

Cougar Column

John A. Crookshank Elementary
The Future Begins Here!

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The Cougar Column is delivered via School Messenger

Week of February 10, 2023

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Monday	2/13	Kindness Challenge Begins
Tuesday	2/14	
Wednesday	2/15	Early Dismissal 1:45 pm
Thursday	2/16	The NED Show: The Power of Yet
		3rd-5th
		SAC Meeting 4:00pm - Media Center
Friday	2/17	
Monday	2/20	Presidents' Day - No School
Tuesday	2/21	
Wednesday	2/22	Early Dismissal 1:45 pm
Thursday	2/23	
Friday	2/24	Last day for Kids Heart Challenge
Monday	2/27	
Tuesday	2/28	
Wednesday	3/1	Early Dismissal 1:45 pm
Thursday	3/2	
Friday	3/3	Grammar Day - Wear something that
		shows you know your grammar.

School Calendar Community Input

The Calendar Committee has been meeting to draft the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 School Year Calendars. They are seeking community input on two given drafts for each year and would appreciate your feedback. Please take a few minutes to first read the "Frequently Asked Questions" that will provide background information /calendar guidelines used when creating each of the draft calendars and then complete the survey for each school year's calendars.

Click on the attached link to view and provide input to the proposed calendars.

https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/calendar/feedback/

Crookshank Robotics Club

Congratulations to our Robotics Club. They placed first in the district competition and will now compete in the regional competition! Way to go!



Rising 6th Graders

Sebastian Middle School has some important information and activities planned.

See the flyer below for more details.

The NED Show

The NED Show will be here on Thursday 2/16 for an assembly on the Power of Yet for our 3rd – 5th graders. See the flyer below for more details.

Kids Heart Challenge Our School is Heart Healthy!

Our School Has Heart!

Join us in learning about heart health and raising funds to protect all hearts – especially other kids'!

See the flyer below for more details.

Our event is kicking off on 01/27/2023 and will conclude on 02/24/2023.

https://www2.heart.org/site/TR?pg=company&fr_id=7561&company_id=381296

No School

There will be no school on Monday February 20th in observance of President's Day.



What's Cooking in the Cougar Café?

Monday-Chicken Nuggets-Vegetables-Fruit Tuesday-Mac-n-cheese or Hot Dog Vegetables-Fruit

Wednesday-Chicken Sandwich-Vegetables-Fruit Thursday-Pizza or Corn Dog-Vegetables-Fruit Friday-Cheeseburger-Vegetables-Fruit - Ice Cream is on sale for \$1.00

A full lunch is free, however, if a student just wants milk it is \$.60.

Book Fair!

The book fair will open on Monday, February 27th – March 3rd during school hours. You can preview books at the link below. Only students who bring money will be able to shop.

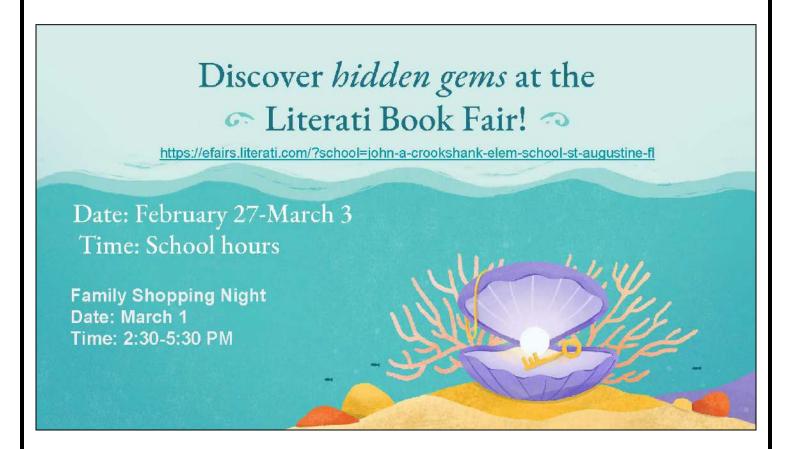
Family Night will be March 1st from 2:30-5:30 p.m.

Our school's online fair URL below is available for those who can't attend in person, but would like to shop the book fair from home and still support our school. This is also where parents can purchase digital gift cards for their students!

Shop Until: March 03, 2023

https://efairs.literati.com/?school=john-a-crookshank-elem-school-st-augustine-fl

Orders purchased online will be shipped at the end of book fair week. Please allow approximately 10 business days for orders to arrive to our school.



Important Information for Families with Medicaid.

Do you or a family member currently have health coverage through Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)/KidCare? Take steps now to find out if you can continue your Medicaid coverage or if you are eligible for a health plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace.

See the flyer below for more information on the changes to Medicaid.

Boys and Girls Club

We have the opportunity to have 40 of our kids (ages 6 – 18) attend the after-school program at the Boys and Girls Club through a grant from The Players Championship Club. This is a great opportunity for our students as this provides after-school care, academic help and enrichment as well as a snack and dinner at no cost to you. Transportation will be provided from Crookshank to the Boys and Girls Club each afternoon. Space is limited and on a first come first served basis.

Please see the flyer below for more details.



Crookshank Cougars PTO



Kindness Challenge

This week is Kindness Week, and we are celebrating with our own Kindness Challenge See the flyer below for more details.

Valentine Grams

Valentine Grams will be delivered on Tuesday February 14th!



Spirit Wear Fridays!

Winter is still here, and we still have plenty of hoodies for sale! Shop for yours now- we have youth and adult sizes! https://crookshank-pto.cheddarup.com







Lunchroom Help

We are in need of Parent Volunteers to help with lunchroom coverage. If you have an hour (or two) to spare and would like to help out, please sign up! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4aa5a62aaaf5 c61-volunteer1

Thank you!

Thank you for everyone who was able to help with the Valentine's Day Dance on Friday and those who provided goodies for the Souperbowl!

Volunteer!

We have so many great opportunities to volunteer this semester at Crookshank! From helping in the lunchroom, to teacher appreciation, to PTO events, we are grateful for any time you have to give!

Keep checking the link, as we will add more opportunities! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA5A62AAAF5C61-volunteer1

Smencils!

Smencil sales will resume after February 10th. Until then, buy your Valentine Grams!

Birthday Messages

Celebrate your student's birthday by featuring their name on our scrolling marquee (in the parent pick up line) for an entire week! Sign up

https://my.cheddarup.com/c/crookshank-pto We must have your submission by the Tuesday prior to your requested week.

















Crookshank PTO invites you to the

Great Kindness Challengel

February 13-17

Monday

What if we serve others? wear camouflage or superhero cape

Tuesday

What if we practiced positivity? wear pink, purple, or yellow

Wednesday

What if we don't judge others by how they look?

wear funky glasses

Thursday

What if we stand up for each other?

wear spirit shirts & jeans



Friday
What if we have no excuses?

wear college gear



We'll also add a link to our kindness chain each time you're caught being kind!



TOP TEN TIPS

to Get Your Child to School on Time



10. Know what "on time" means.

Our campus opens at 8:00 AM, and class begins at 8:25 AM sharp. Instruction starts promptly at 8:25 AM.

9. Know why it matters to be on time.

In the first few minutes in your child's class they might talk through the schedule, complete classroom jobs, turn in homework, put away and obtain materials, do the Flag Salute, take lunch count, start a morning meeting and get rolling in the routine of the day. Missing any part of this is a big deal!

8. Consider eating breakfast at school.

Breakfast is FREE and available to all students beginning at 8:00 AM each morning.

7. Consider taking the bus.

If a bus is offered near your home it's a good, predictable way to go. The bus gives you a chance to get your child ready and we take it from there —our friends in Transportation get our students to school on time, like clockwork! If your child has not tried it, now might be the time!

6. Start an evening routine.

This might include your child setting their backpack by the door, putting their homework in the backpack, and getting pesky items like shoes and coat ready by the door as well. Could you get lunch and breakfast set out before you head to bed? Then follow this routine up with getting to bed at a good time. School and play are hard work and students need more sleep than you might expect!

5. Establish a morning routine.

You might consider a checklist or a schedule with simple pictures of the step by step of the routine. If you don't want to be getting your child ready for work when he's 21, this is a great step toward independence and a tool that can help him get there! An alarm clock is another powerful tool and makes you less of the enemy at wake-up time! Most devices have alarms on them as well. Give it a shot!

4. Trick yourself!

Set the clock on the microwave or in the car a few minutes fast so you can leave some flex time for yourself and your child. This may work for a chronically late spouse or partner as well!

3. Have a Plan B.

What should your child do if they wake up before you do?
What will you do if your car won't start? What about if you are too sick to drive your child to school? Plan ahead for these scenarios and you'll have less stress!

2. Empower your child to do their part.

Whether they are in Kindergarten or 6th grade, typically developing or with a disability, your child CAN and SHOULD have some ownership in their daily routines. If your child can't yet tie their shoes, choose a breakfast item or select an appropriate outfit, think about how over time, with guidance and feedback, they CAN do it! I have heard it said, "Your child will be as independent as you allow them to be!" Let's add, as independent as you allow, expect and guide them to be!

1. Do your part as an act of LOVE.

Often times, it's our actions as adults that cause our students to be late to school. Think about the times that you have been late to a meeting at work or a doctor's appointment and how that made you feel. It can throw off your whole day, can't it? Make it a priority to get your child to school on time to show them that school is important to you but more importantly that THEY are important to YOU!





Hey KIDS and families!

NED's Mindset Mission Assembly is visiting our school! NED and our students take a journey to find their positive mindset. The show is filled with storytelling, humor, illusions and amazing yo-yo tricks where our kids learn the hidden message in NED's name:

Never give up — understand The Power of YET

Encourage others — spark courage in other people

Do your best® — always be learning and growing

Do you want to learn to yo? A yo-yo is both a mindset tool and a tangible reminder of NED's message. While learning to yo, children will make mistakes, try again and improve.

Our school yo-yo sale

Our school received this assembly at no-cost because another school paid-it-forward to us. We want to help pay-it-forward too, and you can help by purchasing a NED-messaged yo-yo.

SALE DATES: 2/17 - 2/24

_____ TIME: 8:00 - 8:30

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

For sale at the Paw until 8:30 then Ms. Kling's office after 8:30



Yo-yo designs and colors may vary.

Make checks payable to our school. Prices include tax (where applicable).

STUDENT ORDER FORM:

CLASSIC YOS

Learn the basics of yo-yoing with assorted fixed axel yo-yos.





SUPER SPINNERS

Great for basic and intermediate tricks. With a strong throw, these auto-return yo-yos 'sleep' at the end of the string & then come back to you automatically.





SPECIALTY SELECTION

Assorted professional long spin yo-yos



REPLACEMENT STRING PACK

Ten assorted strings to change color or replace a worn out yo-yo string.



YO-YO HOLSTER

Keep track of your yo and have it ready to go Attach it to your belt loop or backpack (yo-yo not included).



\$8

Name: _____

For more yo-yo fun and to learn tricks, check out:

NEDkids.com

Teacher: _



Yo-yo designs and colors may vary. Make checks payable to our school. Prices include tax (where applicable).
 ITEM
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 String Pack
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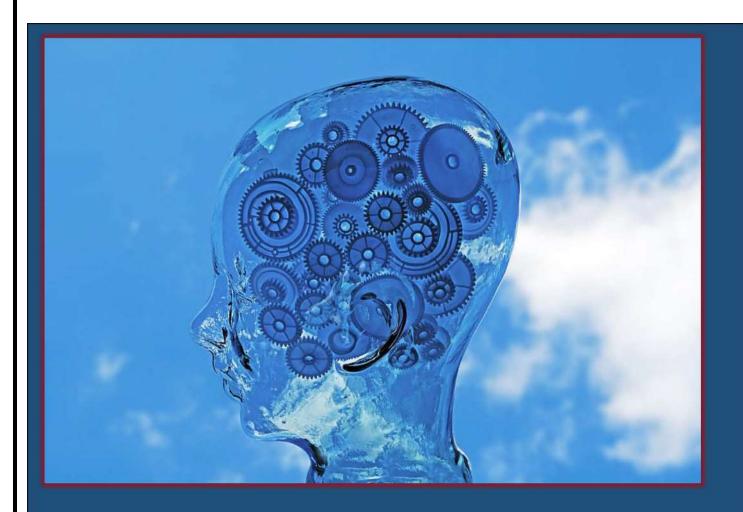
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 Classic Yo
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 Super Spinner
 \$12
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 Specialty Yo
 \$16
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TOTAL DUE



SEBASTIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Now!! View our website

February 15th 5:30 – 7:00 SMS STEM Rising 6th Night!

All are welcome!

February 23-24 Recommendation sheets go home in

folders.

February 28th Registration at Ketterlinus

March 1st Registration @ R B Hunt

March 2nd Registration at Crookshank

March 3rd Registration at Palencia





AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

Benefits of Being a Boys & Girls Club Member

- FREE After School Program with Snacks & Dinner
- FREE bus transportation provided from Osceola, Webster and Crookshank Elementary School to the Club.
- Parents/guardians will be responsible to pick up your child(ren)
- at the TPC Club at 555 West King Street, St. Augustine.
- Afterschool service times: 3:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m.
- Homework assistance
- Project-based learning and enrichment programs to enhance what students learn in school
- Programming: Academic Learning, Science, Technology,
 Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) + Literacy Programs
- Adult Family Services The Boys & Girls Clubs will provide
 Osceola Elementary Adult Family Members with fun programs, literacy and other topics of importance.

Begins August 10th Monday - Friday

Club Information

THE PLAYERS Championship
Club

555 West King Street St. Augustine, Florida

Rona Welch, Unit Director RonaW@BGCNF.org

904.825.1975

Register On Line at www.BGCNF.org/join

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.



Are you going to lose your Medicaid?

Do you or a family member currently have health coverage through Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)/KidCare? Take steps now to find out if you can continue your Medicaid coverage or if you are eligible for a health plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace ®.



Make sure your address is up to date with DCF (Department of Children & Families)

Read your mail from Medicaid. Renewal notices are coming!

Contact your local Navigator for free help (scan QR code)





For more information, call your local Navigator toll-free: (866) 295-5955 or visit www.123Covered.org

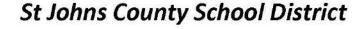






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Next Hiring for

Substitute Guest Teachers Posting Feb. 6, 2023 – Feb. 12, 2023

in AppliTrack Application System

SJCSD is ready to hire substitute guest teachers who are ready to make a difference for students in Pre-K - 12th grade. Daily hourly rate \$15.00.

The substitute guest teacher role provides:

- Opportunity to put your degree to work.
- Flexibility you pick the days and schools.
- · An opportunity to work with diverse student populations.
- An opportunity to contribute to the learning and development of the students in our school district.

Come join our team.

Applicants who hold a minimum of an Associate degree or equivalent of 60 credits or higher and who are 20 years of age or older are eligible to apply. Preferences given to applicants that have graduated or are graduating from an Education program. All applicants will be reviewed for strong teaching potential, above average references, experience in critical need areas, and/or an education degree.

For full job description, requirements and to apply online,

Visit: https://www.applitrack.com/stjohns/onlineapp/

Questions? Please call 904-547-7636 Smartfind Helpdesk or application questions call AppliTrack helpdesk 547-7631

Proudly hosts

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Teacher Recruitment and Job Fair Saturday, February 25, 2023 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Nease High School Media Center

Teacher Recruitment and Job Fair
Saturday, March 25, 2023
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Nease High School Media Center







Register at: https://www.stiohns.k12.fl.us/recruitment/iobfairs/

Must have a complete application at https://www.applitrack.com/stjohns/onlineapp/

See you there!



TEACHER ESSAY CONTEST

JANUARY 9 - MARCH 12

Applebee's will award one deserving teacher from each school district a \$500 sponsorship check for their classroom for the upcoming year and host their current class an end-of-the-year party!*

To enter the contest, students will need to nominate their teacher with an essay on why their teacher deserves to be Applebee's Teacher of the Year!



All entries receive an Applebee's FREE ICE CREAM CERTIFICATE

Middle & High School Students: 500 WORDS
Elementary School Students: 1/2 PAGE

*Contest open 1/9/23 - 3/12/23 to Doherty Enterprises owned and operated Applebee's" restaurants in the following counties: Florida (Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Duval, Indian River, Lee, Miami-Dade, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, Sarasota, St. Johns and St. Lucie) and Georgia (Ware). Prizes subject to change. All essays will need to be submitted in person to your local Doherty Enterprises owned and operated Applebee's" location in Florida and Georgia.

Please see a Manager for additional rules and submittal form.

Applebee's Above & "Bee"yond Teacher Essay Contest

2023 Rules & Regulations

Applebee's will award one deserving teacher from each school district (county) a \$500 sponsorship check for their classroom for the upcoming year and throw their current class an end of the year party** at Applebee's.

**If student/school cannot accommodate class party, party will be replaced by two dinner for four certificates for essay writer.

Contest dates:

- Contest starts: Monday, January 9, 2023
- Contest will end on Sunday, March 12, 2023
 - All entries must be delivered to the local Applebee's no later than 10 PM March 12, 2023
- Winner will be announced on Friday, April 14, 2023
- End of Year Party will need to be thrown before Sunday, June 11, 2023

> To enter the contest:

- o Must nominate an elementary, middle or high school teacher in stated counties below.
- Middle and High School students will need to nominate their teacher with a 500 word essay on why
 their teacher deserves to be Applebee's Teacher of the Year.
- Elementary School students will need to nominate their teacher with a ½ page essay on why their teacher deserves to be Applebee's Teacher of the Year
- All essays will need to be submitted in person to their local Applebee's General Manager/Manager on duty.
- > Entries must attend school in the following counties:
 - Counties include:
 - Georgia: Ware
 - Florida: Duval, St. Johns, Indian River, St. Lucie, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade, Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Sarasota
- > Contest only valid at Doherty Inc. owned and operated Applebee's restaurants

Applebee's Above & "Bee"yond Teacher Essay Contest

Submission Form

Name of Student	Email Address and/or Phone	-
Name of Teacher Nominated	Name of School Student Attends	7.
County in which student attends school	Principal of School	- (C)
	For Applebee's ONLY	
Applebee's Location Submitted To	Date Essay Submitted	
Manager Name Submitted To	Manager Signature	

*** Please Staple Essay to Submission Form****

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1455 N. Whitney Street Saint Augustine, FL 32084(904) 547-7840

http://www.ces.stjohns.k12.fl.us



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring tool that will be administered three times per year to track your student's progress in learning the Benchmarks of 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 Kindergarten/Grade 1/Grade 2 Renaissance Star Early Literacy, Star Reading, and/or Star Math assessment(s) on the dates below. Your student's results from PM2 are for informational purposes only, and your student's school will provide you with information about how to access the results after testing is completed.

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. 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.

12/5 – Reading: Zytowski, Frazer, Watts, Simcoe 1/9 – Reading: Ramirez, Heldenbrand

12/6 – Math: Zytowski, Frazer, Watts, Simcoe

12/8 – Reading: Baker, Kamm

Moore

12/9 – Math: Baker, Kamm

12/12 – Reading: Richardson, Jersey, Harmon

12/13 – Math: Richardson, Jersey, Harmon

12/15 – Reading: Ahr, Boutin, Gurick

12/16 – Math: Ahr, Boutin, Gurick

1/13 – Math: McQuaig, Taylor, Dingler, White, M. Moore

1/10 – Math: Ramirez, Heldenbrand

1/12 – Reading: McQuaig, Taylor, Dingler, White, M.

Make Up Dates: 12/8, 12/9, 12/19, 12/20, 1/5, 1/6, 1/20, 1/23, 1/24, 1/26, 1/27

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact:

Adriana Orta – Adriana Orta@stjohns.k12.fl.us Joelle Johnson – Joelle Johnson@stjohns.k12.fl.us Bailey Benoit – Bailey.Benoit@stjohns.k12.fl.us

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,

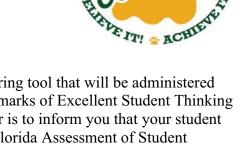
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12/5 – Reading: Anderson, Fernandez, Miller 1/9 – Reading: Bikowski, Simpson 12/6 – Math: Anderson, Fernandez, Miller 1/10 – Math: Bikowski, Simpson

12/8 – Reading: Houck, Acs 1/17 – Reading: Coriell, McVay, Keating,

Mattheisen

12/9 – Math: Houck, Acs 1/19 – Math: Coriell, McVay, Keating, Mattheisen

12/12 – Reading: Kennelly 12/13 – Math: Kennelly

12/15 – Reading: Allen, Zaletel, Gallagher, Smolek 12/16 – Math: Allen, Zaletel, Gallagher, Smolek

Make Up Dates: 12/19, 12/20, 1/5, 1/6, 1/20, 1/23, 1/24, 1/26, 1/27

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 https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/ If you or your student would like to interact with the online testing platform or review FAST Reading and Mathematics sample items at home, sample test materials are available at https://flfast.org/families.html

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Sincerely,

Patrick Roach, Principal

ATTENTION PARENTS:

Recognize Your Student in the

CROOKSHANK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2023 Yearbook!

Don't miss out on this opportunity to showcase your student's accomplishments and memories.

Go online today to purchase and design your ad to take part in this special tradition.

Visit Leonard's Pictavo Community at **BuyTheYearbook.com**

Find your school or enter School ID# 708400



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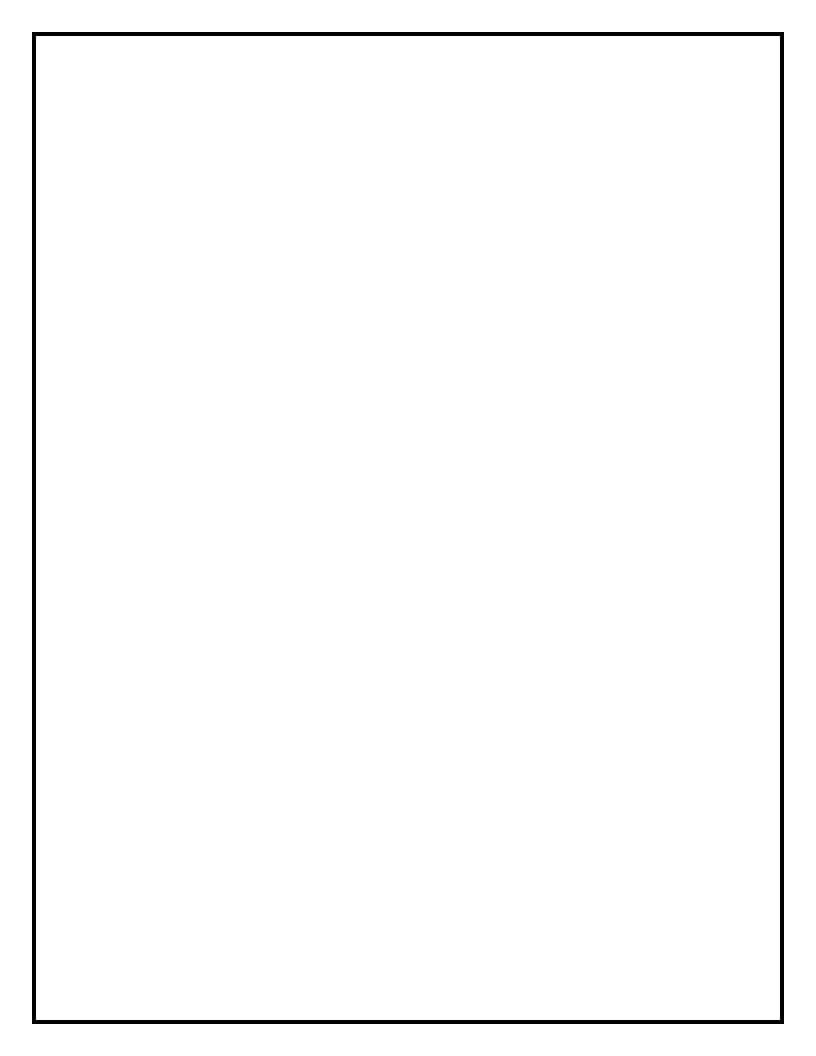
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1/8 Page \$15

Ad Submission Deadline 2/14/2023

Leonard's Photography | Printing | Publishing



PLEASE JOIN OUR SAC TEAM: EMAIL RACHAEL.MILLER@STJOHNS.K12.FL.US

SAC Meetings 2022-2023

All meetings are held in person and virtually at 4:00 pm

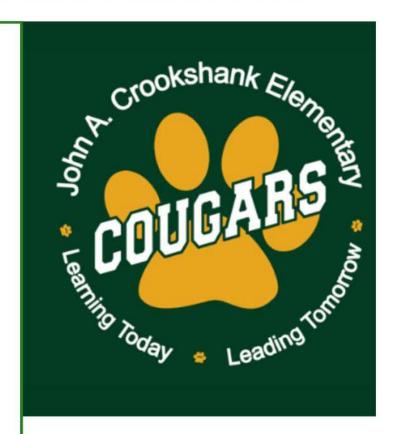
Dates:

September 15, 2022 October 20, 2022 November 17, 2022 December 15, 2022 January 19, 2023 February 16, 2023 March 23, 2023 April 20, 2023 May 18, 2023

SAC Chair: Rachael Miller

We are looking for a secretary and treasurer. Contact Rachael Miller if you are interested.

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Mission

Our professional learning community at John A. Crookshank Elementary School is dedicated to the development of students' academic, social, and emotional well-being. We will plan purposeful lessons and instruct standards using best practices, so all students are equipped with the growth mindset skills necessary to address and overcome challenges they may face in their future.

Vision

John A. Crookshank Elementary School faculty and staff members believe working together, we all succeed.