

Middle School Newsletter



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Monday, February 26:

BOOK FAIR

Drama 3:45-5:00

Student Council 3:45-4:45

Zee Zees Apple Crisp Bar

Chicken Taco Trio, Hummus Dippers, Steamed Corn

Tuesday, February 27:

BOOK FAIR- Family Night 3:00-6:00 (Volunteers needed)

Open Gym (k-4) 6:50-7:30am

Yearbook Committee 3:45-4:45

Banana Muffin

(V) Cheesy Ravioli, Sunny Sandwich Kit (sunbutter & jelly), Sliced Cucumber

Wednesday, February 28:

BOOK FAIR

8th Grade Field Trip to DMNS

FISH Grades 4-8, 3:45-5:00 pm

DI, K-2, 4th & MS 3:45-5:00

Strawberry Za Omega bar

Jumbo Italian Meatball & Penne, Mighty Meaty Deli Combo Sandwich, Broccoli Florets

Thursday, March 1:

BOOK FAIR (Volunteers needed)

Open Gym (k-4) 6:50-7:30am

DI 5th Grade 3:45-5:00

Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-9:00pm, Used Uniform sale during conferences

LUNCH TBD

Friday, March 2:

NO SCHOOL / Parent Teacher Conferences 11:00-7:00, Used Uniform Sale during conferences

Book Fair during conferences, Book Fair Tear down 7:00-9:00 (volunteers needed)

How Do I Know What Homework My Student Has Tonight?

Literature, Writing, Science, Social Studies:

- Daily homework assignments will be added to the Google classroom by **the end of every day**.
- Teachers will also add an announcement if there is NO homework that night.
- **You must have access to your student's Google Classroom account.** If you need your student's Google Classroom login information, please contact Erin Keyes at erin.keyes@crownpointeacademy.org.

Math:

- Daily homework assignments will be shared with parents via Class Dojo, which will send a message to your email account or to your phone if you have downloaded the Class Dojo app.
- **Students typically have math homework on Tuesday nights**, but this is subject to change during the week.
- If you need access to Class Dojo, please contact Stephanie Avozani at Stephanie.avozeni@crownpointeacademy.org.

How Can I Use Infinite Campus to Understand My Student's Grades?

- If you need access to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, please contact the front office.
- In order to view your student's grades, please click on the Grades module. This will give you a view of your student's overall grades in each class.
- To get a more detailed view of a class, please click on the individual class to see assignments and grades earned.
- When teachers collect assignments that have not been graded, teachers will put in a score of either **T (Turned In) or M (Missing)**. That way you know if your student has missing assignments. A score of T does not affect your student's grade; a score of M counts as a 0 and will negatively impact your student's grade.
- If you have questions about individual assignments, please contact the teacher directly.
- Teachers will update Infinite Campus each week by Tuesday mornings at 8:00 a.m., so parents can see the most current grades at that time. See below for how long students have to turn in an assignment for credit.

My Student has a Missing Assignment. How Long Does He/She Have to Turn It In for Partial Credit?

- Students will have **at least one week** to turn in a missing assignment for credit. The amount of credit lost is determined by how late the assignment is. If an assignment is one day late, students can earn up to 80% credit. If an assignment is two or more days late, students can earn up to 60% credit.
- Students will have one additional week to turn in any assignment recorded as missing from the Tuesday after the assignment is posted. For example:
 - ◇ An assignment is due on Thursday, November 30th
 - ◇ If a student turns the assignment in on Friday, December 1st, they will receive 80% of the points earned, so if the assignment is worth 20 points and a student gets two questions wrong for a score of 18 points, they will get 80% credit for that 18 points, i.e., 14.4 points rounded to 14.
 - ◇ If a student turns in the assignment on Monday, December 4th, the highest possible grade is 60%, or 10.8 points (rounded up to 11).
 - ◇ The teachers update their grades by Tuesday morning on December 5th, and you notice that your student has a missing assignment. Your student will now have until the **FOLLOWING Monday, December 11th** to turn in the assignment at the 60% credit of the points earned level.
 - ◇ **In this example, the student had 8 school days** to turn the assignment in for partial credit. Once grades post that following Tuesday however, the assignment will not be accepted and the student will receive a 0.
- Please contact any teacher if you have questions about the late work policy.

Thank you for your continued support of your middle school student!
Please let us know if you have any questions.

Science with Mrs. Roe
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All Classes: Daily assignments will be put on the Google Classroom. Grade information is available on Infinite Campus, and grades will be updated by Tuesday mornings. Second semester projects will be coming due as dates are being pinned down. 6th- Ecosystems Project (see Google Classroom) 7th-Body Systems Project (see Google Classroom), 8th-Rollercoaster Project (see Google Classroom)

Galileo testing is this Thursday, March 1st for all science classes.

6th Grade We will continue to study ecology this week. **Our unit test will be on March 7th.**

7th grade: Body systems will be the main focus for the quarter. While we will discuss many species, I focus primarily on human systems so that they will have a strong understanding of how their bodies work and compare that to how other species work. If you have any questions about this please feel free to email me to set up a time to talk. Study of the cardio/pulmonary and nervous system wraps up this week. **Test is on Wednesday.**

8th grade: We are beginning our physical science portion of the year. We are continuing with mechanical waves and electromagnetic waves. Light is the focus for this week, **The unit test is March 7th.**

Grades for science are weighted:

15% Homework and Practice

35% Unit Tests

25% Semester Projects (Science Fair-Fall, Grade Specific-Spring)

25% Interactive Notebook and Textbook Checks

Lab Mondays: Most Mondays throughout the school year we will have labs in every grade. Students need to dress appropriately for their safety in a lab. This includes pulling back their hair, having long sleeves out of the way and wearing long pants to not have skin showing that could get spilled on from shorts or skirts. Lab expectations contract will need to be signed before students can participate. Students that are not meeting those expectations for safety in the lab will miss the remaining part of the lab and receive a zero on that lab. If a student is absent on the day of a lab they will be given an alternative assignment. Parent Volunteers on Mondays would be a great chance to see what we are doing in science and help with supplies and potential stations. Parent Volunteers on Friday afternoons would be greatly appreciated to help set up for Mondays' labs.

Student Council Information

The following is our schedule for meetings this semester. All "assembly meetings" are open to ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL students to bring their ideas and help with events. Both meetings will run [from 3:45PM until 4:30PM](#) in room 504.

2/26 All Assembly Meeting

3/12 Officer Meeting

4/2 All Assembly Meeting

4/16 Officer Meeting

4/30 All Assembly Meeting

5/14 Officer Meeting

Social Studies with Mrs. Hughes

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All Classes

- Please make sure you have access to Infinite Campus for grade information and Google Classroom for daily information.

Google Classroom

- Please make sure you and your student are checking the Google Classrooms for middle school. This will help students stay caught up on work, keep their notebooks organized, and locate important information for several of their classes.
- All notes are available on Google Classroom the day we do them. Please check your notebooks to make sure you have everything.

National History Day - Conflict and Compromise

The Colorado National History Day State Competition will be held on May 5th at the University of Colorado Denver. More information to come for students who will be competing.

Continuation Information

8th Grade Parents: **Pictures are due this week!** We are looking for a baby picture, a current picture, and 6-8 pictures in between. We also need any group pictures you have with multiple students in the class. Please email these to cpa8pics@crownpointeacademy.org as soon as possible. See IC Messenger or Dojo for information on how to turn in hard copy photographs. We will have our third Continuation meeting of the year on Thursday, March 8th at 5:00 pm in my classroom. Please plan to be part of our planning for this fun event.

6th Grade: This week we will finish the civilizations of Early North and South America with a test on Tuesday. Our next unit will be "The Age of Exploration" and we will look at the discovery and conquest of the Americas as well as how trade impacted the Americas.

7th Grade: This week we will continue our look at the development of Christianity under the Roman Empire, its belief system, and how it has impacted cultures around the world.

8th Grade: This week we will look at the *Declaration of Independence and the end of the Revolutionary War*.

Weighted Grades

I do weight my grades for academic classes as follows:

- Major grades = 60%
- Tests, projects, presentations, community service and other major assignments
 - Minor grades = 40%
- Quizzes, homework, classwork, notes, participation, and other daily or minor assignments

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.

Math with Mrs. Avozani and Mr. Armstrong

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6th Grade will be continuing their work with being able to convert fractions and decimals and percents interchangeably. We are focused on making sure that they have an understanding on what the numbers are representing and how it is all a representation of the same thing, just using different displays. They did not take a quiz this past Friday since we adjusted to allow for more time to solidify this concept. They will have a **quiz this Thursday, March 1st** though.

7th Grade will be working with areas of composite figures using the formulas for area that they have learned in previous years. They will also be reviewing the circumference of circles. They will have a **quiz on Thursday, March 1st**.

8th Grade will be reviewing linear functions and making sure they know what classify a function and what disqualifies something from being a function. They will not have a quiz this week.

Algebra will learn how to factor polynomials this week.

We look forward to seeing you and your student(s) at Parent/Teacher Conferences either Thursday after school or sometime on Friday. Please check the newsletter to see when we have dinner each night so you aren't disappointed or have to wait. * **Mrs. Avozani will be at an appointment on Thursday afternoon, but is planning on being back around 5pm for conferences.**

Cougar Time and Electives with Mrs. Southern and Mrs. Worley

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Photography and Design

All Classes: Capstone mask project is due today. Now we will actually be making your masks all week and I cannot wait to see how they turn out! This process should take most of the week, you may bring in items to attach to your mask from home as my supplies are limited.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns:
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Cougar Time

"Empathy is the starting point for creating a community and taking action. It's the impetus for creating change". Max Carver

6th, 7th, and 8th Grade --

Tuesday is study hall in cougar time. Students will check their grades on IC and work on anything academic.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday -- Character Ed. Middle school will continue to work on the character trait EMPATHY. We will finish the documentary about the holocaust survivor Jack Alder, *Surviving Skokie*. We will also begin discussing empathy in school.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Language Arts with Ms. Durfee & Mrs. Murphy

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From Mrs. Murphy:

6th Grade Literature: This week, students will begin a unit on close reading skills including main idea and details, summaries, and comparison of short texts. Students will begin having vocab homework again this week, but some may come from their Rev it Up books, and much will be based on terms we are studying in the unit. Watch Google Classroom for updates!

7th Grade Literature: We will finish our short story unit this week as we finish foreshadowing and tone/mood and continue with one final story and a study of irony. Students will have one final quiz over foreshadowing, tone/mood, and irony next Tuesday, Mar. 6th.

8th Grade Writing: *The Book Thief* continues this week! Students will be completing a writing assignment on Monday and Tuesday. They will then have reading homework on Wednesday this week to be turned in on Thursday. Our grammar study on verbals will continue on Thursday this week.

From Ms. Durfee:

In my Language Arts classes, my approach to major projects and papers is to create a supported and supportive environment. The students will have concrete steps outlined to create their product, be it a paper or project, and be given time in class to accomplish these smaller goals that culminate in completion of the larger goal. Students who need more time and help may want to take time outside of class to create a piece they will be proud of, as may students are ready to take their work a step beyond what is required.

6th: We were able to watch the 2003 version of *A Wrinkle in Time* in class last week and began looking at the process of finding evidence to use in our essay. This week have Galileo testing early in the week, then will continue pre-writing so we are ready to begin drafting the following Monday. It is imperative that students keep up with our in-class work on the essay as it is difficult to be a step (or more) behind the rest of the class. If your student is absent, please remind them to check the Missed Work Folder, talk to their peers about what we did in class the day before, and look at Google Classroom to make up any missed work as quickly as possible.

7th: Last week we explored Character, culminating in outlining what the main character for their Creative Writing Project. We also went over the basic project requirements on Friday. Please note: the Project Proposal will be due on **Monday March 5th** instead of Friday March 2nd, as we do not have school on the 2nd due to conferences. Next week we have Galileo testing early in the week, then will look at conflict and how to make conflict in a story interesting.

8th: We have finished Part 1 of *To Kill a Mockingbird* in Literature. Part 2 is where the more intense themes appear and we will be exploring prejudice, lynching, and cases like "Loving v. Virginia." This is a challenging book; you should be quite proud of the maturity with which your students have engaged this material.

This week we will be Galileo testing early in the week. We will pre-test on vocabulary and the new set of vocabulary words will come home this week.

Community Service/Mrs. Hughes

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Community Service

3rd quarter hours are due March 9th. Any outstanding hours need to be turned in as soon as possible.

Total Student Hours Complete: 1588

10+ Hours	20+ Hours	30+ Hours
Logan K., Brianna M., Yinlai Y., Reina L., Erin S., Chandler T., Anaiah C., John S., Alex T., Josias M., Owen M., Faustina P., Damien L., Alicia S., Robert M., Jamie M., Camryn Jo R., Tammy L., Angelo B., Valeria C., Dianna G., Yolanda O., Aria H-S., Andrew J., Ian M., Abad V., Benjamin W., Steven B., Michaelangelo D., Faustina P., Erin S., Ricky N., Jesus R., Hector S., Giselle M., Alex P., Melissa Z., Katherine C., Alicia P., Maiya T., Dylan B., Greg M., Naomi V., Aydin M., Conchita C., Matthew Q., Ezequiel V., Lilly H., Allison R., Trinity B., Smriti P., Juan N., Irwin T., Carter S., Ethan C., Giselle M-A., Chance H., Yaira O-P., Janett A., Aly V., Makayla B., Itzel O-P., Dakota W., Anthony V., Christian P.	Jeremiah M.- 20 Ezra V.- 26 Giselle M-M- 20 Daniel T.-20	Cori R.-50 Anjelica G.-38 Anthony M.-30 Lizeth G.-40 Joey R.-50 Mac Z.-55 Lance M.-48 Megan M.-32

- **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.