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 – <mark>Reminder b</mark> e	elow	

<u>Monday, April 28</u>

Lift your teacher up with a kind note, card or drawing.

<u>Tuesday, April 29</u>

Bring your teacher their favorite sweet or salty treat!

<u>Wednesday, April 30</u>

Early Release 1:45 pm Wear your teacher's favorite color to school today.

<u>Thursday, May 1</u>

3rd Grade PM3 Reading Give your teacher compliments all day.

<u>Friday, May 2</u>

3rd Grade PM3 Math Bring your teacher a special gift. School Lunch Hero Day

Absence Reporting:

https://forms.office.com/r/12VxCbyJv9/#submitabsences

Early Checkout/Dismissal Changes:

cestransportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Cougar Café Lunch Menu:

https://schools.mealviewer.com/school/JohnCrook shankElementary

Growth Mindset: **"It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer"** - Albert Einstein

The Future Begins Here!

HOT TOPICS

We Need Your Help

Starting Thursday, May 1, we are looking for cafeteria monitor support. If you can give 30 minutes or 2 hours, your help is needed.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080844A9AD29AAFE3-56487949-weneed

Staff Appreciation Week

It's time! April 28th through May 2nd, we recognize teachers and staff. Please see the weekly calendar and also the flyer below. Volunteer with us, or donate needed items here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA5A62AAAF5C61-50513085-volunteer

Want us to do the shopping? Contribute online here: <u>https://crookshank-pto.cheddarup.com</u>

State Testing: Progress Monitoring 3

3-5 Cambium testing starts Thursday. The full testing schedule is below.

Kindergarten Registration is Now Open

To help get us prepared for the 2025-2026 school year, we encourage you and other families who have incoming Kindergarten Cougars to register. This will help us with planning, schedules as well as placing Kinder kiddos in classrooms. <u>https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/enrollment/</u>

Return Student Verification Emails

Be on the look out for your RSV email. Filling out this information for your returning students helps us better prepare.

2025-2026 Classroom Placement Input Form

Forms will be sent digitally through the Growl Newsletter during the week of May 12. The link will stay active until May 30. Just a friendly reminder. Please do not request a specific teacher. More information to follow, including the due date.

<u>Running Reminders</u>

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. <u>https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/</u> 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 <u>CES transportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u>

Running Reminders

Receive the Cougar Growl

If you know someone who does not receive our Cougar Growl, please share this link with them. <u>https://forms.office.com/r/3348QSs14Z</u>

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

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.

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.

Family Portal Access to STAR & Cambium

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

Running Reminders

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 <u>https://homeaccess.stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> 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

- 5/5 5th PM3 Reading
- 5/6 5th PM3 Math
- 5/7 School Nurse Day
- 5/8 5th Science
- **5/9** PBIS Store Music Therapy End of Year Performance 9:00 am – 10:00 am
- 5/12 4th Reading PTO Meeting 5:30 pm – Media Center & Zoom SAC 6:00 pm – Media Center & Teams
- 5/12 2025-2026 Parent Input Forms (Digital) Sent
- 5/13 4th PM3 Math
- 5/14 Early Release
- 5/15 Visual and Performance Arts Night 5:30 pm
- 5/15- 5/30 PM3 Make Ups

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	3/7
1/24	2/13	3/28
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: <u>CES Student and Parent Handbook 24-</u> <u>25.pdf</u>

District Student Code of Conduct

Please see the link for the SJCSD 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 <u>https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/sdfs/parent/</u>

John A. Crookshank Elementary

1455 N. Whitney Street Saint Augustine, FL 32084 (904) 547-7840 http://www.ces.stjohns.k12.fl.us



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 for 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 **PM3 Kindergarten/Grade 1/Grade 2 Renaissance Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and/or Star Math** assessment(s) on the dates below. The results from PM3 will show how well your student has mastered the grade level content standards, and you will be provided with information about how to access the results after testing is completed.

Your student's FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get less or more difficult depending on how a 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 15 minutes to complete. The Star Reading assessment is usually completed in less than 20 minutes, and the Star Math assessment typically takes less than 30 minutes to complete.

- 4/14 Reading:1* Lindsey & Rodriguez
- 4/15 Math:1st Lindsey & Rodriguez
- 4/16 **Reading:1st** McNeill, Mukherjee, Simcoe & White
- 4/17 **Math: 1st** McNeill, Mukherjee, Simcoe & White
- 4/21 **Reading: K** McQuaig, Tredik
- 4/22 **Math: K -** McQuaig, Tredik
- 4/23 **Reading: K -** Dingler, Frazer, Heffernan, , Ramirez/Ham
- 4/24 Math: K Dingler, Frazer, Heffernan, Ramirez/Ham
- 4/29 Reading Mendez & Tichnell
- 4/30 Math Mendez & Tichnell

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Adriana Orta at <u>Adriana.Orta@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!

Patrick Roach Principal Patrick.Roach@stjohns.k12.fl.us Ashley Torrente Assistant Principal Ashley.Torrente@stjohns.k12.fl.us **Tish McMahon** Assistant Principal Patricia.McMahon@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Reading: 2nd - Sarracino & Watts

Reading: 2nd - Baker, Kamm & Moore

Math: 2nd - Baker, Kamm, & Moore

Math: 2nd - Sarracino & Watts



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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>.

- 5/1 –<u>3rd Reading</u>: Bikowski, Coriell, Keating, Matthiesen, McVay, H. White
- 5/2 –<u>3rd Math</u>: Bikowski, Coriell, Keating, Matthiesen, McVay, H. White
- 5/5 5th Reading: Acs, Daniel, Miller, Whitaker, Savarese
- 5/6 5th Math: Acs, Daniel, Miller, Whitaker, Savarese
- 5/8 5th Science: Acs, Daniel, Miller, Whitaker, Savarese
- 5/12 –<u>4th Reading</u>: Allen, Kennelly, Skanes, Smolek, Zaletel
- 5/13 4th Math: Allen, Kennelly, Skanes, Smolek, Zaletel

Make Up Dates: 5/14, 5/15, 5/16, 5/19, 5/20, 5/21, 5/22, 5/23, 5/26, 5/27, 5/28, 5/29, 5/30

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.

- 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
 (K-2nd)

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Welcome from your Crookshank PTO!

WE NEED YOU!

Several members of our PTO Board are graduating to middle school next year, and we are looking for new leaders! If you would like to be more involved at Crookshank and part of the fun that we have as a group, please consider joining the PTO Board! The board consists of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Events Chair, and Community Partner Coordinator. Reach out to us at <u>CrookshankPTO@gmail.com</u> if you are interested! – See Flyer Below

Volunteer With Us!

We have many volunteer opportunities for you throughout the year! Make sure you are an approved volunteer with SJCSD here. It takes about 2 weeks to get approval after submission. Read through St. Johns County's Volunteer Handbook and PTO Volunteer Guide to learn more about what it takes to be an awesome volunteer!

PTO Meetings

May 12, 2025 (includes elections)

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- <u>https://crookshank-pto.cheddarup.com/</u>

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! <u>https://crookshank-pto.cheddarup.com</u> 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

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

Crookshank PTO 1455 N. Whitney Street St. Augustine, FL 32084

(904) 547-7840







meeting on Monday, May 12, 2025.

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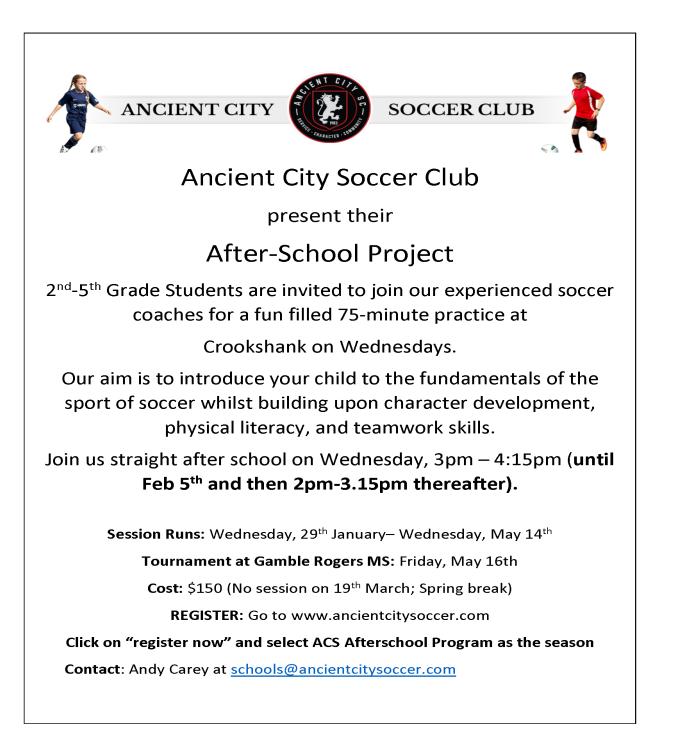
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Our after-school program teaches fundamentals for Baseball and Softball in a safe, fun, and inclusive atmosphere. Grades K - 5 can register at BackyardRule.com or email nate@backyardrule.com



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



Imagine it—you and your forever friends. Dreaming up adventures. Making the whole world sparkle with your own personal brand of magic.

> Every other Thursday 3:00-4:00, K-5 Welcome Contact Lauren Rowland 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.





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.

