Middle School Newsletter

November 7, 2016 **Crown Pointe Academy** **Volume 12 Number 11**

November 7th-November 11th

Monday, November 7:

Choir 3:15-4:00

8th Grade Continuation Meeting 4:15-5:15

RF Cocoa Bops Cereal

NEW! Spicy Chicken Chorizo & Cheese Eggel Sandwich, (V) Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich, Steamed Carrots

Tuesday, November 8:

Turkey & Cheese Muffin

Flame Broiled Beef Cheeseburger, (V) Taco Dip & Flatbread, Chopped Lettuce & Sliced Tomatoes with Ranch

Wednesday, November 9:

End of Grading period for progress reports

No FISH

DI practice 3:30-5:00

Yearbook Club 3:45-4:45

BAAC Meeting 4:30-6:30 pm

CPA Board Meeting 7:00-9:00 pm

Autumn Spice Muffin & OJ

Chicken Taco Trio, (V) Southwest Veggie Wrap, Seasoned Corn

Thursday, November 10:

DI Practice 3:30-5:00

Middle School Spelling Bee 4:00-5:30 pm

Bagel with Cream Cheese

(DF) All Natural Hot Dog, Sesame Chicken Salad, Coleslaw

Friday, November 11:

5-8th grade Open Gym 3:45-4:30

Dipperdoodle Bar & Orange Juice

Hot Meatball Sub , Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Science with Mrs. Roe

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ATTENTION to ALL grades: Science fair projects are displayed in the cafeteria today. In class presentations will take place this week. Winners of the science fair will be announced on Friday.

"Do you have homework in science tonight?"

Yes, in general each student has daily homework. This should last about 10 minutes and they should review their worksheet notes or their Cornell notes in their interactive notebooks. Once or twice a week there will be a worksheet that we began in class that needs to be completed that might take longer than 10 min.

Notebooks are a key part of the science grade as it is their main source of review for tests. Notes should not be torn out. As they review their notes please encourage your child to highlight or underline, add additional information or questions from what was given in class as they study.

6th grade: We are beginning Rocks and Minerals as an introduction to plate tectonics. Our next test will be on November 17th

7th grade: We will be continuing our unit on Photosynthesis and cell respiration. Homework is to review the notes that we do in class every day for 10 min or complete the assignment that we start in class. Our next test will be November 18th.

8th grade: We will be starting our weather and climate unit. Homework is to review the notes that we do in class every day for 10 min or complete the assignment that we start in class. Our next test will be November 18th.

Student Council News:

All Middle School Student Council meetings are open to any middle school student who wants to get involved. Come and join us at the next meeting! We will meet from the end of dismissal until 4:30.

Officer meetings will be from dismissal until 4:30 but may run later as planning picks up.

November 16– STONE SOUP SUPPER from dismissal until 5:00 p.m. See the permission slip and flyer for more information.

November 17- Student Council Officer Meeting

December 1- All Middle School Student Council Meeting

December 17- Caroling for Cans All middle school service project. 6-7, Hot chocolate and a movie 7-9

Chaperone are needed for caroling and the social. Please email Mrs. Roe if you are interested: Marcia.roe@crownpointeacademy.org ASAP, thank you!

Social Studies with Mrs. Hughes

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All Classes

- There is no Article of the Week due this week however students will receive a new one on Wednesday or Thursday. Here are some details on how we will be grading these:
- Articles of the Week (AoWs) will no longer be accepted late unless a student is absent.
- If a student doesn't have the AoW complete or with them the day it is due, they will be given a clean copy that they can fill out as we are going over it in class. They will receive a 59% on it. If they have a homework pass attached they will receive an 80% on it.
- Some questions on the AoW require students to watch a video or do a little bit of research outside of the article.
- Each grade has different expectations for the article:
- 6th Grade: Use three symbols for step one; number the paragraphs and write three notes for step two; answer all of the questions.
- 7th Grade: Use five symbols for step one; number the paragraphs and write 4 notes for step two; answer all of the questions.
- 8th Grade: Use all five symbols once and at least one more than once for step one; number the paragraphs and write 5 notes for step two; answer all of the questions.
- Election Project: This week students will be giving their 2 minute final speech to convince their class to vote for them. We are not having an actual election so this is just an exercise in persuasive public speaking. We will wrap up this unit on Wednesday after the results are in. At that point we will be moving back to our normal curriculum.
- Students will be using digital books at home instead of traditional textbooks. They must have internet access on a nightly basis as we will be relying on our digital texts as well as an online classroom forum called Google Classroom. Please make a plan so that students can finish homework on time.

6th Grade Social Studies

Core Concepts: Economics

We are continuing our unit on economics this week. There will be a quiz at the end of the chapter.

7th Grade Social Studies

Modern Asia: Iran and Turkey and Junior Achievement

We will continue our look at Modern Asia focusing on Iran and Turkey this week. There will be a quiz at the end of this chapter. We will also begin our curriculum that we need to cover before attending the Junior Achievement Finance Park.

8th Grade Social Studies

European Colonization of North America

We will begin a project this week that will finish up this unit for us. Students will have several days in class to work on this and it will be their final for this unit.

All Classes:

- It is important for all students to have their interactive binders and pencil pouches as well as a couple of other items I have given them in class **daily**.
- All students need to have their own atlases in class beginning August 29th.
- Please make sure you have access to Infinite Campus for grade information. Please have your student show you our Google Classroom if you would like to know what is going on.

Continuation Info

- We will have our first parent meeting for Continuation on Monday, November 7, at 4:15. It will take about an hour. There we will determine if there is a better day or time for this as well as assign responsibilities for this year's 8th Grade Continuation.

Weighted Grades

I do weight my grades for academic classes as follows:
Tests/Projects = 40%
Quizzes/Homework/Classwork = 35%
Notes/Participation/ = 25%
This does make it so that you can't add up their total number of points and divide it by the total points possible and calculate a correct grade. Please email me if you have any questions.

Literature with Mrs. Carscallen

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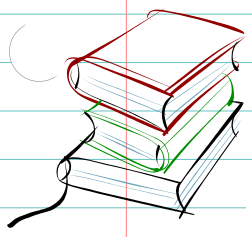
All homework assignments, as well as upcoming tests and quizzes can be found on my class website. There are separate calendars for each grade. A link to the website can be found on the Crown Pointe Academy home page. The calendar will be updated weekly.

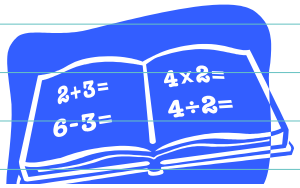
Grades will be updated each week by Sunday evening. This includes any late work that is turned in during the week.

6th Grade: This week we will complete our unit, on the novel The Giver. Students will also spend time learning new vocabulary words in their Rev It Up workbooks. 11/7/16: Spelling Test #9, 11/9/16: Vocabulary Quiz #8, 11/10/16: Rev It Up pgs. 84-85, 11/11/16: The Giver Test

7th Grade: This week we will continue reading the play Cyrano de Bergerac. All of the reading will be done in class. Throughout the unit, students will focus on applying literary concepts to what they read. In addition, students will complete assignments in their Word Wisdom workbooks. 11/7/16: Spelling Test #9, 11/8/16: Vocabulary Quiz Unit 3 Part 1, 11/10/16: Word Wisdom pgs.58-61, 11/11/16: Vocabulary Quiz Unit 3 Part 2

8th Grade: This week we will continue our reading of the novel The Good Earth. After every chapter, there will be a short quiz. Therefore, it is extremely important that if a student does not understand, or has any questions about the novel, that they come talk to me as soon as possible. Throughout the unit, students will focus on applying literary concepts to what they read. In addition, students will complete assignments in their Word Wisdom workbooks. 11/7/16: Spelling Test #9, 11/8/16: Vocabulary Quiz Unit 3 Part 1, 11/10/16: Word Wisdom pgs.58-61, 11/11/16: Vocabulary Quiz Unit 3 Part 2





7th Grade Math, Pre-Algebra, and Geometry with Ms. Wood

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6th Grade Math: Monday: 6.3-Word Problems-**HW: p.165 (6-11),** Tuesday: **Advisory,** Wednesday: Galileo, Thursday: Module 6 Review-**HW: Study,** Friday: **Module 6 Review**

7th Grade Math: Monday: Test Corrections, Tuesday: Galileo, Wednesday: Galileo, Thursday: 6.1-Algebraic Expressions, Friday: 6.1 Continued

8th Grade Math: Monday: 6.3-Comparing Functions-**HW: p.171 (9-14),** Tuesday: Galileo, Wednesday: Galileo, Thursday: 6.4-Analyzing Graphs-**HW: p.177 (6-13),** Friday: **Module 6 Quiz**

Geometry: Monday: 4.8-Isoceles and Equilateral Triangles-**HW: p.267 (evens),** Tuesday: Galileo, Wednesday: 4.9-Congruence Transformations- **HW: p.276 (odds),** Thursday: Chapter 4 Review, Friday: **Chapter 4 Test**

6th Grade Math, Pre-Algebra, Algebra with Mr. Armstrong

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6th Grade Math- Please note that due to lack of use, we will no longer be posting class notes on our website. The website instead will be used as another venue for homework to be posted as well as a recap of the day in class. We start Module 6 this week! We will be investigating rates, ratios and unit rates.

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8th Grade Math- Please note that due to lack of use, we will no longer be posting class notes on our website. The website instead will be used as another venue for homework to be posted as well as a recap of the day in class. We will continue with Module 6 this week. We will be learning about functions. There is a Module 6 QUIZ on FRIDAY!

Algebra- Please note that due to lack of use, we will no longer be posting class notes on our website. The website instead will be used as another venue for homework to be posted as well as a recap of the day in class. We start Chapter 4 this week. We will be looking at graphs, functions, and the relationship between real world situations and visual representations. There is a 4.1-4.4 QUIZ on FRIDAY!

Writing & Grammar with Ms. Emmett & Ms. Murphy

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7th Grade Writing-Students will read, summarize and analyze chapter's 10-12 of The Outsiders. The Discussion Log Packet is due on Friday, Nov. 11.Discussion Log responses should have been completed in class, but what was not completed or finished needs to be done before Friday! For our grammar lesson, students will review how to repair run on sentences. Students can expect to have pages for homework in their grammar skill book.

***I am sending home a permission slip for parents to read and sign to allow students to watch The Outsiders movie before beginning our compare and contrast essay. The permission slip is due Friday, November 11.

6th Grade Writing-Students will read, summarize and analyze chapter's 10-12 of A Wrinkle in Time. The Discussion Log Packet is due on Friday, Nov. 11. Discussion Log responses should have been completed in class, but what was not completed or finished needs to be done before Friday! Students have a test on Wednesday on Sentence Types and Clauses. We made flash cards in class for students to study!

8th Grade: This week, we will continue reading Animal Farm and will be focusing on persuasive strategies used by characters in the story. Students may need to spend a few minutes at home completing summaries for each chapter and/or discussion questions.

We will also be tying up our grammar unit on Verbals (gerunds, infinitives, and participles) by reviewing. Students will likely have homework next Wednesday or Thursday (depending on the day we do grammar.) Additionally, there will be a verbals test next Wednesday, Nov. 16th.

Community Service/Mrs. Hughes

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Community Service

Students can turn their hours in to the bin marked "Return Completed Forms Here" on the black tower in my room. 2nd quarter hours are due December 16th.

Total Middle School Hours Completed: 987 Hours

10+ Hours	20+ Hours	30+ Hours
Ricky N., Yolanda O., Priscilla O-O., Lilly H., Gerry J., Yinlai Y., Krystal F., Kenny H., Mya O-O., Joe Q., Maddie S., Cameron W., John A., Jaden C., Emily G., J'lyssa M., Maria R-D., Angelique V., Kenny T., Alex P., Hunter V., Ian McC., Joey R., Cori R., Damien L., Ethan C., Chandler T., Mark M., Sarah C., Dylan B., Conchita C., Logan K., Pauline C-G., Josias M., Matthew Q. Natalie P	Maiya T.-26, Greg M.-21, Owen M., 23, Michaella W.-20, Damien L –23	Zek B.-40, Jessy M.-40

- **Community Service Grading**
- 2.5 new hours each quarter in addition to the hours required the quarter before
- To receive a 100%, students should have a total of 2.5 hours at the end of 1st quarter, 5 hours at the end of 2nd quarter, 7.5 hours at the end of 3rd quarter, and 10 hours at the May 11th cutoff date for 4th quarter.
- Until the previous quarter's requirements are met no new credit will be given.
- Students will receive 20 points for each **completed** half hour of service in the quarterly requirement. Additional half hours are credited to the following quarter up to the 10 hour requirement. Once the 10 hour requirement is met the student will receive a 100% for that quarter and all following quarters.
- A log (available in Mrs. Hughes' room) must be completed for each month's service and turned in to Mrs. Hughes' room.
- Partial half hours will receive no credit. Hours turned in after the quarterly deadline will be counted toward the total in the next quarter.