

Cougar Growl Family Newsletter

August 18 – August 22, 2025
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 18

STAR Reading Assessment – 1st Lindsey

Tuesday, August 19

STAR Math Assessment – 1st Lindsey
Name the Cougar Contest
PTO Spirit Night
Zaxbys 120 Harvest Lane 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Wednesday, August 20

Early Release 1:45 pm
Student Safety & PBIS Assembly K- 2

Thursday, August 21

2nd Grade STAR Reading
Student Safety & PBIS Assembly 3-5

Friday, August 22

2nd Grade STAR Math

Absence Reporting:

The link to enter an absence is on our website which will take you to Parent Square.

Reporting Absences

[Request to Excuse a Student Absence Form](#)

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

Car Rider – Parent Pick Up Cards

If your student is a returning car rider, please make sure to get a new 25-26 Car Tag. This applies to all returning Cougars as well. Our staff will be looking for the new tags when calling students in the afternoon and then releasing students to vehicles. If you need a new car rider tag, one can be picked up in the front office. When requesting a new tag, please make sure to have your identification.

Water Bottles

Please remember that we kindly ask that students only fill their water bottles with water. Juices and sports drinks wreak havoc on our carpeted classrooms.

Transportation Changes

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 transportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us

PAWS list QR code

If you can, please consider purchasing any items from our PBIS Store wish list for the students to purchase with their points.



Community Outreach Shout Out

We want to give a shout out to our Faith Based partners. Anastasia 16 Church, Bridge City Church, The Axis Church of St. Augustine, each have played an integral role in us getting started with supplies, snacks, coffee and support.

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Sign in Procedure: In line with a district wide sign in policy, all visitors requesting to enter the building will need to provide an identification card and sign into our Raptor Visitors System. Thank you for following this safety measure. QR Code below to register.

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

Walker Drop Off Parents and families, instead of walking up or riding a bike up the bus loop entrance, please use the sidewalks along the playground to arrive at the walker gate. It's a very unsafe mix of walking/biking and buses.

Parent Drop Off and Pick:

Some friendly reminders:

1. Please remain in your vehicle when dropping off and picking up. A CES staff member 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 dismissal run smoothly for our students and staff!"

Student Car Tags: If your student is a car rider, please make sure to get a new 25-26 Car Tag. This applies to all returning Cougars as well. Our staff will be looking for car tags when calling students in the afternoon and releasing students to vehicles. Please keep your tag displayed until you pick your student up. If you need a new car rider tag, they can be picked up in the front office. Make sure to have your identification.

CES Student and Parent Handbook: Please see the link for the CES 25-26 Student and Parent Handbook: [CES Parent and Student Handbook 25-26 wout PAWS.pdf](#)

District Student Code of Conduct: Please see the link for the SJCS 25-26 Student Code of Conduct <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/schoolservices/conduct/>

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.

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. Please reach out to bailey.benoit@stjohns.k12.fl.us with any questions.

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. Whilden and Mrs. Jeffers.

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

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.

Parent Square

Parent Square 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.**

QR Code below to register.

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/>

KG, 1st, and 3rd grade: Health Screenings

Nurse Smith is getting more than usual returned "DO NOT" screen letters. Remember that screening letter ONLY RETURNS IF YOU DO NOT WISH YOUR CHILD TO BE SCREENED. The Lions Club partners with SJCS to provide vision screenings utilizing the SPOT Vision Screener which is a no contact, non-invasive vision screening to evaluate vision abnormalities. Hearing screening is done by utilizing an audiometer. Students wear headphones to listen to tones at various levels. These screenings help determine any vision and hearing abnormalities that may negatively affect overall health and academic performance.

Dental Services

Big Smiles – dental forms were sent home for all grade levels, PK-5th. **Big Smiles** will be on campus Tuesday, September 30th – Friday October 3rd, providing FREE dental services for students who have been enrolled. Parent/Guardian can complete the form and return to school or utilized the QR code on the consent form. For further information about **Big Smiles**, parents may call 855-481-8638 or visit BigSmilesDental.org

Medication Policy

The nurse's office has seen an uptick of medications, Epi-Pens, Inhalers, Over the Counter medications, etc. being sent with students in their backpack. A reminder that **All medications must be brought to the school by a parent or guardian.** Please do not send medications to school with your child. For any questions or concerns, please reach out to Roxane Smith, RN, BSN/School Health Nurse at 904/547-7832.

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Upcoming Events

8/25 Coin Wars Begins
1st Grade STAR Reading – McNeill, Rodriguez, Mukherjee

8/26 Coin Wars
1st Grade STAR Math – McNeill, Rodriguez, Mukherjee
3rd FAST Reading

8/27 Coin Wars
1st Grade STAR Reading – Simcoe, White

8/28 K,1,3 Health Screening 8:30 am- 12:00 pm
Coin Wars

8/29 1st Grade STAR Reading – Simcoe, White
3rd FAST Math
Coin Wars

9/1 Labor Day – No School

9/3 K STAR Reading – McQuaig, Ramirez

9/4 K STAR Reading – Dingler, Heffernan
4th FAST Reading

9/5 K STAR Reading – Frazer
4th FAST

9/8 Fall Book Fair

9/9 5th FAST Reading
Tie Tuesday
Fall Book Fair
Open House 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

9/10 K STAR Math – McQuaig, Ramirez
Interims
Fall Book Fair

9/11 K STAR Math – Dingler, Heffernan
5th FAST Math
Fall Book Fair

9/12 K STAR Math – Frazer
Fall Book Fair

9/15 PTO – SAC Meeting

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PTO Updates

Hello, Cougar Families!

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!

PTO Involvement & Membership

Sign up to be a volunteer/member with the PTO- membership is FREE!!! By signing up you'll be first to know of what's coming up and how to either volunteer or donate.

Looking at getting involved but don't know how? The PTO still has 2 open positions, (1) Business Partner Chair and (2) Fundraising chair. Contact the PTO (crookshankpto@gmail.com) with any questions about what's involved or if you are interested. (Flyer attached)

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

(1) Nurse Roxanne needs 5-6 volunteers to assist with Health Screenings on August 28, 2025 starting at 8:30am until approximately 12:30pm.

(2) PTO needs 3 volunteers each day during the week of August 25th to assist with the collecting and counting of the coins for Coin Wars from 7:45am to 9am.

Please sign up on the link below: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA5A62AAAF5C61-57932937-volunteer>

Fundraiser

(1) **Coin Wars** 2025 is the week of August 25 thru August 29th. The grade who earns the most each day will win extra recess and the grade that earns the most at the end of the week will earn a snack cart! All proceeds earned throughout the week will support CES's PBIS Rewards Store!!!

(2) Need to get your car washed? Want to get a \$30 car wash but only want to spend \$10? The PTO is selling \$10 car wash vouchers (a \$30 value) for Tidal Wave Car Wash. Go onto the PTO's website to order today!

August Spirit Night

Spirit Night - Our first Spirit Night of the school year is on Tuesday; August 19th at Zaxby's located on Harvest Ln (State Rd 16) location from 5:00 to 8:00pm. Mention Crookshank Elementary when ordering and 10% of your purchase will be donated to Crookshank! (flyer below)

Online Store

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

September Spirit Night

Monday, September 8, 2025, from 5-9pm at the **Carmelo's Pizza**. A percentage of all proceeds will be donated to Crookshank Elementary School! Make sure you mention Crookshank when ordering!

Sincerely,

Your CES PTO Board

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YOU
KNOW?

These are CES PTO's official
social media platforms,
email contacts, and our
website! Check them out!

General Email: crookshankpto@gmail.com

Business Partner: CrookshankPTOpartners@gmail.com

Webpage: sites.google.com/view/crookshankpto

Facebook: www.facebook.com/crookshankcougarspto

Instagram: [@crookshankpto](https://www.instagram.com/crookshankpto)

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ZAXBYS



GOOD CHICKEN **FOR A** ***GOOD CAUSE***

**10% OF PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO
CROOKSHANK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

AUGUST 19TH • 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION:

120 Harvest Lane • St. Augustine, FL



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CES PTO Presents

COIN WARS

Monday, August 25th to Friday, August 29, 2025

Each grade will have a jar in the main hallway to fill every morning until 8:25am. **EVERY COIN or DOLLAR** will count as points for their grade.

All proceeds will fund
PBIS Rewards for the
school year!



Every day, the **GRADE LEVEL** that has the **MOST POINTS** in the jar **FOR THE DAY** will get **EXTRA RECESS**.

The **GRADE LEVEL** with the **MOST POINTS** at the **END OF THE WEEK** will win a **SNACK CART** for their **WHOLE GRADE!!!**

PK

K

1st

2nd

3rd

4th

5th



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Purchase a \$10 Car Wash Coupon to support the Crookshank PTO

Each coupon is valid for one Graph-X4 wash, which is a \$30 value. You will also have access to vacuums, cleaning cloths and interior cleaning spray.

Coupons are valid for 12 months.

**To purchase online scan the QR Code.
Coupons will be sent home with your
student within 2 weeks of purchase.**



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PTO Business Partners

Dear Crookshank Families,

Do you own or work at a local business? Know someone who does? Every year we partner with local businesses to raise funds for the school, and in return we help advertise our business partners to more than 600 families! If you are interested or have a suggestion for a business that might be interested, please email

crookshankPTOpartners@gmail.com. Business partners can also sign up online at <http://crookshank-pto.cheddarup.com>

Become a CES Business Partner!

Principal's Partner

\$1,000

- Sponsor name & logo promoted via school newsletters and PTO website
- Social media posts to promote business partner
- Business banner displayed on CES fence for the school year (banner provided by business)
- Opportunity to distribute promotional materials or have a table/display at school events
- Business name featured on electronic marquee/school sign
- Full page ad included in the school newsletter once a month (ad provided by business)

Cougar Partner

\$500

- Sponsor name & logo promoted via school newsletters and PTO website
- Social media posts to promote business partner
- Business banner displayed on CES fence for the school year (banner provided by business)
- Opportunity to distribute promotional material or have a table/display at school events

Cub Partner

\$250

- Sponsor name & logo promoted via school newsletters and PTO website
- PLUS social media posts to promote business partner

Paw Partner

\$100

- Sponsor name & logo promoted via school newsletters and PTO website

***Business partners who commit to a specific level of donations for the 2025-2026 school year will receive the corresponding partnership level and benefits. For example, you can pay \$500 and commit to \$500 in donated goods to receive the \$1000 Principal Partner level.



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Principal Partners



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THE
Sports Corner
CUSTOM APPAREL



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Paw Partners



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Parent Square Communication Platform



Download the App



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iOS

www.parentsquare.com

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Raptor Visitor and Volunteer System



Procedure for School Access

As required by Florida state law, everyone **MUST** have a cleared background check to go past the front office at John A. Crookshank. Your driver's license is required to enter the building at all times. A photo of your ID will not work as you will need to scan your Driver's License. You **MUST** have school access approval to volunteer at the school, attend any conferences, awards events or chaperone field trips.

Now is the time to go ahead and apply for school access if you have not already done so! Please make sure all spouses, grandparents, siblings over the age of 18, etc. who may visit the school are also approved to enter the building.

Enter all required information (including first, middle and last name). You will receive an email when your application is received and when it is approved. The Raptor system will send you an email when your school access is expiring and will prompt you to update your application.

The front doors will remain locked during school hours. Front Office personnel will request visitors state the nature of the visit before the doors will be unlocked. If there are multiple visitors, all visitors will need to respond before being able to enter. We appreciate your patience and understanding as the safety of our students is paramount. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact the front office at 904-547-7840 or 904-547-3945

Use Your Smartphone

Scan the QR code below to complete the School Access Volunteer Application on your smartphone.



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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.

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



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