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.

1:45 pm

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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, September 29

PTO Fundraiser – Catalog

Tuesday, September 30

Big Smiles 9:00 am-12:00 pm PTO Fundraiser – Catalog

Wednesday, October 1

Early Release

Big Smiles 9:00 am- 12:00 pm PTO Fundraiser – Catalog

Thursday, October 2

PTO Fundraiser – Catalog Big Smiles 9:00 am- 12:00 pm

Friday, October 3

PTO Fundraiser – Catalog Big Smiles 9:00 am- 12:00 pm Dance Party PAWS – Purchase with PBIS Points

Early Checkout/Dismissal Changes:

cestransportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Cougar Café Lunch Menu:

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

Reporting Absences

Request to Excuse a Student Absence Form

HOT TOPICS

CES Art Club

Ms. Lavaglio is sponsoring an after-school Art Club. Please see the accompanying Sign Up and Informational Flyer below. These will also be attached to the Parent Square message.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1f6zz2cN8kGhLQebkaztQvzeZhChmiPaOBsblMF1fxNk/edit?usp=sharing

Varsity Tutoring

Every student can take advantage of this free resource. K-12 Parent. Our district has partnered with Varsity Tutoring for schools to provide students a suite of effective online learning resources that cover grades K-12. Students can get extra homework help or prepare for the next big test whenever they need it.

School Start Time

Just a reminder that classroom instruction begins at 8:25 am. It's important that students are in their seats so instruction can begin promptyly. We hard 37 tardies last Friday.

New Worlds Reading Registration Link

The New Worlds Reading program provides free books to Florida students in grades K-5. Use this QR Code to see if your student qualifies for this wonderful opportunity.



Growth Mindset:

A good growth mindset quote for kids and families is, "I can do hard things. It's okay not to know, but it's not okay not to try,"

Running Reminders

Sign in Procedure: In line with the district wide sign in policy, 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, you will need to be an approved and registered volunteer. You must complete the district's Volunteer Application https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/volunteer/ QR Code to register is below as well.

Transportation Changes & Early Checkout

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> & Cc: your student's teacher.

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!"

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 SJCSD 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.

Running Reminders

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.



https://bit.ly/CESPBISWishlist

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/

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.

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.

Upcoming Events

10/6 Catalog Cookie/Misc. PTO Scouts in K-5 Classrooms Vision is Priceless

10/7 Catalog Cookie/Misc. PTO

Scouts Sign Up 6:30 pm in Cafeteria

Basketball vs. Webster 5:30 pm @ Murray Middle School

10/8 Catalog Cookie/Misc. PTO

10/10 First Quarter Ends

PM1 Academic & Effort Celebration

10/13 Teacher Planning – No School for Students

10/14 Tie Tuesday

Fall Pictures

Chipotle PTO Spirit Night 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

10/16 Fire Safety PK-K 9:00 am - 10:00 am

10/20 Vision is Priceless 8:30 am-2:30 pm

10/22 Report Cards

Character Counts PK-2

10/23 Character Counts 3-5

Basketball vs Osceola 5:30 pm at Sebastian

10/27 Red Ribbon Week

PK Poison Control 9-11

10/28 Red Ribbon Week

10/29 Red Ribbon Week

BooFest 5:30 pm- 7:30 pm

10/30 Red Ribbon Week

10/31 Red Ribbon Week

Character Walk





WITH MS. LAVAGLIO

Open to 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders Meetings are...

THURSDAYS 3:00-4:00PM

In the art room 57

Dates are...

SESSIONS	START	END	FEE
1	09/18	10/23	\$105
2	11/06	12/18	\$80
3	01/29	03/05	\$80
4	04/02	05/07	\$80

Please see Ms. LaVaglio for more information or if you would like a sign-up form

Phone: (904)547-7840 Ext 22833 Email: E022924@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Art Club Sign-Up Form

Crookshank Elementary School Ms. LaVaglio

Please fill out this form with your parent or guardian. Hand in this form + payment to Ms. LaVaglio before our first meeting on September 18th.

Student Information

Student Nam	e:		
Teacher:	acher: Grade:		
School Email	:		
Parent Info	rmation		
Parent Name:	:		
Parent Email:	:		
How will you	r child be picked up	?	
PLEASE make sure yo	ou are on time and waiting to p	ick your child up at the front of	the school by 4:00pm.
Payment	School Fee: \$25	Art Club Fee: \$80	Total: \$105
		the general admission fee plus c. A receipt will be provided onc	
		arrive at 3:00pm every T	
always. I will be	on my best behavior ar	nd treat all art supplies v	vith care. Any
messes that I ma	ade will be completely o	eleaned up before art clu	b ends at 4:00pm.

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. Flyer went home in the Wednesday folder on 8/27/25.

Looking at getting involved but don't know how? The PTO still has 1 open position - Business Partner Chair. Contact the PTO <u>crookshankpto@gmail.com</u> with any questions about what's involved or if you are interested.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities: (1) Assist with the PBIS Store every Friday morning from 7:45-8:45am. (2) Assist with Snack Cart on Thursday, October 16, 2025, from 8am until approximately 12pm. (3) Assist with preparing the day of for Boo Fest on Wednesday, October 29th from 8am till about 12pm (might be done sooner). (4) Assist during Boo Fest on Wednesday, October 29th from 4pm till 8pm.

Please sign up on the link below:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA5A62AAAF5C61-57932937-volunteer

Fundraisers - 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! We will be selling them all school year!

https://my.cheddarup.com/c/crookshank-pto

Our big Fall fundraiser began on Wednesday, September 24th and will run until Wednesday, October 8th with Cherrydale Fundraising. This is a catalog fundraiser and all information was sent home in the Wednesday folder on September 24th. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards improving technology in the classroom and our goal is \$10,000!

We are asking ALL parents to register their student(s) here:

https://www.shopfund.com/parentregister

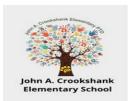
Make sure you use Group Code: UNLWF

Mark your calendars.... Boo Fest is scheduled for Wednesday, October 29th from 5:30-7:30PM. Trick or Treat around the bus loop. Take your chance at a raffle basket! Spirit Wear and Tidal Wave Vouchers will be available for purchase! Concessions will be available to purchase as well. Flyers will be sent home at the beginning of October asking for candy/prize donations as well as RSVPing for the event.

Spirit Night - Our next Spirit Night will be on Tuesday; October 14th at Chipotle located on US Highway 1 South from 4-8PM. Flyers will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Spirit Wear/Online Store - Have you visited our online store? It has EVERYTHING from shirts, swag, birthday sign info, and Business Partners registration. It is so easy click the link below

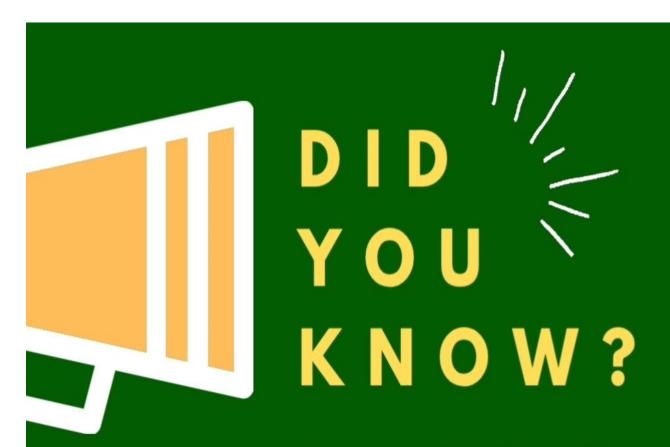
https://my.cheddarup.com/c/crookshank-pto--



Crookshank PTO 904.547.7840

sites.google.com/view/crookshankpto

PAWS UP!



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



Be part of a team that:

- Supports our students and staff
- Plans fun school events
- Enhances learning experiences
- ✓ Builds school spirit and community

Membership Cost: \$0 – lt's FREE!

That's right – there's **no cost to join! Your voice and your energy are all we need**.

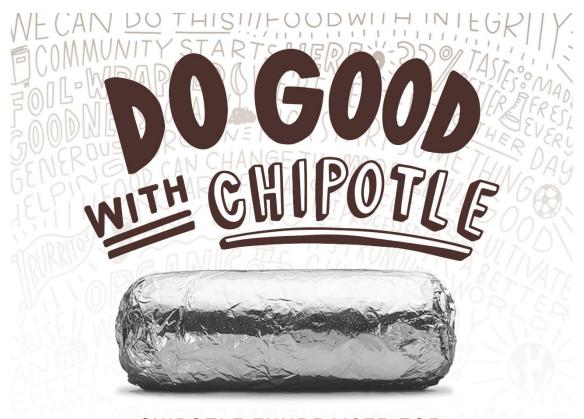
Why Join?

- Have a say in school decisions
- Meet other involved parents & staff
- ₹ Help make a difference in our school community
- Sign Up Today!

Fill out a membership form below and return to school:

CES PTO Membership: Please write legibly and return to the Front Office:

Name:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	
Student Name/Grade/Teacher:	



CROOKSHANK PTO

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH | 4-8PM 1753 US HIGHWAY 1 S, SAINT AUGUSTINE, FL, 32084

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **AX7QBGG**OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.



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.





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



- 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



- 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



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

Paw Partner



 Sponsor name & logo promoted via school newsletters and PTO website

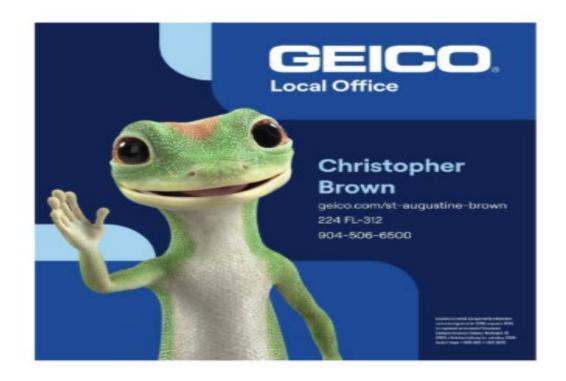
***Business partners who commit to a specific level of donations for the 2025-2026 school year will receive the corresponding partnership level and benefits. For example, you can pay \$500 and commit to \$500 in donated goods to receive the \$1000 Principal Partner level.



Principal Partners



Cougar Partners





Cougar Partners

Sorts Corner CUSTOM APPAREL



Paw Partners



(904) 829-8899 faunceorthodontics.com

201 Health Park Blvd. Ste 216 - St. Augustine









Parent Square Communication Platform

ParentSquare Download the App



Android



iOS

www.parentsquare.com

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.



FESTIVAL

PRESENTED BY:







SEPTEMEBER 28, 2025
12:00-5:00 PM
ST. AUGUSTINE ROD AND GUN CLUB

Join Us for the Fall Fling Festival to raise \$10,000 to build the "Clean Start" laundry facility at the new Goff Family Shelter. This shelter will house nine families with minor children, offering stability and a safe space to rebuild and work toward permanent housing.

The festival will feature:

- Live bluegrass music by the St. Augustine High School Band
- Cornhole tournament
- Food trucks
- · Kids games, crafts, inflatables, and pumpkin painting
- Local vendors and artisans with handcrafted items and treats
- 50/50 raffle
- Cider bar
- Hay rides
- Community partner booths with resources, kids safety tips, and ways to get involved





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.

