



Middle School Newsletter

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Crown Pointe Academy

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Monday, April 30:

Progress Reports sent home

Choir 3:15-4:00

Drama 3:45-6:00

Student Council 3:45-4:45

Cinnamon Grahams & String Cheese

(DF) The Revolution Dog, BBQ Chicken Wrap, Baby Carrots

Tuesday, May 1:

Apple Cinnamon Muffin

Pepper Jack Cheeseburger, (V) Italian Calzoni, Turkey & Cheddar Sandwich, Egg Salad Sandwich, Chopped Lettuce & Tomatoes

Wednesday, May 2:

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast 7:30-8:30am

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

French Toast Muffin

Spicy Chicken Chorizo & Cheddar Eggel, (V) Taco Dippers Kit, Mighty Meaty Deli Combo, Three Bean Salad & Broccoli

Thursday, May 3:

Math Club 3:45-4:45pm

NJHS – Jr Entrepreneur 3:45-4:45

Writer's Workshop 5th-8th, sign up required 3:45-5:00

Cinnamon Crumble

Pancakes with Sausage, (V) Southwest Veggie Wrap, (DF) Chicken Salad Sandwich, Chilled Seasoned Green Beans

Friday, May 4:

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

Talent Show 9:30-11:00

Brown Bag Pick Up 3:20-3:45

Travel Club 3:30-4:30

Middle School Dance 6:30-9:00pm

Lemon Muffin

(V) Fiesta Scoops with Black Bean & Green Chile Cheese Dip, (V) Cheddar Cheese Sandwich, Ham & Cheddar Sandwich, Jicama with Lime

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. 8th-Rollercoaster Project (see Google Classroom)- **Due May 10th**

6th grade: Our unit test for the unit on Matter is THIS Tuesday. Our final unit of the year will be an introduction to chemistry. This will be the content for the final test of the year.

7th grade: We are beginning our last unit of the year, plate tectonics. This will be the content for the final test of the year.

8th grade: We are continuing our unit on Space. Roller coaster projects will have class time on Mondays to work up to the May 10th deadline. Wednesday May 2 and May 9 will be build time after school until 4:30.

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 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.

4/30 All Assembly Meeting

5/14 Officer Meeting

Social Studies with Mrs. Hughes

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All Classes

- **WE ARE OUT OF TISSUES IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.** We did not received the amount we asked for at the beginning of the year and are now completely out of tissue. If you did not provide tissue at the beginning of the year or would be willing to provide a box or two to get us through the end of the year we would greatly appreciate it. Students can bring their boxes to my classroom and I will distribute them Middle School wide.
- 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

Mrs. Worley and I will be offering work days every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday until 4:30 pm. If arranged ahead of time, Mrs. Worley will be available at 7:00 am in the tech lab.

Continuation Information

6th Grade: This week we will continue our unit on Revolutions (Pearson chapter 7). Over the course of the next couple of weeks I will be trying to give students a few more opportunities to study in class for their unit test.

7th Grade: This week we will continue our lessons on Islam. Just a reminder that this unit is looking at how a significant world religions have 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 a series of short lessons jumping nearly 150 years in the history of the United States. We will also begin our WWII unit.

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 the Order of Operations! PEMDAS is in the house! We will be representing values with expressions based on the Order of Operations.

7th Grade: We will be solving inequalities this week. The last two weeks we have been reviewing the method for solving for a variable in algebraic equations. This week, we will extend this process to inequalities.

8th Grade: We will be reviewing Slope Intercept Form this week. Slope is one of the major concepts that we discover in 8th grade. We have seen this before, so our review will help us push the boundaries of our understanding and review concepts that we need to know for Algebra I next year.

Algebra I: We are looking at Quadratic Functions as graphs this week and next. We have been solving quadratic equations with the quadratic Function, Completing the Square, Factoring and other methods. Now we will see what our answers look like graphically.

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

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All Classes- Our next project, complete 2 out of 3 portrait tasks. This assignment will be due Friday and can be found on Google Classroom. All "free time" after completing the assignment should be spent on creating student's website. This website assignment can also be found on Google Classroom and is the capstone project of this quarter, worth 100 points.

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

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Cougar Time

Look hard enough and you will always find a light. -- Rachel Scott

6th Grade -- 6th grade will continue to work on the character trait EMPATHY this week by learning about Rachel Scott and Rachel's Challenge. We will focus on having a Positive Mental Attitude. Wednesday is our study hall day this week.

7th Grade -- 7th grade will continue to work on the character trait EMPATHY this week by learning about Rachel Scott and Rachel's Challenge. We will focus on having a Positive Mental Attitude. Wednesday is our study hall day this week.

8th Grade -- 8th grade will continue reading the book *Speak*.

History Day after school work days will be Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week from 3:45 - 4:45.

Language Arts with Ms. Durfee & Mrs. Murphy

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From Mrs. Murphy:

6th Grade Literature: We will move full swing into Book Clubs this week. Students were given the opportunity to choose three books they were most interested in reading and have created individual schedules for their groups. Students should have enough time to complete their reading in class. If they do not, they can come in before school at 7:30 or ARRANGE to stay after school until 4:30 and read their books.

7th Grade Literature: We will continue in *Cyrano de Bergerac* this week. Our goal is to get through Acts 3 and 4 and discuss character development of the three main characters. They will also be taking a quiz of five key terms from *Cyrano* on Tuesday, May 1st.

8th Grade Writing: Students will have a quiz on Active / Passive Voice this week on Tuesday, May 1st. We are also full swing into our Literary Analysis Essay this week and will be working on drafting our essays one paragraph at a time. Some key due dates this week are: Body Paragraph #1 due Wednesday May 2nd, Body Paragraph #2 due Thursday May 3rd, Intro and Concluding Paragraph due Monday, May 7th.

From Ms. Durfee:

One of the rewards of teaching is when students get excited about doing things they thought they couldn't do. I had a student approach me last week about his poem, amazed that he had been able to write it (and of course telling me it was "terrible"). I reminded him that he had felt the same way about his short story and that his was one of the most enjoyable ones we heard, so maybe his poem isn't so bad either. He shrugged, "Maybe," but nodded as he walked away. Maybe it won't be so bad after all.

6th

Last week we began our short story unit with exploring and pre-writing characters and setting. This week we finish up our stories so we can head into our final research/informative writing unit.

7th

As we finish up National Poetry Month, our 7th grade writers will finish up their slam poetry unit. By the end of the week, we will be starting our research/persuasive writing project where students will write a letter to a real person asking for a change to an issue that is important to the writer.

8th

Given the choice between a myth/symbolism unit and a slam poetry unit, 8th grade voted to do mythology. We will wind down the school year looking at common themes in world myths and how those themes show up in contemporary literature.

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: 1850

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., 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., Jessica R., Serenity V., Carlee K., Kimberly A., Ebony H., Victoria M., Eric S., Manuel B., Savion M., Jaidyn M., Nevaeh Q., Marissa R., Paola C., Justice C., Josh C., Aaron A., Leah L., Natalia M., Jessy M., Aly V., Makayla B.	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 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.