



# THE COUGAR NEWS

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## JOHN A. CROOKSHANK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Principal's Message

Dear Cougar Families,

As our first semester comes to a close on December 20, 2019, I would like to wish everyone a safe and wonderful winter break.

Please check out the Important Dates section of this newsletter for some very important dates that are coming up for the month of December and early January 2020.

Parents: Please help us keep your child's address and phone numbers up to date. If you have moved or changed your number, please contact the front office or Ms. Cogar. This is very important so that we are able to reach you in a time of need.

Reminder: School starts at 8:25 a.m. Please make sure your child is in their classroom at 8:25 a.m. so that they are not missing instructional time. If your child arrives after this time, the parents must come into the front office and officially sign your child in and your child will receive a late pass to give to their teacher.

**PARENTS: PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF YOUR CHILD UNTIL 7:45 A.M. UNLESS THEY ARE IN EXTENDED DAY MORNING CARE OR A SAFETY PATROL ON DUTY.**

We also wanted to remind parents that the cut off time for early check out is 2 p.m. every day except on Wednesday, it is at 1 pm.

During Dismissal - We ask that all parents hang the parent pickup tag on your rear view mirror as this will expedite the parent pick up line. This is just a reminder of the new state law effective October 1st that prohibits drivers from holding their cell phone in their hands in a work or school zone.

Sincerely

Marquez Jackson



## Yearbook News

Now Selling Yearbook Ads!

Recognize your special students in this year's  
Crookshank Yearbook!

### 60th Anniversary Edition!

Several ways to send your message:

**Love Lines** - Up to 35 words/no picture - \$10

**1/4 Page Ad** with Love Lines & Photos - \$25

**Full Page Ad** with Love Lines & Photo(s) - \$100

**Page Sponsor** - Sponsor a club page with your message, name, business name, or business card- \$100

Information will be sent home soon with your student.

Contact Rick Greenough, Yearbook Coordinator, for more information.

## 5. Grade Spelling Bee

We are excited to announce that Jack Sisak from Mr. Whitaker's 5. grade class will represent Crookshank in the District Spelling Bee on Wednesday, December 4 at the First Coast Technical College. All of our 5. grade contestants did an awesome job. Thanks, so much to our Fifth Grade teachers for all of the hard work they do with preparing our students for success.

## Basketball News

### December 3

Crookshank Girls vs Osceola Girls @ Ketterlinus 5:30 PM  
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### December 7

Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament at Pedro Menendez High School. Girls games in the morning, boys in the afternoon. Times will be given to all players when the seeding from the regular season is complete.

Come cheer them on. Don't forget our Cheerleaders as well. They are hard at work in learning new cheers to keep our teams winning.

## St. Francis Food Drive

Calling all students, parents/guardians, teachers and staffs.

Collecting non-perishable food items for the St. Francis House.

Donations will be collected from December 2 through December 6, 2019

For further information please contact Bailey Benoit, Guidance at 904-547-7852



Picture Retakes will be offered on December 5<sup>th</sup> at Crookshank Elementary School. If your student needs a retake, or missed the original picture day, this is your chance. Inform your child's teacher by December 2<sup>nd</sup> if they need a picture retake. Only those students whose parents have communicated the need for picture retakes will be photographed.

Once you have indicated that you want your child to participate, the order form will be sent to you. All payments must be given to the photographer day of service (if not paid for online). The school is not involved in collecting payment for this activity.

## NURSE CORNER

### ILLNESS GUIDELINES

#### Health Services

Deciding when to keep your child home from school can be difficult. When a child is sick and needs to stay at home, parents should contact the school and describe the illness and symptoms. If a medical provider makes a specific diagnosis (such as strep throat, conjunctivitis, chicken pox, etc.), let school staff know.

There are several reasons to keep (exclude) sick children from school:

1. The child does not feel well enough to participate comfortably in usual activities, such as with extreme signs of tiredness or fatigue, unexplained irritability or persistent crying.
2. The child requires more care than the school staff is able to provide without affecting the health and safety of the other children.
3. The illness is on the list of symptoms or illness for which exclusion is recommended.
4. The child is not vaccinated due to medical or religious reasons and there is an outbreak in the school.

The following list gives guidelines and recommendations for exclusion from school due to illness. Children with minor illness need not be excluded unless one or more of the following exists.

ILLNESS OR SYMPTOMS	EXCLUSION IS NECESSARY
<b>Chicken Pox</b>	<b>Yes</b> – Until blisters have dried and crusted (usually 6 days).
<b>Conjunctivitis (pink eye)</b> (pink or red eyes with thick mucus or pus draining from the eye)	<b>Yes</b> – May return 24 hours after treatment begins. If your help provider decides not to treat your child, a note is needed.
<b>Coughing</b> (severe, uncontrolled coughing or wheezing, rapid or difficulty in breathing)	<b>Yes</b> – Medical attention may be necessary. <b>NOTE:</b> Children with asthma may be cared for in school with a written health care plan and authorization for medication/treatment.
<b>Coxsackie Virus</b> <b>(Hand, foot and mouth disease)</b>	<b>No</b> – May attend if able to participate in school activities, unless the child has mouth sores and is drooling.
<b>Diarrhea</b> (frequent, loose or watery stools not caused by diet or medication)	<b>Yes</b> – if child looks or acts ill; diarrhea with vomiting; diarrhea that is not contained in the toilet.
<b>Fever with behavior changes or illness</b> <u>Fever</u> is an elevation of body temperature above normal.	<b>Yes</b> – when fever is elevated above 100° and is accompanied by behavior changes or other symptoms of illness, such as fatigue, rash, sore throat, upper respiratory symptoms, vomiting, diarrhea, etc. Must remain at home for at least 24 hours or until all symptoms subside medication free.
<b>Fifth Disease</b>	<b>No</b> – child is no longer contagious once rash illness appears.
<b>Head Lice</b>	<b>Yes</b> – May return after treatment and removal of all live lice and nits from hair.
<b>Hepatitis A</b>	<b>Yes</b> - Until 1 week after onset of illness or jaundice and when able to participate in school activities.
<b>Herpes</b>	<b>Yes</b> – if area is oozing and cannot be covered, e.g., mouth sores. Otherwise, may return to school.

<b>Impetigo/Staph/MRSA</b>	<b>Yes</b> – May return 24 hours after treatment starts. Wound must be covered with dressing taped on all 4 sides.
<b>Body Rash <u>with</u> fever</b>	<b>Yes</b> – Seek medical advice. Any rash that spreads quickly, has open, weeping wounds and/or is not healing should be evaluated. May return to school when medical provider determines that illness is not communicable.
<b>Mild Cold Symptoms</b> (stuffy nose with clear drainage, sneezing, mild cough)	<b>No</b> – May attend if well enough to participate in school activities.
<b>Upper Respiratory Complications</b> - large amount of thick nasal discharge - extreme sleepiness - ear pain - fever (above 100° orally)	<b>Yes</b> – Seek medical advice. May return when symptoms are improved.
<b>Ringworm</b>	<b>Yes</b> – May return after treatment begins. Area should be covered while in school for the first 48 hours of treatment.
<b>Roseola</b>	<b>No</b> – Unless child cannot participate in usual activities and has fever.
<b>Scabies</b>	<b>Yes</b> – May return after treatment is started with note from medical provider.
<b>Strep Throat</b>	<b>Yes</b> – May return after 24 hours of antibiotic treatment and no fever for 24 hours.
<b>Vaccine Preventable Diseases</b> (mumps, measles, whooping cough)	<b>Yes</b> – Until judged not infectious by a medical provider. Report all cases to Health Services Coordinator.
<b>Vomiting</b> (2 or more episodes in the past 24 hrs.)	<b>Yes</b> – until vomiting resolves or health care provider determines that cause is not communicable. <b><u>Note:</u></b> Observe for other signs of illness and for dehydration.

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## MEDICATION POLICY

Florida Statute 1006.062 authorizes school personnel to assist students in the administration of prescription medications. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to administer medications at home prior to or after school hours. The schools do not keep stock medicine in the clinic.

If your child needs medication during school hours, please note the following:

- All medications (prescription and over-the-counter) must have a medication form signed by both the parent/guardian and the physician ordering the medication. EXCEPTION: A student at the middle and high school level may carry a non-prescription; non-emergency medication on his/her person while in school with written permission from the parent/guardian. A copy of the signed permission form must accompany the stated medication at all times.
- All medications must be received in the original container with current Rx label including student's name, dosage, frequency of administration, physician's name, and expiration date of medication (the expiration date on the pharmacy label, not on the medication box, will be the expiration date). Over-the-counter medications must be in the original, unopened container. No medication will be given if presented at school in a plastic bag.
- Medications must be brought to school by parent/guardian. Please do not send any medications with your child in their backpack. Medications may not be brought to school by the student.
- Medication brought to school by a student will be kept in the clinic until a parent/guardian comes to the school with the required paper work. Without the required authorization, the student will not be given the medication during school hours.
- Medications should not be transported between home and school on a daily basis. Separate containers should be kept at home and at school.
- At the end of the school year, parents are responsible for picking up their child's medication. Arrangements for medication retrieval must be made with school staff. Medication left on campus will be disposed of in accordance with federal guidelines.

The St. Johns County School nurses provide a vital service for our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Health Services at 904-547-7693.



Coats 4 Kids  
Coming Soon



Dear St. Johns County Families,

Once again, Somebody Cares St. Augustine and many of our community organizations, staff members, and stake holders have collected many coats for distribution for St. Johns County School District families in need in preparation for the upcoming Holiday and Winter seasons. In addition to coats, they have collected socks, underwear, and various other necessities that may be needed for the Holiday season. If you are interested in receiving coats or any of these items, the pick-up date is Friday, December 6th from 10:00am to 6:00pm at King Street Self Storage in St. Augustine located at 238 West King Street, St. Augustine, FL 32084. Families that are receiving coats should come to the second entrance door of the storage facility. If there any questions, please contact Michael Israel at 904-547-7589 or Mitchell Moody at 904-547-7593 with the ASSIST Program. We wish everyone a very happy Holiday season!



### Pre-K Parents Café



**The Crookshank School**  
**Wednesday, January 8, 2020**  
**8:30am to 9:30am**

Come enjoy time with other Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Parents!!! This will be a time to connect, share ideas and make and take home an activity to do with your children.

Please bring your ID and sign in at the Main Office. We will meet on the Patio.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### **December 2-6, 2019**

St. Francis Food Drive

### **December 2, 2019**

STEAM FAIR Projects Due

### **December 3, 2019**

Girls/Boys Basketball Game vs Osceola  
@ Ketterlinus - Girls: 5:30 p.m. Boys: 6:30 p.m.

### **December 4, 2019**

Muffins with Moms - 7:00 a.m. till 7:40 a.m.

District Spelling Bee Competition @FCTC

### **December 5, 2019**

Picture Retakes

### **December 6, 2019**

Landrum Middle School Performance Visit

### **December 7, 2019**

Boys and Girl Basketball Tournament at Pedro Menendez High School.  
Girls games in the morning, boys in the afternoon. Times will be given to all players when the seeding from the regular season is complete.

### **December 9, 2019**

PTO Quarterly Meeting

### **December 10, 2019**

STEAM/Winter Wonderland - 6:00 p.m. till 7:30 p.m.

### **December 12/13, 2019**

Health Department Dental

### **December 13, 2019**

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Study to Agricultural Museum

### **December 16 – 20, 2019**

Holiday Shoppe

### **December 17, 2019**

Kindergarten Gingerbread Man Day (Students Only)

### **December 19, 2019**

Kindergarten Polar Express/Pajama Day (Students Only)  
First Grade Field Study (Diamond Del) in the bus loop  
Winter Luncheon for 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Cribbs, Mason, Masciarelli and Wheaton Pre-K classes

### **December 20**

End of 2nd Quarter/First Semester

### **December 23, 2019 – January 2, 2020**

Winter Break – No School

### **January 3, 2020**

Teachers Planning Day / Student Holiday

### **January 6, 2020**

Classes Resume for Students

## Wolfson Children's Hospital

### Holiday Community Project

In an effort to teach our students that giving is far better than receiving this holiday season, Crookshank will be collecting items to make activity bags for Wolfson Children's Hospital. These bags will then be given to children who are spending the holiday season in the hospital.

The Details:

- We will be collecting donations from November 21st – December 17th
  - o Donations can be sent in at any time during the dates listed above, and should be given to your child's teacher.
- Each grade level will be in charge of collecting one "type" of item. If you are able to donate, please find your child's grade level below to see what we are asking for. You are also able to send in items from other grade levels, but we want to try and make our bags as balanced as possible.
  - o Pre-K Students: Stuffed Animals
  - o Kindergarten Students: Stuffed Animals
  - o 1st Grade Students: Play-Doh and/or Kinetic Sand
  - o 2nd Grade Students: Coloring Books/Word Search Books/Maze or Activity Books
  - o 3rd Grade Students: Board Games
  - o 4th Grade Students: Uno/other high interest card games
  - o 5th Grade Students: High interest books (think books from popular series or popular picture books)
- ALL items donated must be BRAND NEW/UNUSED.
- IF POSSIBLE, try to keep donations "gender neutral," as this will help when we put together the activity bags.

Thank you in advance for thinking of the kids at Wolfson Children's Hospital this holiday season!