, please feel free to use the following link

<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/sdfs/parent/>

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Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!

January 27-31, 2025

District: St. Johns

Monday, January 27th	Read My Shirt Wear a shirt/hat with a great message to share!
Tuesday, January 28th	Read My Cap/Hat Wear a cap/hat with a great message to share!
Wednesday, January 29th	Snuggle Up and Read Wear your PJs and bring a stuffed friend to school to share a story together!
Thursday, January 30th	Reading exercises your brain Wear exercise clothes!
Friday, January 31st	Dress like a vocabulary word or an idiom An idiom is a widely used saying or expression containing a figurative meaning that differs from the phrase's literal meaning. For example, "under the weather" is an idiom universally understood to mean sick or ill.

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ATTENTION PARENTS:

Recognize Your Student in the JOHN A. CROOKSHANK ELEMENTARY 2025 Yearbook!

Don't miss out on the chance to design your child's page in the yearbook!
This page is dedicated to you, your family and your child's accomplishments and memories.
Go online today to purchase your ad and take part in this special tradition.

Visit Leonard's Pictavo Community at
BuyTheYearbook.com

Find your school or enter **School ID# 389059**

Full Page \$100

1/4 Page \$25

1/2 Page \$50

1/8 Page \$15

Ad Submission Deadline 2/14/2025

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2025 Yearbook Order Form

Order online at BuyTheYearbook.com
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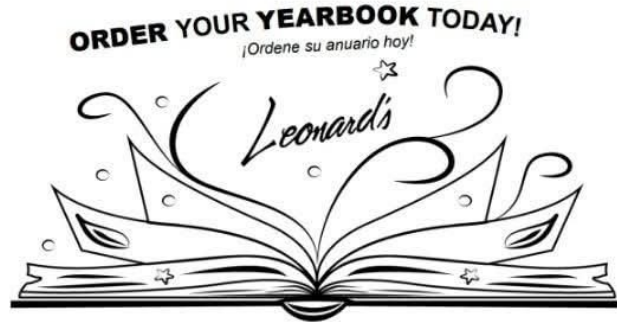
Parents, please note the proceeds from yearbooks may be used towards students, faculty, staff, volunteers, incentives, supplies, rewards and other items. A portion of these proceeds benefits your child's school. Padres, por favor, tenga en cuenta que los ingresos de los anuarios pueden usarse hacia estudiantes, profesores, personal y incentivos y recompensas. Una parte de los ganancias beneficia la escuela de su hijo. Payment by check is your express authorization that it may be converted into a one-time Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) from your account, and all returned checks or EFTs may be re-presented electronically along with a separate EFT or demand draft for the maximum returned check fee allowed by state law. For inquiries: 800-460-0124 or www.statechecklines.com. El pago por cheque es su autorización expresa que puede ser convertido en un sólo Transferencia Electrónica de Fondos de su cuenta, y todos los cheques regresados o transferencia electrónica de fondos pueden ser vueltos a presentar electrónicamente junto con una transferencia electrónica de fondos o letra de vista separadas para el máximo honorario regresado de cheque permitido por la ley del estado. Para indagaciones: 800-460-0124 or www.statechecklines.com. Prices are subject to change without notice. Los precios están sujetos a cambios sin previo aviso.

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A limited number of yearbooks have been ordered and may not be available later, so please reserve your copy today.
Se ha pedido una cantidad limitada de anuarios y es posible que no estén disponibles más adelante, así que reserve su copia hoy.

Order Online

BuyTheYearbook.com

Find your school or enter ID#: **389059**

Available for online orders only *Disponible solo para pedidos en línea*

**SHARE YOUR
PHOTOS**
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**CREATE A
YEARBOOK AD**
Crear un anuncio anuario
Deadline: 2/14/2025
(Limited availability)

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Join New Worlds Reading, Investing in Kids, & Crookshank Elementary for a

Literacy Parent Workshop

HAVE FUN WHILE:

- Learning strategies, tips, and tools to support your child's reading development!
- Enjoying a free meal for registered participants.
- Participating in reading activities and games.

Pre-register with the QR code:



Jan
23

THURSDAY

5:30 pm

Crookshank Elementary School
1455 N. Whitney Street, St. Augustine



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Welcome from your Crookshank PTO!

Come Have Fun With Us

We are looking for someone to plan a Talent Show for our Cougars! We will help you with resources and volunteers, we just need your creativity and coordination! Email CrookshankPTO@gmail.com if you are ready for this fun opportunity!

Spirit Night

Thanks to all who supported us at Panda Express! February's Spirit Night will be at both locations of Marco's Pizza! Stay tuned for info!

Volunteer With Us!

New to the signup: School Access Form to be approved as a volunteer: <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/> Help with vision screenings this month and Valentine Grams in February!

PTO Meetings

Our next PTO/SAC meeting is on Monday, January 13 at 5:30pm in the Media Center. Come hear what's going on around school! We will meet in the Media Center, or you can join us on

Zoom: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82623033621?pwd=NLx8oom0UUVluJ29z3MMiuzUfaB7Rd.1>

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-ptو.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-ptو.cheddarup.com/> Free classroom delivery!

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!

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 from the 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-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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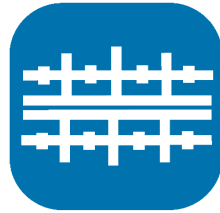
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ANCIENT CITY



SOCCER CLUB



Ancient City Soccer Club

present their

After-School Project

2nd-5th Grade Students are invited to join our experienced soccer coaches for a fun filled 75-minute practice at

Crookshank on Wednesdays.

Our aim is to introduce your child to the fundamentals of the sport of soccer whilst building upon character development, physical literacy, and teamwork skills.

Join us straight after school on Wednesday, 3pm – 4:15pm (**until Feb 5th and then 2pm-3.15pm thereafter**).

Session Runs: Wednesday, 29th January – Wednesday, May 14th

Tournament at Gamble Rogers MS: Friday, May 16th

Cost: \$150 (No session on 19th March; Spring break)

REGISTER: Go to www.ancientcitysoccer.com

Click on “register now” and select ACS Afterschool Program as the season

Contact: Andy Carey at schools@ancientcitysoccer.com

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Our after-school program teaches fundamentals for Baseball and Softball in a safe, fun, and inclusive atmosphere. Grades K - 5 can register at BackyardRule.com or email nate@backyardrule.com

Mondays

RB Hunt

Tuesdays

Crookshank
Otis A. Mason

Wednesdays

Osceola
RB Hunt

Thursdays

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Clinics ~ Camps ~ Fundraisers ~ Team Building ~ Tournaments ~ Special events

BackyardRule.com

Hello Crookshank Elementary!

My name is Coach Nate Fudala and I am so happy to offer to you our Backyard Rule After-School Program, where we teach the fundamental skills for Baseball and Softball in a safe, fun, and inclusive atmosphere! Class will be on Tuesdays from 3:00 pm- 4:30 pm located on school property. Registration is open to boys and girls grades K- 5. We provide all bats and balls, so students do not need to bring any gloves, bats, or other equipment of their own. All of our playing materials are soft and safety is our first priority. This class serves as an excellent introduction to the game and is also challenging and skill sharpening for more experienced players. You can find registration and additional information at the link below, or email me at nate@backyardrule.com anytime! PS, if you use the promo code: CSQ2 at checkout it will reduce the 8-week registration fee to half off, which accounts for the 4 remaining weeks of the semester.

<https://backyardrule.com/registernow/after-school-quarter>

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3:00-4:00, K-5 Welcome
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Lrowland@gsgateway.org
if you have any
questions!

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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.

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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.



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