

Middle School Newsletter



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Monday, April 2:

Report Cards Sent Home

Choir 3:15-4:00

Drama 3:45-6:00

Student Council 3:45-4:45

String Cheese & Remy's Cinnamon Grahams

(DF) The Revolution Dog, (V) Sunny Sandwich Kit (sunbutter & jelly), Baby Carrots

Tuesday, April 3:

Yearbook Committee 3:45-4:45

6th Grade Spanish Trip Parent Meeting 6:00-7:00

Banana Muffin

(V) Mac & Cheese & BBQ Baked Beans, (V) Bean & Cheese Burrito, Turkey & Cheddar Sandwich, (V) (DF) Egg Salad Sandwich

Wednesday, April 4:

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

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

7th Grade Spanish Trip Parent Meeting 6:00-7:00

Board Candidate Workshop 6:00-7:00

French Toast Muffin

Sausage & Cheddar Eggel, (V) Taco Dippers Kit, Three Bean Salad & Broccoli Florets

Thursday, April 5:

Debate Semi-final Tournament 4:15 @ Twin Peaks Charter

8th Grade Spanish Trip 6:00-7:00

Cinnamon Crumble

Breakfast for Lunch: Pancakes with Sausage, (V) Southwest Veggie Wrap, Chilled Seasoned Green Beans

Friday, April 6:

Declaration of Candidacy for Academy Board Due

Open Gym (Grades 5-8) 6:50-7:30

Middle School Honor Roll Breakfast 7:30

Travel Club 3:30-4:30

Open Gym 3:45-4:30

Blueberry Burst Muffin

Pepper Jack Cheeseburger, Ham & Cheddar Sandwich, Chopped Lettuce & Sliced Tomatoes with Ranch

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 project info is available on Google Classroom. 6th- Ecosystems Project (see Google Classroom) 7th-Body Systems Project (see Google Classroom), 8th-Rollercoaster Project (see Google Classroom)

6th grade: We are continuing learning about natural resources. Ecosystem part 3 is due April 18.

7th grade: We are beginning our unit on natural selection.

8th grade: We are continuing to study Newton's Laws of Motion. We will be setting groups for the roller coaster project by next Friday.

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: With the changing schedule of the end of the year Lab Mondays will be wrapping up for this year this week. This change does not mean that labs are over for the year, they will just not be regularly scheduled. Thank you to Hannah Campbell and Beth Stacy for your help all year.

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.

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.
- Students should always have pencils, pens (3 colors), colored pencils, scissors, and tape in their pouches at all times.

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

Students who are competing in the State competition on May 5, need to make sure they are registered using the link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfoHACC2ozqJPTckmL7wNejdDsI4aYwhi-6xE84akJGA0d42w/viewform>. We will be having workdays to help students put final touches on their projects.

Continuation Information

8th Grade Parents: If you come across any last minute pictures you would like included in the slide show or memory book, please email them 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 final Continuation meeting of the year on Thursday, April 26th 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 our unit on the Age of Exploration. Our test will be on April 5. Our next unit will cover European Colonization.

7th Grade: This week we will finish the Origins and Beliefs of Christianity. Just a reminder that this unit is looking at how a significant world religion has influenced cultures and other world systems. It is in no way trying to convince students for the purpose of belief.

8th Grade: This week we will continue to look at the Constitution. After looking at the content again I have decided to stretch it out to make sure that we are adequately covering each topic and have plenty of time to read through the entire document. There will not be a final test but they will have a project instead.

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: We will be reviewing inequalities and going over CMAS procedures.

7th Grade: We will be reviewing categorizing and converting rational numbers to fractions, decimals and percentages.

8th Grade: We will be reviewing systems of equations, specifically systems with no solutions or infinite solutions.

Algebra I: We will be continuing to factor quadratic equations and reviewing systems of equations.

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

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Students are excited to begin our Photography unit. For the first few days, we will learn what makes a good picture using the "Rule of Thirds" and different points of view. Students will be expected to turn in 3 pictures into Google Classroom next week.

A huge thank you to Donorschoose.org and Staples for purchasing 10 new cameras for our students to use. We are so lucky to have these additional resources so that we will only have to share cameras between 2 students in a class.

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

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Cougar Time

"No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care." – Theodore Roosevelt

6th Grade -- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday will be Character Ed. days. 6th grade will continue to work on the character trait EMPATHY. Tuesday is a study hall day.

7th Grade -- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday will be spent on the character trait EMPATHY. Tuesday is a study hall day. Students will work on anything academic.

8th -- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday students will Eighth grade will continue reading the book *Speak*. Tuesday is a study hall day.

Language Arts with Ms. Durfee & Mrs. Murphy

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From Mrs. Murphy:

6th Grade Literature: This week, we will focus on non-fiction skills focusing on main idea, key details, and summaries. Students may have homework one night this week as a practice.

7th Grade Literature: This week, we will be completing quite a bit of review and test prep in preparation for testing next week. We will look at fiction, non-fiction, and poetry.

8th Grade Writing: This week, we will continue our study of *The Book Thief*. Students will take home reading and an assignment on Monday. We will also complete some test prep focusing on outlining writing tasks.

From Ms. Durfee:

Happy April, CPA families! Welcome back and I hope you all had a restful Spring Break.

Did you know that April is National Poetry Month? Fittingly, our 6th and 7th grade writers will be exploring writing different types of poetry this week while we gear up for CMAS next week.

6th: Before break we started 4th quarter doing some practice with comparing themes in two different texts. After reading our 6th grade writers' Fiction Literary Analysis essays, it became clear that we need to do more work with thesis statements, so that will be our focus early in the week. We will also be celebrating National Poetry Month by working with Sharon Creech's *Hate That Cat* and writing our own poetry inspired by the poems in the book.

7th: As with 6th grade, we spent our first week of 4th quarter practicing looking at common themes between texts and finding main ideas. This week we will be doing some skills practice as well as writing poetry in celebration of National Poetry Month.

8th: Our 8th grade literature classes will continue reading *To Kill a Mockingbird* and making connections between the text and historical events. Before break, we watched the PBS documentary *American Experience: Scottsboro, an American Tragedy*. This week we will look at how Harper Lee was inspired by this case that would have happened when she was about the age Scout is in the book.

Community Service/Mrs. Hughes

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Community Service

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

Total Student Hours Complete: 1831

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., Vale- ria 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., 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., Heather R., Jonathan A., Shyya M., Mario M-M., Jes- sica R., Serenity V., Carlee K., Kimberly A., Ebony H., Victoria M., Eric S., Manuel B., Savion M., Jaidyn M., Nevaeh Q., Ma- rissa R., Paola C.	Jeremiah M.- 20 Ezra V.- 26 Giselle M-M- 20 Daniel T.-20 Irwin T.-24.5	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 require-
ment. 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 follow-
ing 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.